

The CWF 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 CWF VITAmix! This newsletter is our platform for sharing volunteering news, tax tips and updates, a forum to acknowledge our amazing volunteers, and a way to keep in touch with everyone who is a part of our community.

Volunteer of the Month

Each month of the tax season, CWF likes to recognize volunteers that step up and go above-and-beyond the call of duty. While we truly appreciate all our volunteers, we believe that by highlighting a high caliber of volunteerism we recognize all of you that selflessly donate your time and effort for your communities and our mission. This month, we'd like to acknowledge the following 2 individuals: Ms. Harriet West for PA and Yunbing "Winnie" Zheng for NJ. See page 2 for more details.

FINANCIAL WELLNESS DAY

SATURDAY
MARCH 30, 2019

9AM_3PM

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TAX SITE STATS!!

The following are some filing statistics from our PA and southern NJ tax sites:



Pennsylvania:

- Total refunds: \$11.7 million
- Total EITC: \$4.6 million
- Highest EITC: \$11,992
- Highest Production:
 - 1) Northeast SuperSite
 - 2) Center City SuperSite
 - 3) North Central Financial

New Jersey:

- Total refunds: \$1.4 million
- Total EITC: \$445,426
- Highest EITC: \$11,606
- Highest Production:
 - 1) Vineland
 - 2) Lower Cape
 - 3) Atlantic Cape



REWARD POINTS

New for this year, we are introducing a points system as a way to recognize volunteers who serve at our special events and short-staffed shifts. Basically, as an additional incentive, the volunteers with the most points will be recognized with a special reward at our year-end Volunteer Appreciation Party. The following shifts have points assigned:

- All Mobile Tax Events
- Financial Wellness Day (3/30)
- Tax Sites: CareerLink (Sat); Ebenezer (Sat); ParkWest (Tues/Wed); Mt. Pisgah (Sat); IMPACT (Sat); Margo Davidson (Wed); Vineland (Sat)

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Harriet West - Site Manager
Carmen Manning states, "This advanced multi-tasking volunteer comes 4 days a week. She prepares returns, assists other preparers, helps with intake, is a buffer for the clients, and keeps the work area neat and tidy. This lil powerhouse is more dependable than the US postal service through rain or snow. Center City SS greatly appreciates Ms. Harriet!!"



Yunbing Zheng - The Vineland team nominates Yunbing (Winnie) Zheng. She is a first year volunteer who has been a quick learner and great tax preparer. She has strong customer service skills and enjoys working with clients one-on-one. Winnie has been a dedicated volunteer and an asset to the Vineland team. Thanks Winnie!



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| 02/03 Gianna Beck | 02/14 Kathryn Moran |
| 02/03 William Grosso | 02/14 Jeff Shaffer |
| 02/03 Mei Lin Zhao | 02/15 Ekawati Phiong |
| 02/03 Yunbing Zheng | 02/16 Elise Morton |
| 02/04 Hanzi Chen | 02/16 Stephanie Ruiz |
| 02/05 Paul Harding | 02/17 Verna Chan |
| 02/06 Anthony Hipple | 02/19 Frank Murphy |
| 02/06 Richard Kaplan | 02/20 Arlette Leyba |
| 02/07 Randolph Furbeyre | 02/20 Candis Lupeituu |
| 02/07 Diane Parker | 02/20 Kamaria O'Reagan |
| 02/08 Lauren Bonanno | 02/20 Jing Wang |
| 02/09 Dodji Freitas | 02/22 Thomas Deenis |
| 02/09 Alexander Gulbin | 02/24 Chris Mauriello |
| 02/09 Theresa Morris | 02/24 Hector Mellado |
| 02/09 Jeffin Oommen | 02/25 Christopher Hershey |
| 02/09 Alka Pillai | 02/25 Christian Velez-Vargas |
| 02/10 Krystal Brown | 02/26 Henry Cammisa |
| 02/10 Fitzroy Campbell Jr | 02/26 Agatha Darocha |
| 02/11 Joseph Clare | 02/26 Sophia Turner |
| 02/11 Muneeba Khalid | 02/27 Alexandra Bisol |
| 02/12 John Ix | 02/27 Eliza Vasquez |
| 02/14 David Avery | 02/28 Debra Brown |
| 02/14 Luis Giron Pena | |
| 02/14 Keydi Lainez-Saracino | |



CWF is once again raffling off tickets to a 76ers game for volunteers who have logged at least **72 hours** of volunteer time. Winners will sit in awesome seats and participate in a High-Five Tunnel with the players at halftime. Raffle drawing is March 8th at noon. Game is Friday, March 15th @ 7pm. Get your hours in by March 8th so you can qualify!



FILE YOUR OWN TAXES!

CWF offers 2 free tax prep tools that we encourage all our interns, volunteers and staff to utilize:



If your income is **less than \$34,000**, you can file your federal and state taxes for free. Just be sure to go through our website to qualify.



If your AGI is **less than 66,000**, United Way's MyFreeTaxes is a great tool that is super easy to use and very mobile-friendly.



- March 8** - Raffle drawing for Sixers v Kings Tix & High-Five Tunnel
- March 15** - VITA Awareness Day / Sixers Game
- March 30** - Financial Wellness Day @ the Free Library of Philadelphia
- April 15** - Last day of Tax Season!!
- April 26** - Volunteer Appreciation Party @ Philadelphia Boys Choir