

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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The EBALDC Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program provides free tax preparation services for low to moderate income families. Our goal is to ensure that more working families in the East Bay are claiming tax credits and refunds for which they are eligible, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EBALDC VITA program maximizes its impact by being a gateway to other community benefits and services. For example, our Tax Time Savings Initiative makes it convenient and easy for tax clients to put aside some of their refund towards their savings through a variety of savings products made available during tax appointments.

Over the last 11 years, with the assistance of hundreds of volunteers from the community, and collaboration with partner organizations, the IRS and financial supporters, VITA program has served more than 7,300 low income individuals, families, and entrepreneurs and returned more than \$9.1 million in federal and state refunds to the community. It is estimated that about 80% of refunds are then spent locally, which generates local sales, wages, and jobs, ultimately boosting the local economy right here in the East Bay.

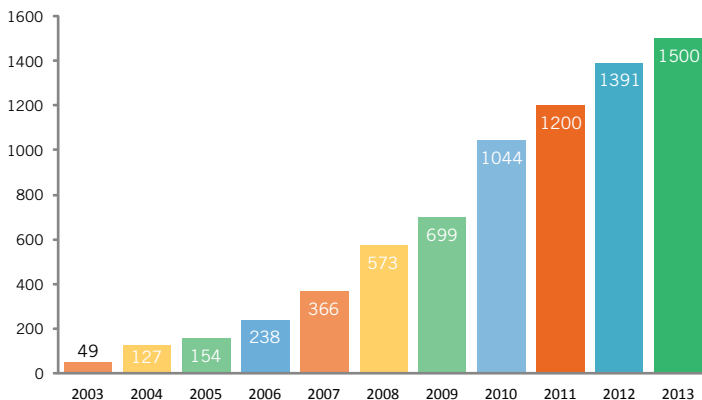
2013 VITA RESULTS

- 130 VOLUNTEERS**
- 3000 HOURS OF SERVICE**
- 1500 TAX RETURNS FILED**
- \$1M IN EITC CLAIMED**
- \$2M IN REFUNDS TO THE COMMUNITY**

THIS PROGRAM IS SUPPORTED BY:



TOTAL TAX RETURNS FILED BY YEAR



CUMULATIVE REFUNDS BY YEAR

