



The Greater Richmond Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition

GREITCC Times

Making a Difference in the Lives of Working Families Since 2002



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What is GREITCC?

The Greater Richmond Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition is a community based partnership of 25 social service, non-profit, faith-based, business and government organizations that share commitment to make a difference in the lives of working families to achieve greater financial independence by advocating for the Earned Income Tax Credit, providing cost free tax preparation, and offering financial literacy guidance and education.

WHAT IS THE EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT?

EITC is a tax credit for certain working people with low wages, less than \$40,000 in 2008. A tax credit reduces the amount of tax owed and usually means more money refunded to the taxpayer. In the **2008** filing season GREITCC electronically filed 1653 returns with a total of \$1,744,289 returned to the community. In addition to refunds received by working families, an estimated \$330,600 was saved in tax prep fees.



How can YOU help low-income families in your community?

Become a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteer. By volunteering for 2-4 hours per week **January–April 2009**, you can help low-to-moderate income Virginians claim tax refunds that can help pay current bills, reduce debt and save money on tax prep fees. **No experience necessary. Free training provided.**

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Site Coordinator: Provides coordination, organization, and supervision for all aspects of tax site operation.

Tax Preparer: Help low income wage earners complete their tax returns using on-line software. Free training provided.

Greeters / Screeners: Welcome tax files to the VITA site during filing season. May include verifying information and assisting customers with intake form. Free training provided.

Interpreters: Aid VITA patron by working along side tax filers and preparers.

Reasons to Volunteer

- Connect with the community
- Find Personal Satisfaction
- Impact a child's future
- Help wipe out poverty
- Lift someone's spirits
- Help your neighbors
- Show good citizenship
- Learn and serve
- Develop new skills
- Work for a cause
- Build a stronger community
- Be part of the solution
- Gain new insights
- Understand new cultures
- Take time to show you care
- Make the world a better place

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