REGISTRATION for our intensive preseason Tax Associate Bootcamp is open and classes began on November 18th and run through December 21st. Our Bootcamp gives you the opportunity to dive deeper into federal and state tax law than our regular season 8-hour Basic and Advanced trainings in January, and give you the instruction on how to be a Quality Reviewer. Registration for our January trainings in PA and NJ will open December 15th.

BE READY! If you are a new volunteer or returning, do these 3 things ASAP to make sure you’re ready for the upcoming training

- Create/update your Volunteerhub account (our online volunteer portal)
- Create/update your IRS Link&Learn account (certification site)
- Create/update your TaxSlayer Practice Lab account
- Be sure to add Jonathan’s email (jbarnes@cwfphilly.org) to your contacts to ensure you receive updates about trainings, shifts and events.

This year, we are piloting an incentivized Volunteer Referral Program to recruit more amazing volunteers like you! For new volunteers that you recruit who serve at least 50 hours at a tax site by April 15th, you will receive a $100 gift card and special recognition at our end-of-season Volunteer Appreciation Party. Enrollment is limited to 10 new volunteers. To enroll in the program:

- Email volunteer’s name to Jonathan by March 1, 2020
- Volunteer must certify by January 25th at either the Basic or Advanced level
- Volunteer must log 50+ hours in VolunteerHub between Jan 21 and April 15

Check out this awesome Taxpayer Roadmap the IRS developed to help taxpayers understand the IRS’ process for handling tax returns, audits and appeals. This is a great resource for any taxpayers dealing with the IRS. Please share!
Since still so many VITA eligible taxpayers end up going to paid preparers the minute they get their W2s, this year our Champions for Change Street Teams will spread the word about our services and tax sites. Volunteers will distribute flyers to both individuals and families. To sign up, click here!

Whether you are attending Bootcamp or our trainings in January (or will self-certify), be sure to check out the training resources we have on our website that cover all tax topics within the VITA scope, as well as additional practice scenarios to keep you sharp up until the start of the tax season. We co-developed these resources with Prosperity Now, a national VITA coalition founded to support VITA efforts across the country.

On Nov 14, we held our annual Counting on You fundraiser at the Cescaphe Ballroom. We honored some of our most dedicated supporters, shared our successes and set the stage for TY2020. Cheers to all of you for helping us to fulfill our mission!

For all new potential volunteers who are interested in learning more about volunteering as Tax Preparers or Resource Builders, we have scheduled Tax Time Info Sessions in December (4th & 12th) and January (6th & 15th). We will be advertising them on our website as well as Facebook and Instagram, so please be sure to share them to your networks! We need more amazing volunteers like you, and current volunteers are the best ambassadors. Thank you!

November 18 - Dec 21 - Tax Associate Bootcamp
January 2020 - Basic/Advanced trainings at Temple and in NJ
January 21, 2020 - PA tax sites open
January 24, 2020 - EITC Kickoff Day @ City Hall
January 27, 2020 - NJ and Montco sites open