

Meet Ben



Army veteran finds trust and support through free tax program.

Ben, an Army veteran living in Hershey, loves the Eagles, traveling and spending time with friends. After three decades of military service, Ben returned to Hershey for his retirement years. While he is officially retired, Ben is as active as any teenager with his many social engagements.

Most importantly, Ben values trust and the power of keeping one's word. Last year, Ben was referred to Larry, a local tax preparer, after the tax deadline. Ben had questions about his late return. Larry agreed to meet Ben in person to talk about the issues. Larry sat with Ben on his front porch to tax resolve his tax questions. This year, Ben scheduled an appointment with Larry at the Middletown Library.

"I wish I knew about this service years ago," Ben says. "Larry and the team are so helpful."

Money in Your Pocket is a community collaboration of organizations committed to

the economic stability of local families. The program aims to increase use of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC). The EITC is a tax credit offered by the federal government to supplement wages for low-income workers.

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