



Our Mission Statement:

EBALDC is a community development corporation that develops affordable housing and community facilities with integrated services focused on tenants and neighborhood residents, with emphasis on Asian and Pacific Islander communities and the diverse low income populations of the East Bay.

Our Organization's History:

In 1975, recent Cal graduates Ted Dang and Andy Gee had a dream to buy and preserve a deteriorating warehouse in Oakland Chinatown. The \$6 million dream began "without a nickel," and eventually created the multi-service Asian Resource Center in 1981. Today that same building houses community agencies, medical services, an art gallery, and retail businesses.

Since 1975, EBALDC's community development efforts have included the development of: over 1400 affordable apartments and townhouses in 17 developments, of which five are historic structures; 124 first-time homeownership units; and 250,000 square feet of space for community organizations, including space for nonprofit organizations, resident services, childcare and small businesses.

The Goals of the VITA Program:

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program began at the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC) in 2003 with 49 completed tax returns. We have already grown by over 14 times last year when we completed around 700 tax returns.

This year we have three main goals:

- We hope to continue to expand our program to provide 1,000 tax returns.
- We also plan to develop our volunteer program creating a rewarding experience for more volunteers to receive training and put it into practice.
- Finally, we aim to engage more of our residents in our properties to use our free tax preparation services to provide them with the maximum refund.

Who Are Clients Are:

We work as part of the Alameda County Earn it! Keep it! Save it! (EKS) coalition, and last year in total we had 180 tax sites and more than 3,100 volunteers returned \$47 million in tax refunds to 47,166 Bay Area households and to the local economy. At EBALDC we have a very successful track record of getting our clients back the maximum refund when we started in 2003 our clients claimed over \$80,000. Last year we helped our clients claim over \$700,000 in refunds. In total during our seven years we have helped our clients claim over \$2,228,000!