

BOSTON TAX HELP COALITION

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WHAT IS IT?

a partnership of nonprofits, businesses, and community organizations that has been promoting the economic independence of working individuals and families since 2001



Championed by the Mayor's Office of the City of Boston



\$200

is the average amount per return saved by avoiding commercial tax preparation in 2019.



HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Check out their website (bostontaxhelp.org) and sign up to volunteer [here](#).

** Must pass the IRS Basic Tax Prep Certification Exam



free tax preparation

for individuals who earned \$60,000 or less



financial education

Opportunities to be paired with a personal finance coach and career specialist



economic stability opportunities

Provide free, individualized financial assessment session



ambassador program

8 community "Ambassadors" for outreach to Boston's new immigrant communities

MISSION STATEMENT

"broaden pathways from poverty to financial empowerment"

WHAT WE DID:

Prepared free tax returns for taxpayers with the goal of maximizing tax returns and financially empowering them.

CONNECTIONS:

We saw first hand how the welfare system operated through working directly with tax credits, and how the intricacies of policy directly impact people's lives.