

Lift communities.

VOLUNTEER.

The Center for Economic Progress (CEP) is looking for **volunteers to work one-on-one with low-income families** to make tax time an opportunity to get ahead.



To volunteer at a tax site:

*No experience necessary. We train a wide range of volunteers, including people with no background in taxes.

*If you're bilingual in Spanish, we need you.

*All training is provided through online and in-person classes.

*Flexible schedules. Suggested commitment of about one shift per week during the tax season, January 21 to April 17, 2017.

Volunteer positions:

Tax Preparer

File federal and state tax returns and provide counseling on tax credits and forms.

Tax Site Specialist

Perform essential non-tax-prep activities, including client intake, education and outreach.

Savings Coach

Engage clients on a one-to-one basis and in groups, to gain an understanding of their financial goals and promote saving during tax time. Position available at select sites.

▶ **Next Step:** Register to volunteer, view training schedules and find a site near you:
www.economicprogress.org/volunteer

▶ **Questions?** Contact CEP at 312-630-0288 or volunteer@economicprogress.org.

2017 CEP TAX SITES

Chicago

Auburn Gresham

Brighton Park

Bronzeville

Lawndale

Loop

Pilsen

Uptown

Outside Chicago

Aurora

Elgin

Evanston

Joliet

Lake County

Southland

Springfield

West Chicago

Need more information on volunteering?
Watch CEP volunteers talk about their experiences at:
www.economicprogress.org/testimonials

Meet our VOLUNTEERS.



CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY IN ACTION

Sandy, West Chicago, learned about CEP's volunteer opportunities through her employer and was happy to find an opportunity close to home. "I don't have to prepare taxes but...feeling like there is something I can do to help... made it seem like an achievable goal."



A FORMER CLIENT, NOW HE SERVES OTHERS

ASM, Elgin, has been volunteering for CEP for nine years. He first came to CEP when he had his tax return prepared. ASM believes in social responsibility: "I came in 2008 and started as a volunteer and [while] my health permits, I'll volunteer."



NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR

Eight years ago, Karina, Pilsen, remembers being nervous her first year volunteering, yet the site staff were very reassuring and always there. "I get a good feeling helping my community. I grew up in Pilsen. I keep coming back to help out the clients."



USES HIS SKILLS TO GIVE BACK

With a background in accounting, John, Evanston, volunteered to use his skills and knowledge. What is most worthwhile is seeing the direct impact of his work. "Do it. Just do it. I think the reward is the people. You meet people, you see how you can actually help them."



SERVICE WITH DIGNITY

Linda, Uptown, loves giving of herself to the community. When clients share their stories, she says, "You cry with them, you laugh with them, you feel like part of their family, and I think that's the point. We are here to help."

2016 Tax Season Highlights

 **696**
volunteers

 **\$28.5M**
in tax refunds

\$932,466
Saved! Tax-Time Savings Campaign

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