

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!"



The CWF 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 CWF's 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.](#)



On March 27th, CWF staff and volunteers appeared on **The Q** show on Fox 29 to promote our free tax prep and asset building program. CWF supporter and Eagles Running Back, Wendell Smallwood, was interviewed by Quincy to promote our *Financial Wellness Day* at the Free Library. [You can watch the clip here.](#)



TICKETS

MARCH 30th is our *Financial Wellness Day* at the Free Library of Philadelphia. The event will include free tax prep from 9-3pm, as well as information tables from community resources such as Clarifi, UpLift Solutions, TruMark Financial, Philly 311, PECO, Comcast, UESF, IRS and others. As an added bonus, families who have their taxes prepared at the event will be entered to win one of two great prizes, including a Wendell Smallwood signed football or a \$100 VISA gift card. [Sign up to volunteer](#) and spread the word to your neighbors! Check out our promotional video for the event featuring Eagles Running Back, Wendell Smallwood: www.cwfphilly.org.

CONGRATULATIONS!! The following volunteers served at least 72 hours of volunteer time this season and were winners of our 76ers ticket raffle drawing:

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| 1) Evonne Hilton | 8) Ryan Dougherty |
| 2) Josielynn Mejia | 9) Abdoulaye Traore |
| 3) Frank McDonnell | 10) Michael Brame |
| 4) Gia Ngo | 11) Sheria Joseph |
| 5) Shanae Bells | 12) Meiduo Gong |
| 6) Debra Brown | 13) Mohand Ihout |
| 7) William Loerch | 14) Gwendolyn Burnett |
| | 15) Joseph Thum |



FINAL 2 WEEK PUSH - Earn 5 reward points in the final 2 weeks for *any* shift as long as you serve at least 2 shifts that week. Then cash in your points for prizes at the Volunteer Appreciation Party on April 26th!



VITA volunteer of the month



Shena Naver, South Philly Site Manager writes, "I would like to nominate Chris Gauss who has been an amazing volunteer at United Communities. His work is thorough and concise. We often joke that he writes paragraphs in client folders so that all issues are covered during Quality Review." Thanks Chris for being so awesome!



Atlantic County Site Manager, Hope Morris, writes, "Frank McDonnell has prepared over half of our returns at both sites I manage in AC. He is great to work with and takes full responsibility when he makes a mistake. He is always either early or on time but very rarely late. He has proved to be invaluable and a model VITA volunteer." Thanks Frank for all your hard work!

TAX SITE STATS!!

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



Pennsylvania

- Total refunds: 17.2 million
- Total EITC: \$6.7 million
- Average Refund: \$1,837
- Highest EITC (%):
 - 1) Temple (50%)
 - 2) Impact Srvc (49%)
 - 3) United Communities (48%)

New Jersey

- Total refunds: \$2.4 million
- Total EITC: \$734,933
- Highest Refund : \$1,042
- Highest EITC (%):
 - 1) Hispanic Srvc (44%)
 - 2) Rutgers (40%)
 - 3) Galloway (32%)



CE Credits - Are you a CPA or Certified Financial Planner? Are you seeking Continuing Education credit for your time as a VITA volunteer this tax season? Check out this IRS [Fact Sheet](#) for more info and be sure to **re-send** us your completed *Volunteer Agreement* as soon as you satisfy the requirements.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| 03/01 - Isaiah Gibson | 03/19 - Susan Grossinger |
| 03/01 - Kim Post | 03/19 - Mary Rincon |
| 03/01 - Jack Ryle | 03/20 - Nancy Moore |
| 03/03 - Qiaoshan Huang | 03/20 - Michele Slayton |
| 03/03 - Zelda Parker | 03/21 - Maxzine Boston |
| 03/04 - Yang Liu | 03/21 - Michael Fitzpatrick |
| 03/04 - Ziyue Zhang | 03/21 - Geraldine Sinatra |
| 03/06 - Frank Bucci | 03/23 - Eric Glickman |
| 03/06 - Cho Cheung | 03/24 - Tatiana Albarracin |
| 03/06 - Alexandra Daly | 03/24 - Celeste Hernandez |
| 03/07 - Janine Singleton | 03/25 - Bochy Fu |
| 03/08 - Jenny Chin | 03/25 - Daniel Gauntlett |
| 03/10 - Eileen Xiao | 03/25 - Nhu Ho |
| 03/11 - Elizabeth Cloues | 03/25 - Debbie Santoro |
| 03/11 - Ashley Miller | 03/26 - Jeffrey Isaacson |
| 03/12 - Marco Centanni | 03/26 - Lauren Kracht |
| 03/12 - Dawn Johnson | 03/26 - Steven Tyler |
| 03/12 - Hayim Wolf | 03/27 - Sheldina Bruton |
| 03/14 - Jenaleigh Castano | 03/27 - Hyewon Cho |
| 03/15 - Steven Moultrie | 03/28 - Stacy Campbell |
| 03/15 - Mario Valdivia | 03/28 - Jack Dong |
| 03/15 - YiYing Wu | 03/28 - Thuan Huynh |
| 03/16 - Maria Cazacu | 03/28 - Rodrigue Njioda |
| 03/16 - Stacie Johnson | 03/28 - Olivia Slogosky |
| 03/16 - Yao Wang | 03/29 - Yiupong Fong |
| 03/17 - Terion Anderson | 03/29 - Jenna Overton |
| 03/17 - Hemna Chaudry | 03/29 - Luis Santiago |
| 03/17 - Teresa Saunders | 03/31 - Gwendolyn Burnett |
| 03/19 - Kc Drayton | 03/31 - Kenya Herring |



Mobile Tax Sites - We are once again teaming up with *Independence Blue Cross* to offer VITA tax prep services out of their amazing IBX Freedom Truck. It will be parked behind our NE SuperSite across from the Acme. Click [here](#) to sign up!

COMING SOON



- March 30** - Financial Wellness Day @ Free Library
- April 5** - Free File Tax Community Briefing w/ Congressman Dwight Evans
- April 15** - Last day of Tax Season!
- April 26** - Volunteer Appreciation Party - [RSVP](#)
- May 14** - NCFC site reopens for summer