CTA COMMUNITY TAX AID, INC.

providing free tax assistance to those in need

October 2018

During the 2018 tax season, you helped us prepare over 10,000 federal and state returns returns for over 5,000 clients. These returns brought $5.2M in federal refunds and $4.1M in state refunds into the hands of our clients and into the DMV local economy. We could not have done this without your help! CTA continues to provide services to clients in the postseason where about 20 volunteers have prepared over 100 additional tax returns.

Welcome Ron Hays

Ron Hays joined CTA in June as the Tax Program Manager. Ron, who has an accounting degree from the University of Wyoming and an MBA from the University of Notre Dame, brings a great deal of experience in the accounting and financial management fields, with his most recent experience being in the nonprofit sector. Ron has been a volunteer at the Montgomery County VITA program for the past six years, and volunteered this past season at the CTA Rockville and McPherson Square tax sites. We are very excited to have Ron join Teresa and Miren on the CTA staff!

Social Media Manager

Do you have strong writing and internet media skills? CTA is looking for someone to spend a couple hours a week as our volunteer Social Media Manager. If interested, or you know someone who would be, send an email to volunteer@communitytaxaiddc.org.

Want your IRS Volunteer Certificate?

If you were not able to attend the volunteer appreciation event and would still like to receive your volunteer certificate, send an email to miren@communitytaxaiddcc.org.

Getting Ready for Tax Season

Training is Coming

We will have trainings for returning preparers starting in December. Look for emails in November with more details.

Drop Off/Virtual VITA

CTA will be piloting a "virtual" VITA program with the SEED school in Ward 7. The high school students will perform a slightly more intensive interview and intake and upload digital copies of the tax forms into a secure Dropbox folder. Volunteers will prepare the tax returns at a different location. We may also use this service to handle overflow at large-volume sites or to provide service to new small sites.

Help Recruit Volunteers

As a CTA volunteer you know how rewarding the experience at the tax site can be. We need your help recruiting new volunteers for the upcoming tax season. We particularly need help recruiting client coordinators to help with intake and exit. This is a great opportunity that does not require tax certification from the IRS. For more information see https://www.communitytaxaiddc.org/volunteers-3/

Updated Form 1040

Form 1040 has been shortened (but has six new schedules) and forms 1040EZ and 1040A are retired. Over the summer, CTA shared our comments on how the changes might impact the taxpayers that we serve. You can see current drafts at: irs.gov/draftforms

Check Your Withholding

The IRS stongly encouranges all taxpayers to do a Paycheck Checkup to see how the new tax law and withhlding tables will affect you.

Recognize your hard work and support CTA

Dollars for Doers

Many employers will donate to a nonprofit that their employee volunteers with through a Dollars for Doers program. Click here to find out if your employer is on the list!

Birthday Fundraiser

How many times have you heard friends and family say: "Wow! You do taxes. I could never do that." Consider asking them to **support your awesomeness** with a birthday fundraiser. You can setup a fundraiser on Facebook or contact teresa.hinze@communitytaxaiddc.org for other options.

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