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### Accounting Aid Society Wins Governor's Service Award For Outstanding Volunteer Program for 2017

**DETROIT** – Accounting Aid Society (AAS) is the 2017 recipient of the Governor's Service Award for Outstanding Volunteer Organization. The award is one of Michigan's most prestigious volunteer recognitions by the governor to acknowledge the contributions made by volunteers across the state.

In announcing 49 recipients of the 2017 awards, Gov. Rick Snyder said: "Volunteers show us how to overcome obstacles and do good things for other people. They demonstrate tremendous spirit and we are thrilled to recognize them."

Volunteers have always been the cornerstone of AAS's programs and services, according to Emily Hodge, AAS volunteer manager. "This year, we recruited and trained nearly 600 volunteers to serve as income tax preparers and financial coaches. Thanks to our volunteers, we were able to touch the lives of more than 25,000 in southeast Michigan," said Hodge. "Our work addresses a critical need for those in Detroit and southeast Michigan and we save underserved and disserved families hundreds of dollars each year."

The Governor's Service Awards winners will be honored during a special ceremony 7 p.m. Monday, August 21, at the Detroit Opera House. The event is free and open to the public.

Accounting Aid Society (AAS) is a nonprofit organization that has been serving southeast Michigan for 45 years. Its mission is to grow an economy that works for everyone in Detroit and southeast Michigan through the delivery of programs and services that strengthen economic self-sufficiency and financial potential. These include individual income tax services; personal financial coaching; tax debt relief and IRS dispute resolution; and sound financial management practices for small businesses. For more, visit [www.accountingaidsociety.org](http://www.accountingaidsociety.org).

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