

*Those who can, do. Those who can do more, become a VITA volunteer!*



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# VITAmix

A newsletter for sharing volunteering tax tips and updates, a forum to acknowledge our amazing volunteers, and a way to keep in touch with our supporters.

## Sign Up Now!

**ALL PA AND NJ SITES ARE OPEN!** You can now **SIGN UP** for shifts at your favorite tax sites in PA and NJ. Go to <https://cwfphilly.org/volunteer/> and click on the map to find your tax site. If you are unable to view any shifts, please send us your **Volunteer Agreement** so we can activate you in the system. Thank you!

# WELCOME

We want to warmly welcome our new volunteers and say thank you for getting certified to help serve your community at our tax sites. We also want to welcome our new tax site and Facilitated Self-Assist partners for the upcoming season, and thank them for stepping up to offer VITA to their customers and communities.

**PA**

- St Christopher's Children's Hospital
- Vaux EnVision Center
- New Kensington CDC
- Congreso
- YW3CA (Pottstown)

**NJ**

- AC Workforce Development
- Ideal SEED Center

**Facilitated Self-Assist** - New this year is the establishment of FSA sites where taxpayers file their own returns with the assistance of VITA certified volunteers.

- Lenfest Center
- Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network
- Project HOME
- Utility Emergency Assistance Fund



CWF is excited to welcome a team of 8 AmeriCorps NCCC volunteers to our VITA program at Ebenezer Pentecostal Church. They

came from all over the country to help low-income Philadelphians get the refund they deserve! Each team member is Advanced certified and will serve as Quality Reviewer or Resource Specialist. Welcome to Philly Elm 3 NCCC team!

## SELF-CERTIFICATION AND REFRESHER RESOURCES:

Whether you certified at our trainings or on your own on [Link&Learn](#), we have resources to refresh your memory on the tax topics within the VITA scope or to train yourself to certify at the next level. [CLICK HERE](#) to view the training modules for each tax topics, as well as IRS publications and other helpful resources.

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## VOLUNTEER REFERRAL PROGRAM

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



## REWARD POINTS

**Earn points and get rewarded!** Our points system is a way to recognize volunteers who serve at our special events and short-staffed sites. 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**
- **Tax Sites:** NKCDC, Congreso, VauxEnvision Center, YW3CA, all Atlantic Cty sites



CWF's partner, TruMark Financial Credit Union, is offering all members of our VITA program an exclusive opportunity to open an account with special perks normally reserved for their staff. Such benefits include no minimum balance or monthly fees, plus get up to \$175 for just opening it! [To learn more and download the flyer, click here.](#)



**Mobile Tax Team** While we will be operating 36 tax sites this year across the region, not every eligible taxpayer is able to make it to one of our sites. Therefore, our

**Mobile Tax Team** performs a vital function by going into communities and neighborhoods to meet people where they are at organizations they trust. This year will be our most ambitious, with over 20 Mobile Tax Events starting as soon as Feb 4th. Partners include PA Senators Vincent Hughes and Stephen Kearney, PA Representative Margo Davidson, City of Philadelphia and the Upper Darby Township. If you are Advanced certified, please consider joining our *Mobile Tax Team* and [SIGN UP HERE](#). The first 3 events are approaching quickly:

- [Feb 4, 3-7pm @ PHL Airport](#)
- [Feb 8, 9-2pm Senator Hughes \(West Philly\)](#)
- [Feb 11, 1-5pm @ PHL Airport](#)

Questions? [Email Jonathan](#) to learn more.

**January 27** - NJ sites opened

**January 31** - **EITC Kickoff Day** @ Center City SuperSite

**February 4** - First **Mobile Tax Event** @ Philadelphia Int'l Airport

**March 15** - 76ers Ticket Raffle Drawing for vols over 75 hours

**March 28** - **Financial Wellness Day** @ Free Library of Philadelphia

