

## Kicking Off Free Tax Preparation

The 11<sup>th</sup> tax season for the Milwaukee Asset Building Coalition's (MABC) free tax preparation service is officially under way.

Kickoff ceremonies were held at Goodwill Industries facility on N. 91<sup>st</sup> Street, one of the tax preparation sites for the coalition. SDC CEO



**SDC CEO Deborah Blanks describes the impact that the free tax program has had on thousands of area residents.**

Deborah Blanks reminded the public that in its first ten years of service, the program has returned more than \$100-million in tax refunds and credits.

Sheila Siegel of the Internal Revenue Service, another of the MABC partners, discussed the Earned Income Tax Credit which is one of a number of credits MABC tax preparers look for in preparing tax forms. Other guest speakers at the Kickoff included Robert Wynn, President of Akamai LLC and a member of Asset Builders of America, and Alison Gilman

Aquino, former FOX 6 anchor and reporter who now is a financial consultant for Edward Jones.

Area residents were able to get their taxes prepared and filed at the site. In addition, Wells Fargo was present to do free credit checks and Habitat for Humanity and State Farm Insurance offered tax filers information on their services.

The free tax prep sites of MABC will be open six days a week at locations throughout Milwaukee County. For information on locations and hours for the service, visit the SDC website at [www.cr-sdc.org](http://www.cr-sdc.org), click on the "Programs" page and then the link for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Or call 414-963-2694.



**An area resident is helped by a VITA tax preparer at the MABC tax site at Goodwill Industries.**

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