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## Tax volunteers help local residents

Richard Saxton, an AARP Tax-Aide volunteer, helps a woman with her paperwork at STEP's Clinton County Community Center. The STEP Office of Aging annually sponsors the tax help program, in conjunction with the IRS. The volunteer-driven program offers free help for taxpayers with low and moderate incomes, with special attention to customers aged 60 and up. The volunteers complete federal, state, and local tax returns, as well as applications for Pennsylvania's Property Tax/Rent Rebate program. Working out of the community center in Clinton Plaza, new site coordinator Sue Toot enlisted 16 volunteers, including students from Lock Haven University's accounting program. The volunteers filed 630 tax returns this year, resulting in more than \$462,000 in refunds. In Lycoming County, Phil Landers, a retired Pennsylvania College of Technology accounting professor, volunteered once again as the site coordinator. His team of nine volunteers filed 818 federal returns this year, resulting in a total of more than \$494,000 in refunds.