

COALITION HELPS 2,669 LOW-INCOME WORKING FAMILIES' ACCESS
OVER \$6,622,560 IN EARNED INCOME TAX CREDITS AND FEDERAL
REFUNDS.

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NEW HAVEN – Through the collaboration of over 32 organizations and businesses ***The Coalition for Working Families (CWF)*** assisted low-moderate income residents through the services offered by Volunteer Individual Tax Assistance (**VITA**) sites. “The sites benefit taxpayers by offering information about the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program and free tax preparation services from volunteers who are trained by us and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)” said Ariel Martinez, executive director of ***New Life Corporation***, the lead agency of the Coalition. “We accomplished these result managing five VITA sites with a volunteer workforce of 70 volunteers”. “It’s been an invaluable service for West Haven families” said Patty Steven, executive director of the ***West Haven Community House***.

The contributing VITA sites were, Centro San Jose, ‘r kids Family Center, West Haven Community House, United Shoreline Federal Credit Union and New Life Corporation. Working individuals/families claimed over **\$2,371,040** in earned income tax credits, over **\$4,251,520** in federal income tax refunds and over **\$35,000** in stimulus payments. “As trained volunteers, we can maximize the amount of money that families are able to have returned to them which affords them the opportunity of accumulating savings, buy needed transportation, clothing, or medical insurance/medicine for their families,” Martinez said.

In addition, as an Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) Acceptance Site”, New Life Corporation assisted 68 immigrants in obtaining their ITINs in order to legally submit their income tax returns to the IRS. “In the last three years we have assisted a total of 233 immigrant individuals/families in obtaining their ITINs. “We are currently in the process of expanding our services to immigrants in order assist them with the wide-ranging issues they face daily,” Martinez explained.

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