

# **VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)**

Community Tax Center

2012 Report

## Narrative

The 2012 Community Tax Center Sessions ran from Wednesday, February 1 – Thursday, April 12, 2012 and were considered to be very successful. The statistics for this year's project are below. The end of the Make Work Pay Credit that many taxpayers received in 2011, for tax year 2010, was not extended to the 2011 tax year for 2012 filers. That credit provided \$127,081 during the last filing cycle.

Other successes and highlights of the tax season include:

- Addition of a second tax preparation session in Navasota.
- Volunteers prepared 290 returns.
- By using our free sites, taxpayers saved approximately \$42,000 in tax preparation fees (using an estimated fee of \$150 per return by commercial preparers.)
- The total amount of refunds this year was \$470,230. This is due to the lower number of persons using the VITA sites locally. Earned Income Credit provided refunds of \$175,855 which is approximately 34.7% of total refunds. Child Tax Credits of \$87,735 accounted for 18.7% of total refunds.
- The average adjusted gross income of households for taxpayers served was \$22,804.
- Total volunteers included: 22 community volunteers and 9 student volunteers who donated 1,024 hours.