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Neighborhood Improvement Association

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About NIA

Was founded by former Mayor of Savannah Dr. Otis S. Johnson

Provided over 25 years of services to the local community:

Three Asset Building Programs

- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program
- First Time Homebuyer Classes
- Affordable Housing Developer

Volunteer Income Tax



Stationary Sites Chatham County:

Neighborhood Improvement Association – year round office

St Marys Community Center (associated with hospital system) Feb - Mar

Economic Opportunity Association – Chatham County

Satellite VITA Sites – In Chatham County

Hispanic Community Center

DIRTT

Savannah Entrepreneurial Center -

Pennsylvania Avenue Resource Center

Moses Jackson Advancement Center


WorkSource Coastal Center-

Other Sites outside Chatham County

- Bryan County – 2 sites; Liberty County, Effingham County
- Richmond County – 2 Sites – Augusta, GA
- Wayne County
- Camden County
- Number of Volunteers 65 volunteers
- Returns accepted as of April (Tax Day)
- Tax Year 2021 Tax Year 2022
- 4,316 4,068



- Target Groups

- People who generally make \$60,000 or less
 - Persons with disabilities
 - Limited English-speaking taxpayers
 - Those living in Rural Communities
 - Re-entering from Incarceration
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Primary Outreach of Re-Entry Taxpayers



When is the Debt Paid –Savannah, GA - conference focuses on helping people with felony convictions and those who are on probation or parole in their transition back into their communities.



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NIA Attends their weekly orientation sessions – Every Wednesday
An average of 6 attend per session with 50% accepting our flyers.
This gives NIA to out-reach to those who re-enter while on probation.



Georgia Department of Community Supervision - Resource Fair – April 19, 2023

NIA participated in the Resource Fair offered by Georgia Department of Community Supervision



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Dismas Charities

For over 60 years, Dismas Charities Inc. has provided residential rehabilitation services to men and women releasing from state and federal incarceration. With over 35 centers in 14 states.

NIA reached out to Dismas Charities week of May 1, 2023. This group will help NIA reach out to those who serve their time – not on probation.

RETURNS COMPLETED FOR RE-ENTRIES

TOTAL 5 RETURNS

4 (SINGLE FILERS – 1 HOH)

1 BALANCE DUE FOR IRS

4 RECEIVED REFUNDS OF \$4,397

1 RECEIVED Child Tax Credit

1 received EITC of \$205