

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!"



The CWFI VITAmix! 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.



Join us on April 26th at the Philadelphia Boys Choir & Chorale from 5-8pm for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Party. It will be a fun night full of camaraderie, commiseration, prizes and delicious food! [RSVP here.](#)



This month, we'd like to acknowledge the following two individuals:

Mike Oleksiuk for PA and **Bei Zhang** for NJ. Northeast SuperSite Manager Mitzie Brown writes, "Mike O (as we like to call him) has been volunteering for 4 years now and has become one of our most dedicated tax preparers. He is a husband and grandfather of 10 and he still finds time to volunteer!! We appreciate everything he has to bring to our Northeast tax family." Thanks Mike O!



Rutgers Site Manager Blair Gerold writes, "Bei Zhang is new to the Rutgers site this year and she has fit in wonderfully. Her dedication is unparalleled. She is at every session and is always one of the first in the door. She is always sure to observe and ask questions so she can handle all types of returns. Bei really is dedication incarnated." You rock, Bei!

TAX SITE STATS!!

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



Philadelphia

- Total refunds: 12.9 million
- Total EITC: \$5.5 million
- Average Refund: \$2,042
- Highest EITC (%):
 - 1) HACE (59%)
 - 2) United Communities (55%)
 - 3) ACHIEVEability (51%)

New Jersey

- Total refunds: \$1.8 million
- Total EITC: 972,122
- Highest Refund : \$1,150
- Highest Production:
 - 1) Cathedral (46%)
 - 2) Rutgers (40%)
 - 3) Atlantic Free Lib (32%)

Montco

- Total refunds: 2.5 million
- Total EITC: \$972,526 million
- Average Refund: \$1,762
- Highest EITC (%):
 - Cadcom (39%)
 - Indian Valley (36%)
 - Pottstown (28%)



TICKETS

CONGRATULATIONS!! The following volunteers have put in at least 50 hours of volunteer time this season and were winners of our 76ers v Nuggets ticket raffle drawing :

- 1) Naeem Hasaan
- 2) James McCaughey
- 3) Carol Gurzo
- 4) Michael Gathers-LeMar
- 5) Bernice Gibe
- 6) Kevin Nguyen
- 7) Bei Zhang
- 8) Luis Lopez
- 9) Cho Cheung
- 10) Michael Oleksiuk
- 11) Joseph Clooney
- 12) Chen Ni
- 13) Jenny Chung
- 14) Faris Rassam
- 15) Debra Brown





CWFI is holding a **SEPTA Selfie** contest for volunteers who see our ads on SEPTA and take a selfie with them. **First 5 win free movie tickets.** Text your selfie to **267-847-2238.**



CELEBRITY IN THE HOUSE!

On February 27, CWFI's CEO, Mary Arthur, was on *CBS3 Eyewitness News This Morning* talking about CWFI and the impact our volunteers have each tax season in the region. And, on each Sunday at 8am until the end of tax season, Mary will be on Senator Hughes' radio show on 100.3 WRNB. Listen in and share on social media!



SPREAD THE WORD

CWFI offers two **free** tax prep tools that we encourage all our interns, volunteers, staff and friends to utilize. Its super easy to use!



[Under \$33,000]



[Under \$66,000]



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 *Volunteer Agreement* as soon as you satisfy the requirements.



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| 3/1 - Tyrone Bell | 3/14 - Samantha Hudson |
| 3/1 - Kim Post | 3/17 - Pamela Burnett |
| 3/1 - Jack Ryle | 3/17 - Yu Feng |
| 3/3 - Gaetjens Bousy | 3/19- KC Drayton |
| 3/3 - Giaoshan Huang | 3/19 - Susan Grossinger |
| 3/3 - Zelda Parker | 3/19 - Cheryl Swinton |
| 3/4 - Mary Kathleen Allison | 3/20 - Edward Davis |
| 3/4 - Antoinette Johnson El | 3/20 - Michele Slayton |
| 3/4 - Rui Wan | 3/21- Maxzine Boston |
| 3/5 - Shu-Wei Cheng | 3/21 - Geraldine Sinatra |
| 3/6 - Cho Cheung | 3/23 - Jenny Chung |
| 3/6 - Janet Doherty | 3/24 - Tatiana Albarracin |
| 3/8 - Jenny Chin | 3/24 - Celeste Hernandez |
| 3/8 - Verna Cornish | 3/27 - Hyewon Cho |
| 3/9 - Elizabeth Wang | 3/28 - Stacy Campbell |
| 3/10 - Zenobia Jackson | 3/28 - Thuan Huynh |
| 3/11 - Elizabeth Cloues | 3/28 - Olivia Slogosky |
| 3/11 - Helen Rovner | 3/30 - Kishore Palle |
| 3/11 - Amina Russell McSeed | 3/31 - Gwendolyn Burnett |
| 3/12 - Dawn Johnson | 3/31 - Allyssa Crawford |
| 3/14 - Jenaleigh Castano | 3/31 - Kenya Herring |



Mobile Tax Sites - We are operating 13 Mobile Tax Sites across Philly and Camden. Also, we are once again teaming up with *Independence Blue Cross* to offer VITA tax prep services out of their amazing IBX Freedom Truck. Click [here](#) for location info and to sign up.

VITA APPRECIATION DAY (Mar 15)

When you volunteer with CWFI's VITA program, you become part of a powerful legacy of community improvement, engagement and financial empowerment. As a gesture of our appreciation of you, we are distributing goodie bags to each site. If your site has not received its goodie bags yet, you will soon!! Thank you!!



COMING SOON



- March 15 - VITA Appreciation Day & 76ers Raffle Drawing
- March 26 - 76ers v Nuggets w/High-Five Tunnel
- April 17 - Last day of Tax Season!!
- April 26 - Volunteer Appreciation Party - [Click here to RSVP](#)