

United Way Marion County Prosperity Campaign



United Way of Marion County is working to help families and empower them to move toward financial independence. In our community we have done that through: as of May 11, 2011

EITC Program:

Recognizing the EITC's potential impact in helping individuals and families become financially stable, United Ways are playing a key role in promoting the EITC. United Way's capacity for partnership-building is particularly well-suited to EITC outreach and free tax preparation efforts. *Of the returns that we filed, 317 qualified for EITC, averaging \$1,707.90, with a grand total of \$542,219 dollars in claimed EITC money.*



Personal Finance Workshops:

United Way is working with partnering organizations to offer free financial education workshops to Marion County residents as well as working with employers to offer on-site financial education classes for their employees. Trained facilitators use **Money Smart**, a FDIC curriculum. *Since December 2008, we have held more than 100 workshops for more than 1,000 participants.*

Tax Preparation & VITA Site:

United Way is partnering with the IRS to provide volunteers for training and offering by appointment only VITA site at its location. The tax preparation service is provided January through April. *During the filing season, we have prepared 1,134 returns and saved families more than \$196,647 in filing fees. A total of \$1,608,774 in federal tax refunds were returned to Marion County residents.*



A free prescription discount card is available to all Marion County residents with an average discount of 35% or \$16.13 prescription. *As of 2008, we have saved Marion County residents \$380,000.*

For more information on the Marion County Prosperity Campaign, call Chris Cotter 352-732-9696 or visit www.uwmc.org/our-work/financial-stability