



The CWF VITAmix



VOLUNTEER NEWS AND UPDATES



Though we're well into summer now, the tax returns keep on coming. Got some free time this summer? **Sign up for a volunteer shift** at either our HQ office or with our virtual team!

HQ



VIRTUAL



CWF Host Press Conference with Key Leaders to Announce New IRS Initiative

On Tuesday, July 30th, 2024, CWF hosted **Secretary of the Treasury Janet Yellen, PA Governor Josh Shapiro, Congressman Brendan Boyle, and Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon** to announce the implementation of the IRS's free electronic tax-filing system, **Direct File**, to PA taxpayers next tax season. Direct File is a free, online platform designed to make tax filing more accessible and efficient for all taxpayers.

Following the press conference, CWF President and CEO **Dr. Nikia Owens** moderated a **roundtable discussion** featuring Sec. Yellen, Congresswoman Scanlon, **City Council Member Rue Landau**, representatives from the **PA Dept. of Revenue, Ceiba, the City of Philadelphia**, and more.

[Click here to read the full article on the event!](#)





VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS



LARYSSA WILSON

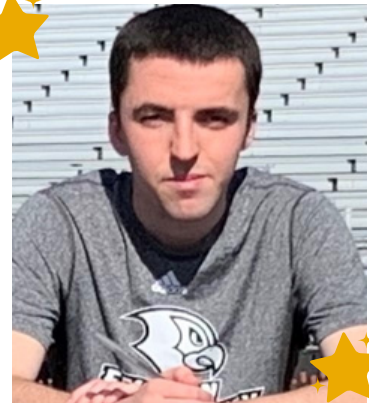
This is Laryssa's **first year volunteering** at CWF. During the tax season, she volunteered in-person in her home state of Tennessee. Wanting to stay involved with VITA over the summer, she connected with CWF online. She works virtually and is certified as an Advanced Tax Preparer.

"I love the fact that I am helping taxpayers navigate the tax code even after April 15th. I truly love that it is a remote opportunity which makes it easier for me to be involved regardless of where the taxpayer is located."

MICHAEL TEPPER

This is Michael's **first year volunteering** with CWF. He works virtually as a clerical volunteer and found CWF while searching online for summer volunteering opportunities.

"I like volunteering at CWF because everyone is nice and very helpful. I couldn't get certified as a tax preparer because the certification website is down, but I was given a new opportunity as a clerical volunteer. CWF is perfect because my major is accounting - I look forward to receiving training as a tax preparer."



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



SYREETA STANLEY *Family Stability Manager*

Syreeta is the newest member of the CWF team, joining us this past July. Get to know her and her role below!

What did you do prior to coming to CWF?

In the last 7 years, I was a Division Director for over 7 programs supporting housing stability and resources for Families with school-aged children, individuals connected to the Philadelphia Earn Centers, Community Behavioral Health patients, Office of Homeless Services clients, McClure Elementary General Case Management, and other direct assistance programs.

What exactly does the Family Stability Manager do?

My role is to oversee programs and services that can help families meet their needs. Whether that be educational, financial, or direct connection to a resource. We have much to build on and will work alongside Philadelphia families to make it successful!



What is your favorite thing about working here?

The feel of a smaller agency allows for greater impact. I love that this agency identified the need for family stability. This will expand the scale of programs and resources that support the working class to gain capital.