

# Mutual Housing prepares more than 700 free tax returns

With a volunteer cadre, Sacramento Mutual Housing Association and its partners prepared and filed 715 free tax returns this year that helped working families with incomes of \$49,000, or less, claim much-needed Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC).

Of these, 560 returns were prepared in conjunction with the American Association of Retired Persons. A pilot program for Mutual Housing, this was the first year that AARP tax preparation was held at the local nonprofit's Victory Townhomes community.

Another 155 returns were filed as part of the Internal Revenue Service's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program held at two other Mutual Housing sites, Foothill Plaza and Lemon Hill. The number was an increase of more than 200 percent over the past year's returns. The EITC for the 155 filers at these two VITA sites was \$96,101, or \$620 on average.

In addition to English, tax prep assistance was available in Russian, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Hmong and Spanish.

For these programs, Mutual Housing also had assistance from the Franchise Tax Board and the Sacramento Coalition for Working Families.

With 15 communities in the region, Mutual Housing develops and operates well-designed rental housing for modest-income households. The communities have 2,600 residents, half of whom are children.

Through Mutual Housing's focus on leadership, the nonprofit also provides training and mentoring as well as educational programs, community-building activities and services for residents and neighbors.

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Sacramento Mutual Housing Association develops housing that is affordable to a diversity of households. Our housing builds strong and stable communities through resident participation and leadership development.

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