

2012 Diocesan Support Appeal



CSS Offices:

Administrative Office
Charlotte Regional Office
Family Life Office
Justice and Peace Office
Office of Economic Opportunity
Piedmont Triad Regional Office
Refugee Resettlement Office
Western Regional Office



Claudie Burchfield, OEO Program Director with VITA volunteer Denise Burke assisting a couple with their tax return.

Catholic Social Services- Providing hope to those in need

Focus on the Office of Economic Opportunity

Providing the following services:

Adoption
Counseling
Immigration Services
Direct Assistance
Elder Ministry
Family Life
Natural Family Planning
Respect Life
Marriage Preparation
Education
Youth Empowerment
Administrative Functions

The ABLE Financial Literacy Program of the Office of Economic Opportunity assisted 123 households in the first half the year through its partnership with the Nantahala Regional Library's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site in Graham County. This county, one of four far western NC counties served by OEO, is designated as a Tier 1 Distressed County by the Appalachian Regional Commission. Claudie Burchfield, OEO Program Director, coordinated the Graham County Library VITA site on Wednesdays from mid-January through mid-April. She and other VITA volunteers provide free tax assistance to low-income households and help eligible households access Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC) and Child Tax Credits. Through Claudie's VITA site coordination services the 123 completed household returns brought in \$134,017 into Graham County with 34 households qualifying for \$37,881 in EITCs, and 16 households qualifying for \$16,979 in Child Tax Credits. Tax credits help working families, build communities, and fight poverty.

Your DSA gifts help the offices of Catholic Social Services throughout the diocese provide programs and services that give hope to those in need.