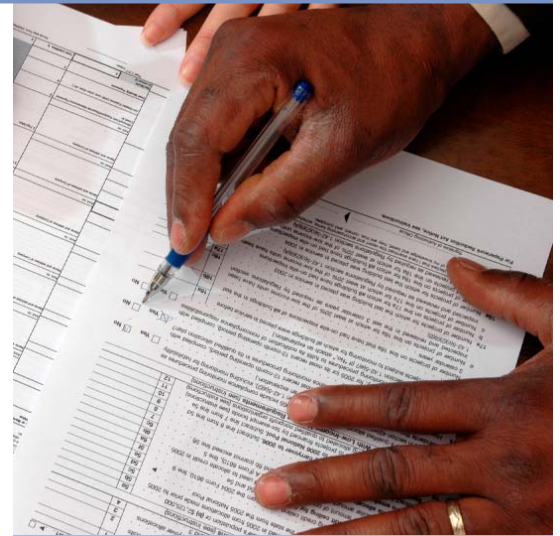


# Over \$11 million in local tax refunds



**United Way and the Earned Income Tax Credit Alliance help people maximize tax returns and avoid “quick-cash” predatory lenders.**

**Thanks to volunteers, businesses, nonprofit organizations, faith-based programs and government agencies, EITCA filed over \$11 million in total federal refunds for the Mid-South last year.**



**The lure of fast cash loans traps many people in illegal deals with local predatory lenders, draining the finances of people who can least afford to lose money.**

**EITCA provides FREE tax preparation services and uses ELECTRONIC FILING to quickly send returns, and often provides economic education to help people better manage their finances.**

## Local economic impact of EITCA in 2008-2009:

**\$11,229,572** federal refunds

**\$3,744,507** received through Earned Income Tax Credits

**210** volunteers worked to assist tax filers at no charge

**Over 8,000** tax returns filed

**7,627** people used electronic filing for their taxes

United Way, the Earned Income Tax Credit Alliance and VITA served 8 counties with sites that operated entirely with IRS trained volunteers using donated equipment, software and billboards. The Wal-Mart Foundation also provided important support.



## Why EITCA matters for the Mid-South

With the economic downturn, tax refunds have been a financial lifesaver for many citizens facing lower incomes or job losses.

Tax returns and refunds through EITCA have helped local families keep more of their own money for the essential expenses of food, clothing, rent, utilities and even mortgages.

EITCA's partnership with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program (VITA) has created sites across the Mid-South where people can have their taxes prepared for free. Sites are generally located in community centers, libraries, schools, shopping malls and other convenient locations. To find the EITCA and VITA site near you, dial 2-1-1 today! (Alternate number: 901.415.2790)

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