

The Campaign for Working Families



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

With a helping hand from you, tax season may never be the same!

Take All the Money. You Earned It!™

Join 400 other Philadelphia volunteers helping eligible low-income families find their way through the tax-filing maze—to a brighter future

Help working families make the most of their earning power

- Tax filing can be intimidating and costly. Every year thousands of families fail to take full advantage of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).
- EITC boosts the earning power of eligible working families whose salaries don't stretch far enough to meet their needs.
- Join Philadelphia's Campaign for Working Families, a citywide partnership working to help all eligible families get the full tax credits they deserve.
- Become a volunteer—meet with families one on one and help walk them through the tax-filing maze—FREE OF CHARGE!

More income for the entire region

- Last year the Campaign brought in an astounding \$15.1 million to working families.
- Volunteers saved working families an average of \$165 per tax return on tax preparation fees. Last year, this added up to \$1.5 million in savings.

Am I eligible to be a Volunteer Tax Preparer?

- If you have experience preparing your own tax return and are comfortable with computer spreadsheets, we need you.
- Help with data entry and volunteer greeter positions also available, for those who do not want to prepare tax returns.

What is the training commitment?

- 4 - 8 classroom hours and on-site practice for beginners (fewer, if you're an accountant).
- Training will be conducted December through mid-January.
- Volunteers receive **IRS certification**.

What is the Volunteer commitment?

- Consider volunteering for 1 session per week during the 13-week tax season: January - April 2005. Volunteering one session each week returns over \$30,000 to local families! Must volunteer for a minimum of 8 sessions over tax season (total of 24-32 hours).
- Typical sessions are 3-4 hours on weeknights and Saturdays.

United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania seeks Volunteer Tax Preparers—we need you! Email us at: TaxVolunteer@uwsepa.org, call us at 215-665-2544, or register online at www.uwsepa.org/about_us/eitc.html



Am I liable as a volunteer?

Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 protects anyone volunteering at a nonprofit or government entity. It applies to a volunteer serving as a director, officer, trustee, or direct service volunteer. The Act generally protects volunteers from liability for negligent acts they perform within the scope of their responsibilities in the organizations for whom they volunteer. The Act excludes conduct that is willful or criminal, grossly negligent or reckless. Quality Checkers at each free tax-filing site are on staff to assist all volunteers.