



Community Action Agency needs volunteers to assist low-income, elderly with 2013 tax returns

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JACKSON, MI – The **Community Action Agency** is searching for volunteers to become IRS-certified tax preparers to help qualified county households file their 2013 tax returns.

Volunteers are needed for the agency's **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** program to assist low-income households, the elderly, those with disabilities and residents who speak English as a second language.

This year, the agency served 3,900 county households and secured more than \$4.8 million in 2012 refunds and credits, according to CAA Spokeswoman Jessie Murray. This, according to Murray, also supports the local economy. "Most of these refunds and credits are spent locally," she said.

Volunteers receive IRS training in January. To be certified, volunteers are required to pass IRS provided tests. Help is needed during the week as well as on the weekends. VITA also needs volunteers to greet, schedule appointments, answer phones and perform office tasks. For more information on the volunteer program call (517) 784-4800 or visit the **CAA website** and click the **"Volunteer" icon**.