As you know, the IRS has extended the tax filing deadline to May 17. This applies to all taxpayers who owe. We will accordingly continue to operate our in-person and virtual tax prep sites until the new deadline. Please take OUR SURVEY to let us know whether you can continue serving with us.

The American Rescue Plan will affect many of the taxpayers we serve. Here is a summary of the major ways it will have an impact:

- **3rd EIP Payment**: $1,400 per person, including all dependents claimed (regardless of age)
- **Child Tax Credit**: Increased to $3K for 6-17 y/o, $3,600 under 6) and now fully refundable
- **Unemployment Income**: Up to $10,200 is excludable from federal income tax
- **Advanced Premium Tax Credit**: Taxpayers with health insurance from the Marketplace will not have to repay any advance premium tax credits received in 2020

**EARN POINTS!**

You can now earn points for all in-person shifts starting April 1st, and for all virtual shifts starting April 16th. The volunteers with the most earned points will be recognized at our Volunteer Appreciation Party and eligible to win special prizes.

Over 2 months into the tax season and still 1.5 months to go! You have been amazing, and despite the barriers we and our customers are facing, our numbers are up for March compared to Feb - so awesome!

**Pennsylvania:**
- **March refunds**: $5.2 million
- **March EITC**: $781K
- **Highest Refund**: $14,032
- **Highest EITC**: $6,660
- **Average Refund**: $2,139

**New Jersey:**
- **March refunds**: $815K
- **March EITC**: $64K
- **Highest Refund**: $9,320
- **Highest EITC**: $6,660
- **Average Refund**: $1,401

**Virtual:**
- **March refunds**: $1 million
- **March EITC**: $208K
- **Highest Refund**: $13,763
- **Highest EITC**: $6,660
- **Average Refund**: $2,195

With the tax season extended until May 17, we’ve pushed back our Volunteer Appreciation Party to May 20th at 7pm. Since COVID is still with us, it will be held on Zoom, but we promise it will be entertaining and not too long! We’ll share the season stats overall and for each site, recognize those who went above and beyond, have raffles, prizes, games, a slideshow and other ways to make it interactive and fun. Please join us if you can and let us know if you are coming by RSVPing on VolunteerHub. We’re excited to celebrate you!

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American Opportunity Credit
If a taxpayer appears to qualify for the AOC but they receive more in scholarship than they spend in tuition, the credit is not necessarily lost. Specifically, to maximize a taxpayer’s eligibility for the credit, you can convert certain grant money into earned income for purposes of the credit as long as you include that amount in gross income. Sound counter-intuitive? Check out this article for a detailed explanation, and speak with your Site Manager for guidance.

Give it to US! We’d Like Your Feedback.
Please let us know how training was this year, and how prepared you felt prior to your first shift. Click here for Basic and here for Advanced.

May 17 - Last day of tax season!
May 20 - Volunteer Appreciation Party @ 7pm on Zoom
May - Oct - Extended Tax Season (select in-person sites & VTP)
Nov - Training for 2022 Tax Season begins