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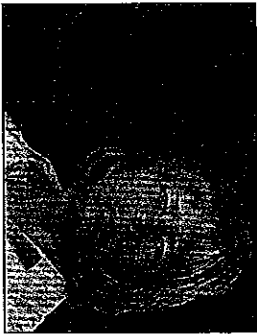
Some can get free tax help at Jackson agency

Dear Pat: I'm a senior citizen who needs help filing my 2009 income taxes. Can you tell me where I can call?

— A Parma reader

Dear Reader: The Community Action Agency provides free income-tax services for people whose household income is less than \$49,000, up from last year's income limit of \$40,000.

The agency can be reached at 784-4800. "We're expecting more people will be eligible for our services this year with the increase," said spokeswoman Jessica Murray. Jackson County's Department on Aging works with the agency to provide in-



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come-tax assistance to those seniors 60 years and older. It, too, is free.

It will begin accepting appointments Jan. 13 at the Crouch Center, 1715 Lansing Ave. The department can be reached at 788-4364.

Last year, the Community Action Agency provided income-tax service to almost 3,000 households in Jackson County and secured \$3.4 million in tax refunds to those households.

More than 50 trained volunteers provided 3,200 hours of service.

The agency also provides income-tax assistance in Lenawee and Hillsdale counties.

Some of the things you need to bring include Social Security cards for people living in your home; identification; income forms, such as your W-2, Social Security statements, etc.; last year's tax return if available; rent and heat expenses; and a

bank routing number for direct deposit.