

Your United Way Dollars At Work

Improving Lives

Earned Income Tax Credit Project (EITC)



The Campaign for Working Families Earned Income Tax Credit project (EITC) is a great example how of United Way works to improve lives in our region.

With this project, United Way leverages community, business, and volunteer relationships. Working with five other partners in the community, United Way mobilizes hundreds of volunteers to assist low-income families file their tax returns for free.

Over the past two years, United Way was able to place over 780 volunteers at tax preparation sites across the area, bringing over \$24.7 million back to working families in our region.

Here is a concrete example of how EITC improved the lives of a family in our region:

A woman named Elizabeth went to one of the tax centers to receive assistance with her taxes in 2002. The volunteers helped her take advantage of programs that maximized her refund, which she then used as a down payment on a house. This year, Elizabeth came to a tax center again, and she used the refund to buy a car.

These are real tangible results for her family - all made possible by United Way volunteers who invest their time to help others.

Homeownership gives the family a solid asset and provides future financial growth. Their pride in ownership also helps to stabilize their neighborhood. The car offers the family greater flexibility in transportation, making it easier for them to find, and obtain better paying jobs.

