

SPOTLIGHT:

Building Financial Capability at Tax Time

*Our clients were very enthusiastic about the ability to open an account without the extra step of going to a bank or financial institution, and the idea that they could get their refund quicker and avoid fees associated with a check cashing company. **Our clients were impressed to know they wouldn't be turned down.***

-VITA partner

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is recognized as the most effective anti-poverty program in the country, lifting millions of working families out of poverty. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is a key channel for the EITC and other child-related tax benefits and an opportunity to build people's financial capability.

In 2019, CFR partnered with over 50 organizations at more than 200 VITA sites across the country to ensure people had a way to electronically submit tax returns and receive their tax refund via direct deposit.



3,977

Tax refunds to
Focus Cards



2,595

New bank
accounts



\$4,302,457

Direct deposited

In 2017, 20.5 million consumers paid at least a half billion dollars to get their tax refunds faster from for-profit tax preparers promising high-cost "instant" refunds. CFR disrupts this scam. By [supporting CFR](#) you ensure working families receive their full tax refund **faster and safer to better provide for loved ones and build savings.** Please [donate today](#).