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Focus on INCOME



United Way of the Big Bend (UWBB) invests in programs that help area residents improve their financial stability and teach financial literacy. The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program** provides free income tax preparation by IRS-certified volunteers during tax season. Over the past 12 years, more than 25,000 people have participated in the **VITA** program in our eight-county region. The **Reality Store** is an interactive program that teaches financial literacy skills to middle and high school students, focusing on the importance of financial and career planning.

\$1,366,543

total tax refunds received by
VITA participants in 2016

\$396,547

total earned income credit received
by VITA participants in 2016

\$49.5 million

economic impact of VITA over the
past 12 years



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