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Volunteer tax preparers needed

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HILLSDALE — The Community Action Agency is looking for volunteers to help prepare taxes as part of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

Volunteers must become IRS-certified tax preparers. VITA is an IRS sponsored program to assist low-income, older adults/seniors, disabled and those for whom English is a second language file their income taxes.

Volunteers receive free IRS training material and instruction in January. Certification is required and is accomplished by passing IRS provided tests for VITA tax preparer certification.

VITA services are provided during the day, evening and some



Saturdays, allowing volunteers to work around their schedules. In 2015, nine certified tax preparer volunteers served over 1,200 Hillsdale County households and secured over a million dollars in refunds and credits for these households.

To learn more about the program, visit www.caajih.org and click on "volunteer," then

"income tax assistance" and "watch the VITA volunteer video" as it will answer many questions. Volunteers can also call the CAA at (517) 437-3346.

CAA also needs support volunteers to be greeters, schedule appointments, answer phones and perform office tasks. In 2015, three volunteers served in these roles.