The CWFI VITAmix

A Volunteer Newsletter from the Campaign for Working Families, Inc. "Those who can, do. Those who can do more, become a VITA volunteer!"



Welcome to The CWFI VITAmix! This newsletter is our platform for sharing volunteering news, tax tips and updates; a forum to acknowledge our amazing volunteers; and a medium to keep in touch with everyone who is a part of CWFI's VITA community.

PARTY TIME!! You are cordially invited to TAX SITE STATS!! join us on April 27th, 2017 at the Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party to be held from 5:30 - 9pm. It will be a fun night full of camaraderie, awards, prizes and delicious food! Please RSVP by clicking invite below.





PLEASE NOTE: The NFL Draft is happening on the Ben Franklin Parkway the same time as the Volunteer Appreciation Party. That means traffic will be diverted in the area, causing serious delays. So please plan accordingly when traveling to our party. Check out this PSA from the Mayor's Office for more info and map of street closures.



The following are filing statistics from our Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey tax sites:



Philadelphia

- Total refunds: 20.1 million
- Total EITC: \$7.7 million
- Highest Refund: \$14,561
- **Highest Production:**
 - 1) Northeast SuperSite
 - 2) Center City SuperSite
 - 3) Ebenezer Church

New Jersey

- Total refunds: \$2.9 million
- Total EITC: \$723.402
- Highest Refund: \$11,187
- **Highest Production:**
 - 1) SNB Vineland
 - 2) Stockton University
 - 3) Rutgers



Each month of the tax season, CWFI recognizes its volunteers that step up and go above-and-beyond the call of duty. This month, we'd like to acknowledge the following 2 individuals: Agatha Dorocha for PA and Karen Spencer for NJ. Check out page 2 for more details.



CE Credits - Are you a CPA or Certified Financial Planner? Are you seeking Continuing Education credit for your time as

a VITA volunteer? Check out this IRS Fact Sheet for more info and be sure to send us your completed and signed Volunteer Agreement as soon as you satisfy the requirements.











4/02 - Terrance Purvis

4/04 - Matthew Closs

4/05 - April Banko

4/07 - Jennifer Rivera

4/08 - Jenna Remaley,

Warran Crown, Jasmine Shah

4/10 - Xi Liu, Edward Tyszka

4/11 - Sarah Crosley

4/14 - Katelyn Deeds, Jason Regino, Jing Zhang

4/15 - Victoria Cheatom, Alicia Dorsey, Charles Gray, Pradtana Saraphat, Nachele Williams

4/18 - Mark Gyourko, Kenny Levine, Gina Wiggins

4/20 - Lauren Battiste, Latoya Cook

4/22 - Tianyang Gao

4/23 - Allan Craven

4/24 - Desmond Hudson,

Panayiota Kotokis, Stephen Paul,

Patricia Stokes

4/25 - Spencer Chorney,

Jefferson Fanfan, Antoinette Hill,

Sharonda Nobles

4/26 - Wendy Baptiste, Peter Kobak

4/27 - Mikel Hurt

4/28 - Iris Carreras,

Lolita Snowden, John Wright

4/29 - Yiqi Yao



Agatha Dorocha - NE Site Manager Randolph Furbeyre writes, "From day one, Agatha has proven to be one of the most reliable volunteers at NESS'ie. She demonstrates an amazing level of

professionalism and an uncanny ability to put even the most restless taxpayers at ease. In comfortable conversation she ensures taxpayers leave as educated regarding their accounts." Way to go, Agatha!



Karen Spencer - NJ Tax Site Manager and Board Member, Roberta West, enthusiastically writes, "Karen is a selfless volunteer who works in NYC during the week, then comes straight to our VITA tax sites at Tabernacle Baptist Church

and in Medford. She is always ready to take an extra shift when we were short volunteers, and would even come in on her vacation!" Thank you Karen, you rock!!



CWFI is holding a contest to come up with a new tagline that better captures our work and mission. The winning submission will be announced at our *Volunteer Appreciation Night* on April 27th. Click here to submit your ideas!

Yes! We're OPEN

Post-Season Volunteering & Internship - Even though the tax season officially ended on

April 18th, CWFI still operates 2 tax sites

May thru September for late filers, amendments and prior years. Still want to make a difference in your community? Want to hone your skills so you're ready for next season? Email Jonathan for more info, jbarnes@cwfphilly.org.



Please take a moment to tell us about your volunteer experience so that we can continue to improve our VITA program!



April 18: Last day of Tax Season!!

April 19 - 25th: Extended hours for CC, NE and NCFC supersites.

April 27: Volunteer Appreciation Party, 5-9pm. RSVP here.

May - Sept: North Central Financial Center & Ebenezer Church tax sites will operate on a reduced schedule. Check our website for days and hours of operation.

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