

Tax Volunteer Prepares Returns for Free

By Robin Robinowitz

Last tax season, Bernadette Abrams-Torrance was a volunteer greeter at a tax preparation site managed by The Campaign for Working Families. This year she wants to do more: become an IRS-certified tax preparer.

"I was really inspired last year. Working with the staff really charges you up," said Abrams-Torrance. "I signed up for 10 hours of training to complete tax forms, starting in December. I learned how to electronically file high quality tax returns, and help families receive all their tax refunds and credits."

Abrams-Torrance lives in Southwest Philadelphia and plans to volunteer at the nearby tax site, Ebenezer Temple Community Center, at 5552 Baltimore Ave. There are 10

Campaign for Working Families tax sites throughout Philadelphia.



Bernadette Abrams-Torrance will be joining her fellow tax preparation volunteers at Ebenezer Temple Church again this year.

The Campaign for Working Families helps save working families hundreds of dollars in tax preparation fees, ensures that they receive important tax credits, and connects them to valuable public benefits such as food stamps and heating assistance.

Abrams-Torrance encourages others to volunteer. "No experience necessary; all training provided. There are many ways that you can help at the tax sites: greet customers, organize paperwork, complete tax forms, fill out applications for benefits such as Food Stamps, and other administrative tasks," she said.

Visit www.phillyfreetaxes.org or call 215-851-

1759 to sign up today to volunteer with The Campaign for Working Families at a tax site near you.

Over the past seven years, The Campaign for Working Families has brought \$124.2 million in state and federal refunds to working families throughout Philadelphia. Visit the website www.phillyfreetaxes.org for more information.

Locations in addition to Ebenezer Church offering the Campaign for Working People free tax service include:

Diversified Community Services*

1529 S. 22nd St. Philadelphia, Pa 19146
Wednesdays 5:30-7:30
Saturdays 10-3 (Jan. 30-Feb. 27)

United Communities*

2029 S 8th St Philadelphia, PA 19148
Tuesdays 5-7 Saturdays 10-3
Note: Spanish spoken

Center City Super Site

1107 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19107
Monday-Thursday 3-7:30
Saturday 10-3

Mt. Pisgah Church

428 N. 41st St. (41st & Spring Garden Sts.) Philadelphia, PA 19104
Monday 2-7, Saturday 10-3

*Wheelchair Accessible