

## WHY VOLUNTEER?

- Great resume builder
- Service to your community
- Opportunity to help low-income families break out of the poverty cycle by getting all the tax credits they deserve
- Help boost the local economy by assisting individuals and families to obtain their refunds
- Free tax prep and electronic filing of your tax return
- Free training
- Opportunity to network
- FREE LUNCH! (Super Sites only)

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## GECC Partners:

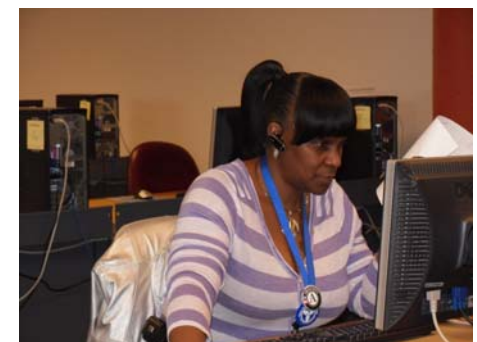
- AARP
- Beyond Housing
- Center for Economic Progress
- City of St. Louis Department of Human Services
- ClearPoint Credit Counseling Solutions
- Electro Savings Credit Union
- Five Star Senior Center
- Graybar Foundation
- Guardian Angel Settlement Association
- Incarnate Word Foundation
- Internal Revenue Service
- International Institute of St. Louis
- Justine Petersen
- Lincoln University
- MERS/Missouri Goodwill Industries
- MET Center
- Mid-East Area Agency on Aging (MEAAA)
- Office on the Disabled for the City of St. Louis
- Pershing Charitable Trust
- RTR/DCC
- St. Louis County Older Resident Programs (CORP)
- St. Louis Public Schools
- The Youth and Family Center
- University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL)
- Washington University



## WE NEED YOU!

Each hour of your  
time can bring over  
**\$5,700** to a  
hardworking  
family!

Volunteer during tax  
season to be a  
greeter, tax preparer,  
or intake volunteer.



# Gateway EITC Community Coalition (GECC)

**Our Mission: “To unite the community by educating and assisting eligible individuals and families  
In receiving tax credits and refunds to raise their living standards.”**

Help hard-working families earning \$50,000 or less claim the tax credits they've earned. We file basic tax returns free of charge, and help low to moderate income families avoid the related check cashing fees and refund anticipation loans.

Last year, 335 volunteers prepared more than 6,500 federal tax returns in the St. Louis Metro area, resulting in over \$8 million in refunds. In addition, we saved families more than \$1.8 million in tax preparation fees.

Volunteers play a crucial role in empowering low income families to achieve a more secure economic future. Volunteers from all backgrounds and abilities play a role in free tax preparation services.

**You don't need to be an accountant to help. No experience necessary – we will train you.**

## **WE NEED:**

**Tax Preparers:** prepare federal and state tax returns electronically in your community for low to moderate income families. We are looking for folks who have good computer skills.

Time commitment: about 24 hours of volunteer time. This includes tax return preparation training of 12 hours and a minimum of two 6 hour Saturdays, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm preparing taxes.

**Intake Volunteers:** conduct the initial interview of the families by asking the questions on an intake sheet and filling in the answers. If you like people and want to help in your community, this is for you.

Time commitment: about 24 hours of volunteer time. This consists of tax return preparation training of 12 hours and a minimum of two 6 hour Saturdays, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm doing the intake interviews.

**Greeters:** greet the taxpayers and using a check sheet, determine if the taxpayer has all the necessary information to have their tax return completed at the free tax site.

Time commitment: about 16 hours of volunteer time. This involves a 4 hour training and a minimum of two 6 hour Saturdays, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm greeting taxpayers.

**YOU Can Make a Difference!**

