



The CWF VITAmix



VOLUNTEER NEWS AND UPDATES



Tax Season Wrap-Up

CWF is excited to share that as of Tuesday, October 15th, we officially wrapped up our tax preparation services for 2024! Our incredible volunteers contributed a whopping **18,562 hours**. Your hard work and dedication made a real difference—thank you for everything!

Looking ahead, we'd love to have you back for the 2025 season! The Volunteer Department is already gearing up for next year and will be hosting both **virtual and in-person training sessions at Temple University throughout January**. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining our volunteer team, please encourage them to fill out our [Volunteer Interest Form!](#)



2025 Paid Internships

CWF is seeking highly motivated, mature individuals for **Tax & Intake Specialist internships** that will begin January 2025.

This is a fantastic opportunity for college students and recent grads who are looking for entry-level work that makes an impact in the community. **Interns earn \$15 per hour** with a guarantee of at least 12 hours per week.



[Click here for more information and detailed job descriptions.](#) 

APPLY NOW



Interested applicants should email their resume to Elizabeth Olson, Volunteer Engagement and Partnerships Manager (eolson@cwfphilly.org).



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



MARISEL ACOSTA

Marisel joined the CWF team as a volunteer this summer and quickly became an invaluable asset. She assisted our tax team with reconciling the databases CWF uses to track their tax work for clients. Additionally, Marisel took on the significant task of organizing and inventorying CWF's supplies and technology. Her dedication and attention to detail have made a lasting impact on our operations

Marisel is a mother of two, an attorney, and a proud volunteer with multiple nonprofits in the area. A native of Puerto Rico, she practiced law with a Philadelphia-based global firm for many years, representing clients in high-stakes civil litigation. She left the firm in 2023 to dedicate more time to her family.

"The team at CWF is terrific and the organization's work is impactful. I really enjoy being a CWF volunteer! Looking ahead, I plan to earn my VITA certification so I can also volunteer as a tax preparer next tax season."



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



CHERYL MACKEY *Chief of Staff*

Cheryl is the newest member of the CWF team, joining us this past September. With a wealth of experience with VITA, she previously oversaw CWF's VITA efforts in her last role and even volunteered with us last year!

What did you do prior to coming to CWF?

Most recently I was the Director of Financial Empowerment at United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey where I managed the development and implementation of financial initiatives. I also spent 15 years in the Early Childhood Education and Child Welfare fields, holding positions as a Mental Health Counselor, Foster Parent Recruiter, and Director of Childcare.

What exactly does the Chief of Staff do?

I'm a strategic partner and advisor to the CEO and the senior team, acting as an integral link to ensure alignment across the organization.

Tell us a little about yourself?

I'm a native Philadelphian who loves working with people and helping them become all they were intended to be. My husband and I are also pastors at Christ Community Church of Philadelphia (Wilmington campus).

What is your favorite thing about working here?

I love working alongside a diverse and dynamic group of people, as well as strengthening community connections.