



Porschia Thomas-Quinn

Volunteer Since 2003
Lawndale Tax Site



Clients who come to the Center's Lawndale tax site are welcomed by the friendly face of Porschia Thomas-Quinn, a friendly, vivacious volunteer tax preparer.

Porschia first got involved with the Center in 2003 while she was an accounting student at DePaul University in Chicago. She attended a presentation about the different volunteer opportunities at the Center and immediately got involved as a tax preparer. Since she knew she wanted to get into the tax field, she felt it would be a good opportunity to get experience while also helping others.

Porschia has since graduated from DePaul University and is currently working as an auditor. Though she keeps busy with her job, studying for the CPA exam (which she recently passed with flying colors), spending time with family and friends and traveling, Porschia has continued to find time each year to volunteer with the Center right in her neighborhood of Lawndale.

"It's a way for me to give back close to home."

Through her volunteer experience with the Center, Porschia has had the opportunity to meet a variety of different people including site managers, fellow volunteers and clients. In fact, she says that it's the people that keep her coming back year after year.

Porschia's favorite part about her volunteer experience with CEP is the chance to talk to the clients and hear their stories. This tax season, Porschia helped a client get a large tax refund, which she planned to use to open her own small business.

"I love sitting with clients, talking with them and hearing their stories," said Porschia. You see that you're helping people, and it makes you feel good."