

Celebrating 40 Years of Building Economic Security

2012 Annual Report

#### Dear Friends,

AccountAbility Minnesota (AAM) was founded 40 years ago by a group of accountants with a seemingly simple but powerful conviction — a person's ability to pay for tax and financial assistance should not depend upon their ability to pay for it. Over the years we have helped tens of thousands of hardworking families access the tax refunds they have earned — refunds that make a real difference in their lives. In this report, you will read first-hand accounts of what tax refunds and our services mean.

Tax credits provide a significant income boost for many low- and moderate-income families. Today, nearly one in five tax filers receives the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which is considered to be this nation's largest anti-poverty program for working families.

Research, our own experience, and the stories of our customers all show that the vast majority of EITC recipients spend their refund on bills and current expenses. Our charge at AAM is to ensure that we maximize the refunds our customers have earned, and provide concrete ways to help them save a portion of those refunds. Bills and basic needs are going to trump

saving. But saving a small amount can make a difference – to provide a cushion for emergencies, build a savings habit, and create a better future for tomorrow's children.

In this 2012 annual report we feature the voices of our customers, volunteers and partners. You'll read about the impact of our work through their stories. You'll also see our results from 2012 and our efforts to engage more people – volunteers, donors, partners and customers – in the work to provide free tax and asset building services.

Additionally in 2012 we conducted an extensive strategic planning process. We are excited to launch the our new strategic plan in 2013. You can access a copy of it at www.accountabilitymn.org.

We have made real progress over the last 40 years and look to the future with an ambitious plan to help individuals and families achieve long-lasting financial stability. We will continue to strive to meet the growing demand for our services while remaining nimble, focused, and grounded in our mission.

Tracy Fischman
Executive Director

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# For Patricia, our services make a "significant difference financially"

"You live and you learn," was Patricia's response when asked why she chose to come back to AAM, after going to a paid preparer last year.

Patricia came to AAM in 2010, but decided to go with a paid preparer in 2011, in hopes of getting a faster refund. As a result, she had to pay over \$300 in filing fees. Contrary to what some may think, paid preparers do not file

taxes any faster than free sites when filing electronically and direct depositing refunds.

# 2012 Taxpayer Services Highlights

- 12,445 low- and moderate-income taxpayers received free tax preparation.
- **\$22.6** million in tax refunds were put directly into the pockets of low- and moderate-income, hardworking families.
- **6.020 children** benefited from tax refunds.

"[At AAM], you get professional service, keep 100% of your refund and it is all free! For families like ours it makes a significant difference financially," said Patricia.

Patricia received about \$4,000 in refunds, which she plans to put towards getting her ten-year-old daughter braces. "My savings, in combination with my refund this year, means she gets her braces sooner than later." Our customers often times spend their refunds on necessities like paying bills, covering health costs and saving.

Patricia also has a 19-year-old daughter, Desireé, whom she brought with so that she could do her taxes for the first time. Not only did Desireé file, but she was able to save a significant amount, too. "I'm excited to be doing this for the first time, and even more excited to be saving."

Desireé, like many of our customers, is also a great advocate for our work. She told us she's eager to spread the word about free tax preparation to her friends, because "as a college student, you need all the help you can get."



# Using tax refunds to build a savings cushion

Tamika, a mother of three boys, went from being homeless in 2009 to living in a townhouse within four years. "It didn't matter if it meant working for minimum wage or part-time, I had to do it for my boys." Juggling work, school and taking care of her family, Tamika earned her certification as an IV technician.

Tamika works incredibly hard for her money, is vigilant about her finances, and chooses AccountAbility Minnesota to help her with her taxes so that she can maximize their impact on her financial future.

# 2012 Financial Services Highlights

- 179 new credit union and bank savings accounts and 602 prepaid debit cards were opened for our customers regardless of their banking or credit history.
- \$25,450 in U.S. savings bonds were purchased by our customers with their refunds directly through their federal tax return form.
- **1,105 taxpayers** had their credit report pulled and received information on how to improve it.
- 1,061 taxpayers were screened for work support programs with the Children's Defense Fund's Bridge to Benefits online screening tool. Help with food, health and energy costs frees up money for use on other necessities.

"I don't really care for paid preparers because I can make their fee (typically \$300) go a long way for my boys and me." she said. Last year Tamika was eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit and got to keep all of it because she came to a free tax preparation site.

As the sole provider of her family, saving – particularly having a three month cushion – is important to Tamika. "I always put more than 75% of my refund in what I call my super savings account." Tamika has also started a college fund for her oldest son, because she wants him to go to school without having to take out too much in loans.

Tamika is also a big fan of AAM's financial services. "When I first came to AAM, I needed to pull my credit report. They helped me go through and understand my report, which is when I found out I was victim of identity theft. It took a year and a half to straighten it out and repair her credit. This is why I love AAM, it's a one stop shop for most things finance-related."



# Helping small businesses to thrive

Javier heard about AAM from a friend who had come here to get help with taxes. Javier, a self-employed interpreter, needed help getting his tax situation back on track. Javier, originally from Peru, has been living and working in the United States for nine years and, before finding us, struggled to navigate the tax system. As an interpreter Javier receives payment for his services in several methods – cash and checks – and found it hard to keep track of his income and expenses, thus meet his tax obligations and run a healthy business.

# 2012 Self Employment Program Highlights

- **795 sole-proprietors** received free tax preparation.
- 18 self-employment volunteers received specialized training for more complex tax situations and issues that small business owners face.
- 45 self-employed individuals participated in one of our 6 educational workshops that covered financial basics and taxes.
- Our self-employed customers' occupations range from photographer to carpenter to tow-truck driver to pet groomer.

Along with help in straightening out his tax situation, Javier wanted education on how to better manage his business going forward to avoid falling behind again. Javier worked with Tom Larson, AAM's self-employment program manager, to better understand the tax system and what was required of him as a small business owner. As a result of his involvement with AAM, Javier now fully understands the value of a healthy tax situation and is equipped with the education, tools and resources he needs to manage his taxes and his business in a more successful way.

"AccountAbility Minnesota helps to open doors," said Javier. "They give you education. They teach you how to take care of your finances and how to not get into trouble by not doing what you're supposed to do."

Javier's wife Sarah added "We can't pay an accountant a couple hundred dollars to do it. And for us to do it by ourselves, there could be mistakes. It is valuable for people who don't have the knowledge or the money."

AAM has been assisting small business owners since it's inception in 1971. Our customer base is wide and professions served range from photographer to carpenter to tow-truck driver to pet groomer.

# Offering assistance to free tax providers across the state

West Central Minnesota Community Action (WCMCA) has been running free tax preparation – or Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) – sites since 2005. They've benefitted from AAM's training and technical assistance (TA) and guidance over the years, particularly through staff transition.

Last year, Heather Thormodson, a WCMCA staff member, took over the free tax preparation program with, as she readily admits, no tax preparation experience.

"It was exciting but scary at the same time to oversee tax preparation when I'd never done taxes before. This program is invaluable to our community and AAM's help to get up to speed has been invaluable to me," said Heather.

As she began planning for the 2012 tax season, Heather heavily relied on AAM's training and technical assistance. The previous site coordinator had left before Heather began working with the program, so AAM's TA manager, Erin Severson, stayed in close contact with Heather to make sure WCMCA was on track to have another successful season. Once the season started, Erin visited their sites in Elbow Lake and Alexandria.

Along with AAM's guidance, Heather developed a small group of trusted volunteers to advise her on how their program has run in the past and where there is room for improvement.

"AAM educated me on site coordination, IRS requirements, and taxpayer materials. Their depth and breadth of expertise is impressive. If you are new to the world of free tax preparation...you will want to have AAM as a part of your toolbox for success," said Heather.

The 2012 tax season proved to be a difficult but highly rewarding tax season for WCMCA, Heather, and her volunteers. They ended the season with over 1,300 state and federal returns prepared, keeping up with numbers from past years and exceeding Heather's expectations. Since that season, Heather has continued to utilize our technical assistance program and is "forever grateful we were there when she needed it."

Through its TA program, AAM is helping to increase access to tax and financial services for low- to moderate-income taxpayers living across the state, particularly in rural or remote areas.



# 2012 Training and Technical Assistance Program Highlights

- 11 organizations across the state received training and technical assistance and operated 21 free tax preparation sites.
- 9 of the 11 organizations increased the number of federal returns their volunteers prepared and filed.
- Lakes & Pines Community Action Council opened an additional site in McGregor, MN and increased the number of returns prepared by 35%.
- Tri-County Action Program had 22 more volunteers assisting during the 2012 season than in the prior year; volunteers contributed 3,216 hours in 2012.

# Volunteering to make an impact on community

Father-and-son duo Satya and Sylesh are unique volunteers. Not only are they one of a handful of "family teams" that volunteer at AAM but Sylesh is the youngest volunteer tax preparer. He is a senior in high school but you'd never know that meeting him.

"We were unsure if AAM would let me volunteer because I was still in high school but they were open to it and I'm very glad," said Sylesh. "I've volunteered before but my service at AAM is more fulfilling because I feel like I'm making a larger impact on our community."

Both Sylesh and Satya have been volunteering with AAM for three years. Satya first heard about the opportunity through an email at work. He enlisted his son, Sylesh, to get involved with him.

"I saw an opportunity for us to do something together and to help the community at the same time – something we are both passionate about," said Satya.

Satya and Sylesh both enjoy the challenge of learning about our complicated tax system and how it impacts hardworking families. They say it's great to be able to volunteer their time to a cause that really benefits from their expertise – not everyone has a passion for and talent in taxes.

In addition to volunteering their time, Satya and Sylesh also give financially. Sylesh says part of his allowance goes to AAM every year.

Sylesh will be graduating soon and will study either political science or computer programming but promises AAM that he will keep preparing taxes for free here or somewhere near his university.



### 2012 Volunteer Highlights

- 553 volunteers gave 19,192 hours to prepare 26,339 tax returns.
- Each volunteer tax preparer went through nearly 20 hours of training and passed exams to become IRS-certifed to prepare taxes for free.
- Our longest-standing volunteer has been with us since the early 1970s.

# The Earned Income Tax Credit keeps families on track

As an independent contractor, and third-generation carpenter, Scott is usually at the mercy of the economy. When the housing market slows, so does his work load. "My bills are paid off today, but I need to pay them again next month."

In a very real way, the Earned Income Tax Credit's (EITC) value to Scott's family can't be overstated. "It's a nerveracking day to come to do taxes and wonder if the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit are going to be there for us." Scott shared, "If it was taken away, I simply could not continue to own a small business."

While the EITC helps take care of basic needs such as food for the family, Scott also knows the benefits of the EITC extend beyond his own family. "Part of the refund goes towards paying for my re-licensure and continuing education; which means I help put money back into the community."

Scott hopes that others can understand how important the EITC is. "I'd like to think that I'm not dependent on the EITC, and in some years I'll make enough to owe taxes, which I'm happy to do."

But if we didn't have the EITC, it would be very difficult for us. It's happened before where we've missed two mortgage payments and scrambled to get back on track. This is a great program, especially for this family," said Scott.



# 2012 Claim it! Campaign Highlights

- Underwent a full rebranding process and established a new logo, tag line "It's your money!", and messaging "You earned it! You claim it!"
- Shipped more than 250 packages of Claim it! materials to organizations in over 100 Minnesota cities to spread the word about the EITC and free tax assistance.

# Celebrating 40 years of service

On September 27, we marked 40 years with a celebration, "40 Years and Counting," on the old trading floor of Minneapolis's historic Grain Exchange Building.

It was a memorable evening of good food, great company, a silent auction, and a program emceed by broadcast veterans Trisha Volpe and Bob McNaney with remarks from Minnesota Department of Revenue Commissioner Myron Frans, Board Chair Kirsten Anderson and Executive Director Tracy Fischman.

We raised \$7,000 at the event. With ticket sales and sponsorships, we raised more than \$43,000 for our work.



AccountAbility Minnesota was founded 40 years ago by a small group of social justice-minded accountants who believed that one's access to quality tax services should not be determined by ability to pay. With this seemingly simple but powerful conviction, AccountAbility Minnesota has flourished over the years, leveraging the help of thousands of volunteers to help tens of thousands of hardworking families access the tax refunds they need to make ends meet and build financial security.

Jim Dodge and a group of justiceminded accountants founded the organization, then named Minnesota Accounting Aid Society.

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# Engaging more people in the work to foster economic security

- In April, we assumed day-to-day management of the statewide Claim it! campaign. Working closely with the Greater Twin Cities United Way (who created the campaign), we're playing a statewide leadership role in helping to increase access to the Earned Income Tax Credit and free tax preparation. Nearly 250 organizations in 100 cities across Minnesota are involved in the campaign.
- We engaged more customers in helping us shape our work. We conducted a series of customer focus groups to get input on what matters most when it comes to tax preparation and saving. Their feedback informed our marketing messages for both the Claim it! campaign and our savings campaign, "Got Some, Save Some," which we rolled out in 2013.



- We hosted our first event in the AAM Forum series. Baird Helgeson, Star Tribune reporter, and Nan Madden, Minnesota Budget Project director, participated in a lively discussion facilitated by Executive Director Tracy Fischman on tax reform and the implications it holds for low-income people. The AAM Forum series is a series of education events designed to initiate learning and conversations around issues important to the economic realities of the people we serve.
- After tax season, **we hosted a statewide debrief meeting**. More than a dozen free tax preparation providers from across Minnesota came together for one day to share successful practices, opportunities for improvement, and collectively provide feedback to the Internal Revenue Service.
- We launched our first-ever volunteer fundraising campaign, 4@\$40. We challenged volunteers to get 4 people to donate \$40 in honor of our 40th year. Nearly 100 volunteers participated bringing in 301 gifts totaling more than \$21,000.
- On November 16's Give to the Max Day we raised a record number of donations for individuals \$34,000. A group of our volunteers and donors came together to create a matching fund of \$14,000. We matched that fund and more with an additional \$20,000 in donations from 273 donors.

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Cindy Eischens

Mark Eischens

Hussen Ejero

Sweet Ejiofor

Debrah Engen

Kristin Erickson

Doug Engen

**Bob Erickson** 

Allie Eckert

Ryan Eddy

BenEirikson

Linda Brown

Russel Bruner

Kat Brvan

Scott Buell

Karl Burkoth

Justin Cannon

**Andrew Cannon** 

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Cassie Johnson

Beth Hjelmen

Jan Johnson Erik Johnson Lisa Johnson Joe Johnson Eric Johnson Tori Johnston Christine Johnston Jeremy Jonas **Andy Jones** Chris Jungmann Paula Kaiser **Betty Kampen** Osman Kanu Gary Kaplan Paul Kartman Barbara Keicher Frances Kern Talha Khan Pankaj Khurana **Curtis Kilber** 



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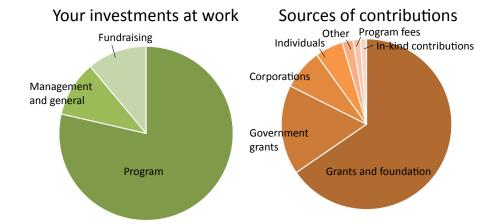
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## Financial summary

July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

### Statement of financial position

ASSETS	FY2012	FY2011
<u>Current assets</u> Cash and cash equivalents	\$375,905	\$150,438
Cash - restricted	6,184	6,179
Grants receivable	11,950	355,144
Other receivable	8,640	8,640
Other current assets	7,575	7,773
Total current assets	\$410,254	\$528,174
Noncurrent assets		
Furniture and equipment	\$139,612	\$109,370
Leasehold improvements	36,203	
Less accumulated depreciation	(111,202)	(99,130)
Endowment investments	77,646	80,823
Total noncurrent assets	\$142,259	\$91,063
TOTAL ASSETS	\$552,513	\$619,237
LIABILITIES	FY2012	FY2011
<u>Current liabilities</u>		
Accounts payable	\$15,825	\$ 13,302
Accrued expenses	77,793	56,423
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$93,618	\$69,725
NET ASSETS	FY2012	FY2011
Unrestricted	\$368,798	\$119,188
Temporarily restricted	11,950	349,000
Permanently restricted	78,147	81,324
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$458,895	\$549,512
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$552,513	\$619,237



### Statement of activities

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE  EXPENSES*  Program  Management and general  Fundraising	\$ <b>999,234</b> \$853,192 112,355 120,078
EXPENSES* Program	\$853,192
EXPENSES*	. ,
	\$999,234
TOTAL CUIDDORT AND DEVENUE	6000 004
In-kind contributions	11,817
Program fees	13,671
Other	20,493
Individuals	53,121
Corporations	76,650
Government grants	169,935
	\$653 <i>,</i> 547
Grants and Foundation	6650 547