

VITA Volunteers Honored at End of Year Reception

April 20, 2010

A Volunteer Reception hosted by TEAM, and Naugatuck Savings Bank Ansonia Branch, was held to honor nine volunteers who prepared and filed free electronic tax returns to low income Valley residents provided at TEAM's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) clinic

The volunteers trained by IRS, contributed a total of 690 hours to the program valued at \$14,387. Independent Sector, a Washington, D.C.-based coalition of philanthropic organizations dedicated to strengthening the non profit sector, has announced that the 2009 estimate for the value of a volunteer hour has reached \$20.85, which increased from \$19.51 per hour in 2008.

The VITA volunteers honored were Mian Rasheed, Robyn Levesque, William Weksner, Diane O'Brien, Joan Kayser, John Harwood, David Rabinove, and Lynn Weitzner. IRS Representatives Maritza Travanti and Fran Brandenburg presented the volunteers and TEAM awards from the Internal Revenue Service.

The program resulted in \$531,833 refunded by IRS to 434 Lower Naugatuck Valley and surrounding area taxpayers. Of the federal refunds, low-income Valley families received \$203,949 in Earned Income Tax Credits and \$96,730 in Child Tax Credits.

The VITA program is sponsored by the Naugatuck Savings Bank Foundation.



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VITA Volunteer
David Rabinove



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Nancy Valentine



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John Harwood



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Joan Kayser



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Diane O'Brien



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William Weksner



Left to right
Stepahne Skibo, TEAM Board Chairman,
Maritza Travanti, IRS, Richard Knoll,
TEAM President, Fran Brandenburg, IRS.
TEAM receives IRS Award.