

President
Kathleen Hatke Aro

**Board of Directors
Chair**
David T. Rehrauer
KPMG LLP

Vice Chair
Gregory A. Nowak
Miller Canfield

Secretary
Diane P. Dossin
Ford Motor Company

Treasurer
John Anstett
Masco Corporation

Directors
Raju Balakrishnan
College of Business
University of Michigan-
Dearborn

Kenneth A. Bluhm
Blue Cross Blue Shield
of Michigan

Jean M. Bosworth
U.S. Trust

Chip Dawson
Retired, Payroll 1, Inc.

Patricia Liang DeGiuli
PwC

Deanna M. Deldin
Clark Hill PLC

Bridgett Feagin
United Way for
Southeastern Michigan

Lisa R. Fort
Plante Moran

Audrey J. Harvey
Blue Cross Blue Shield
of Michigan Foundation

Lisa Howze
City of Detroit
Mayor's Office

Melissa M. Jagst
Deloitte & Touche LLP

Jeramey J. Lynch
J.P. Morgan

John Marquardt
BDO

Nick W. Quigley
EY

Jassi S. Sachdev
Law Offices of
Jassi S. Sachdev, P.C.

Robert Zalewski
The Auto Club Group



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 27, 2017

National EITC Day
Earned Income Tax Credit is Focus for 2017 Tax Season
As Accounting Aid Society Begins Free Tax Help Across Southeast Michigan

DETROIT – Accounting Aid Society kicks off the 2017 tax season with free income tax preparation at 22 locations throughout southeast Michigan (location list attached).

Families with total household incomes up to \$54,000, and individuals with incomes up to \$35,000 are eligible. In addition to saving \$300 on average in tax preparation fees, AAS's free tax service also includes electronic filing, direct deposit, debits cards and savings bonds.

Taxes are prepared by AAS staff and hundreds of its trained and IRS-certified tax volunteers who prepare federal, state and city taxes, along with all eligible credits, such as the property tax credit (renter's rebate), home heating credit, and the earned income tax credit (EITC).

Because thousands of working metro Detroiters miss out on the extra money the EITC could bring them, AAS is pleased to partner with Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and United Way for Southeastern Michigan in an EITC expansion initiative to get more Detroiters to file for the credit. For details, visit www.detroitmi.gov/eitc.

“The EITC is an important credit for working people and their families, but to get it, you must file a tax return and claim it,” says AAS President Kathleen Hatke Aro. “We want to make sure more people know about the Earned Income Tax Credit and take advantage of it and all of the other refunds and credits they may be entitled to. In this way, we are helping people expand their financial potential and have a larger stake in the American dream.”

Those with low to moderate incomes who want to do their own taxes online can take advantage of free software and online support through AAS's website at www.accountingaidsociety.org.

This year AAS is debuting a new “drop and go” service where filers can drop off their tax paperwork, then pick up the forms at a later date when complete. This initiative is a partnership with several community organizations who will have trained intake specialists gather tax documentation at their agency offices, share the tax information with AAS tax experts for preparation, and then notify clients when the paperwork is complete and ready to be reviewed and filed.

Continued . . .



President
Kathleen Hatke Aro

**Board of Directors
Chair**
David T. Rehrauer
KPMG LLP

Vice Chair
Gregory A. Nowak
Miller Canfield

Secretary
Diane P. Dossin
Ford Motor Company

Treasurer
John Anstett
Masco Corporation

Directors
Raju Balakrishnan
College of Business
University of Michigan-
Dearborn

Kenneth A. Bluhm
Blue Cross Blue Shield
of Michigan

Jean M. Bosworth
U.S. Trust

Chip Dawson
Retired, Payroll 1, Inc.

Patricia Liang DeGiuli
PwC

Deanna M. Deldin
Clark Hill PLC

Bridgett Feagin
United Way for
Southeastern Michigan

Lisa R. Fort
Plante Moran

Audrey J. Harvey
Blue Cross Blue Shield
of Michigan Foundation

Lisa Howze
City of Detroit
Mayor's Office

Melissa M. Jagst
Deloitte & Touche LLP

Jeramey J. Lynch
J.P. Morgan

John Marquardt
BDO

Nick W. Quigley
EY

Jassi S. Sachdev
Law Offices of
Jassi S. Sachdev, P.C.

Robert Zalewski
The Auto Club Group



Last year, AAS prepared 20,000 tax returns for filers throughout southeastern Michigan, and returned more than \$20 million in refunds and credits that helped refuel the local economy.

To find a location or make an appointment, call 313-556-1920 or 211, or go to www.accountingaidsociety.org for more information.

Accounting Aid Society is celebrating its 45th year serving the community and is a recognized “Best-Managed Nonprofit” by *Crain’s Detroit Business*. In addition to free tax assistance, AAS offers programs that focus on sound financial management practices for small businesses; tax debt relief and education; and personal financial coaching.

#

