

## More than \$4.8 million in tax credits, refunds come to Jackson County residents through volunteer tax program

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VITA volunteer, Bill Stoewer, left, prepares tax forms for Willard Schultz at the Crouch Senior Center.

JACKSON, MI – More than \$4.8 million in tax credits and refunds came to about 6,000 Jackson County residents this year through the Community Action Agency's **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program**. The program provides free income tax help to any household with 2011 earnings up to \$50,000. Volunteers are certified and trained to prepare and file tax returns and credits for qualified residents.

This past tax season, 55 certified tax preparers and 17 other volunteers contributed more than 5,200 hours of service in Jackson County. The Community Action Agency's partners for the program include the **City of Jackson, Consumers Energy**, Central Michigan 211 and **Jackson Community College**.

Those whose household income is less than \$50,000 and need assistance with their income taxes can contact the Community Action Agency at 784-4800 or (800) 491-0004. They can also call 211 for free year-round tax preparation help.