



Each quarter, LARADON'S Ticket to Work newsletter will bring you information about returning to work, navigating your benefits, and community resources. If you have an idea for a newsletter topic, we want to hear from you!

January – March 2018

# Congratulations!

## WOW! 2017 has been a busy year!

Laradon now serves 71 people through Ticket to Work, with 35 people working above Trial Work level. We have sent over \$800 in gift cards since March 2017, to those who have been reporting income to us regularly, graduated from the program, or achieved benefit cessation.

TW support doesn't stop when you return to work. We love hearing about your successes and can help navigate the challenges and transitions. We are here to assist with benefits, income reporting, work-related issues, applying for a promotion, changing jobs, and have many community resources if needed.

### IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free tax help to people who generally make \$54,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English speaking taxpayers who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide free basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

<https://www.irs.gov/individuals/free-tax-return-preparation-for-you-by-volunteers>



### A New Year – A time for reflection and looking forward

As a Ticket to Work participant, you can be on any part of the life/work continuum. Regarding employment, you might be in job search preparation phase of your journey or you might be planning your next promotion. Wherever you are, the New Year is a good time for reflecting upon the events that were the most impactful for you over the last year. You might ask yourself,

“What inspired me? How did I grow? What events occurred and what actions did I take that created change in my life?” Once you've considered these questions, take some time to ponder how you can use these events to propel you forward into the next year in support of further creating a work and personal life that you value.

After giving this some thought, consider making an appointment with your Ticket provider to talk through how Ticket to Work can assist you in attaining your goals. The Ticket to Work team's New Year's wish is to support you in continuing to move towards self-sufficiency in a way that supports you in having a professional and personal life of balance and joy over the next year.