

2017 FREE TAX PROGRAM

**PROVIDING
FREE TAX
PREPARATION
SINCE 2007**

VITA

The **VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)** program provides free tax preparation to any individual or family earning less than \$54,000. Since 2007, UWFC has served over 7,800 tax clients helping clients claim over \$13 million in refunds.

TCE

The **TAX COUNSELING FOR THE ELDERLY (TCE)** program provides free tax preparation to any individual over age 60. Beginning in 2012, UWFC serves an average of 500 elderly clients each year.

MyFreeTaxes.com

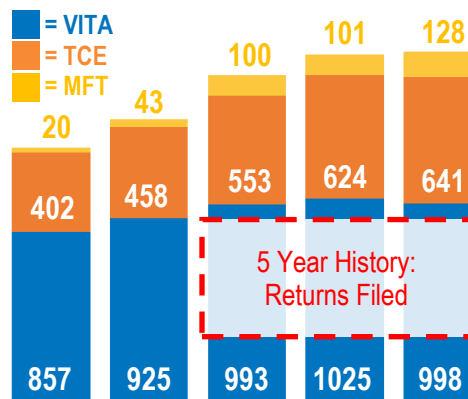
MyFreeTaxes.com is a website allowing any individual or family earning less than \$64,000 to file taxes at no cost.

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IRS CERTIFIED
VOLUNTEERS

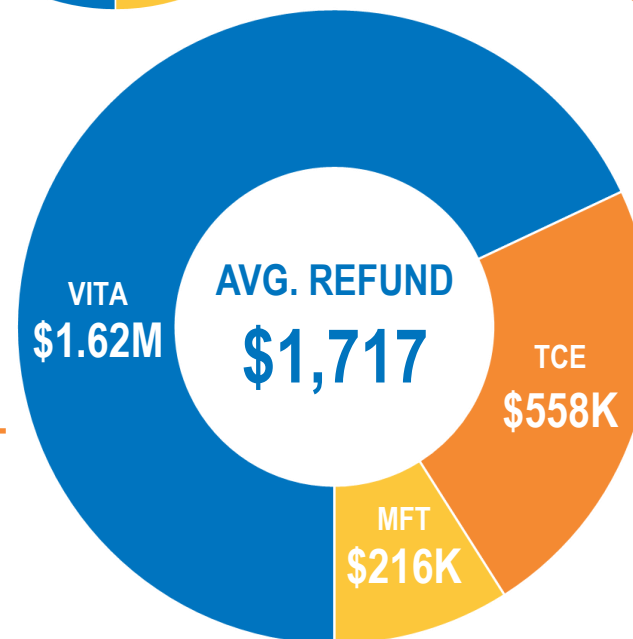
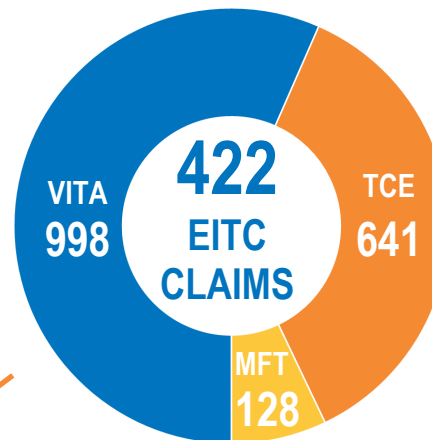
1,767
TAX RETURNS
FILED

\$856 K
EARNED INCOME
CREDIT CLAIMED

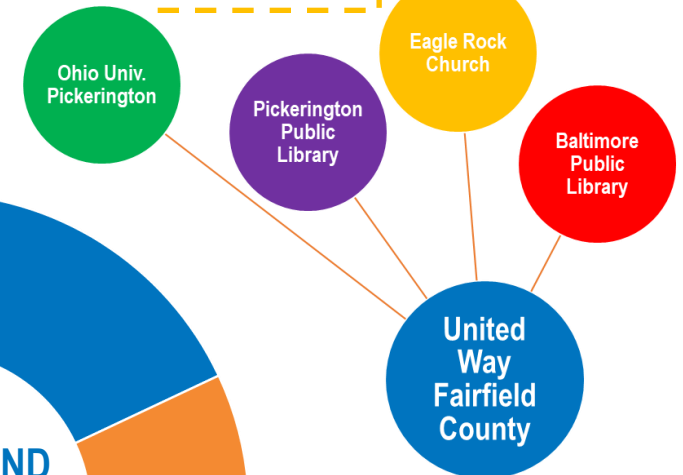
\$2.39 M
REFUNDS CLAIMED



30 Clients opened incentivized Savings Accounts with PNC Bank



LOCATIONS



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WHY FREE TAX PREP

UWFC's goal is to increase education, awareness, and claims of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) as well as provide tax assistance and guidance to clients of all ages. The EITC is the largest refundable credit that can be claimed on an individual tax return; up to \$6,269 in 2017. The IRS estimates that approximately 20% of eligible workers do not claim the EITC. In 2017 the average EITC claim for a UWFC tax client was \$2,209.

Over the past 10 years UWFC has become a trusted source of FREE tax preparation and guidance for Fairfield County. It's estimated that, on average, a family would pay at least \$250 to have their taxes completed by a paid preparer. In 2017, UWFC saved tax clients over \$441,000 in tax preparation fees in addition to claiming over \$856,000 in EITC and almost \$2.4 million in total refunds.



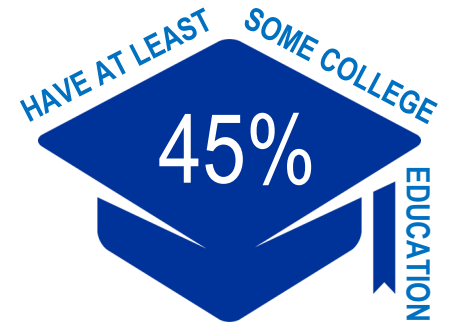
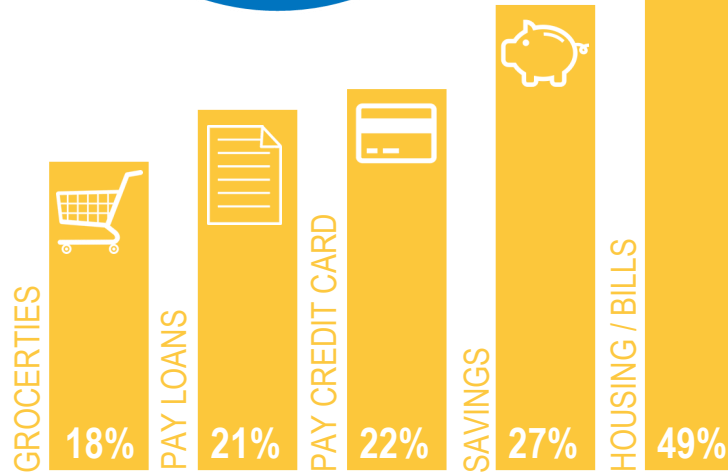
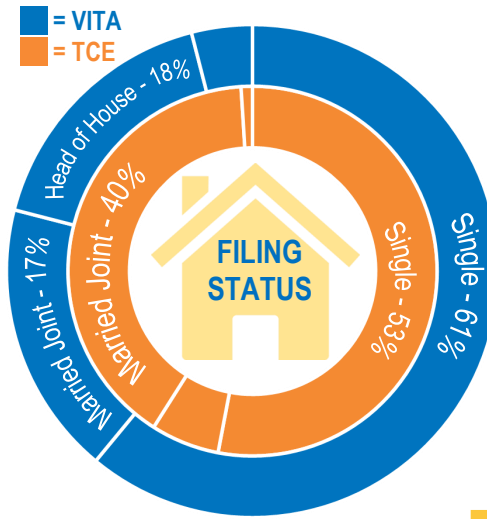
OF CLIENTS CLAIM AT LEAST ONE CHILD



AVERAGE INCOME



EMPLOYED IN...



United Way



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