

Volunteer Committee

The mission of the Volunteer Committee is to impact the community in a positive way through the kind and ethical contribution of CTC members' time and expertise to the volunteer organizations and, thus, to the community. Below are the organizations the Chicago Tax Club is currently working with. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Allen Ake, CPA at akecpa@hotmail.com. Thank you for your interest in volunteering. We appreciate it!

ICPAS - CPA Board Connect – CPAs for the Public Interest

Join a not-for-profit board of directors to give back to your community. A variety of not-for-profits need financial expertise on their board of directors, and you can help. It is a great opportunity not only to provide much needed financial guidance and leadership to an organization, but also can help you build new skills and business relationships. View the current board opportunities, and check out trainings and other resources to enhance your not-for-profit board service.

Volunteer activities: Serving on a not-for-profit organization's board of directors.

Requirements: CPA or financial background.

Dates, times and place: Negotiated between the organization and volunteer.

Registration: Visit <http://www.icpas.org/hc-volunteer.aspx?id=8758> or <http://www.icpas.org/cpaspiapps/cpaboardconnect.aspx> to search for current opportunities. Note: ICPAS reserves these opportunities for its members.

ICPAS - Other Volunteer Opportunities – CPAs for the Public Interest

Many volunteer opportunities are available including: Junior Achievement - Dollars and Sense for Kids, Military Service Tax Preparation Program, College Financial Aid Application Assistance – FAFSA, Tax Preparation for Low Income Families, Habitat for Humanity – Building Financial Foundations, IRS Disaster Assistance and Emergency Relief, and various Pro Bono Consulting Opportunities.

Registration: Visit <http://www.icpas.org/> Click on the top right Volunteer tab.

Any questions contact Jill Wiles 312-993-0407 Ext 277 or 800-993-0407

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Tax Preparation for Low-Income Families – Center for Economic Progress

The Center for Economic Progress is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping hard-working, low-income families move from financial uncertainty to financial security. Founded in 1990, the Center provides free tax and financial services to improve the bottom line of Illinois' families. Thanks to more than 1,000 volunteers, the Center operates one of the largest and most established free tax preparation programs in Chicago and Illinois and has served more than 200,000 families, returning \$300 million plus in refunds – more than any other organization of its kind. The Center also provides year-round financial counseling and tools that support and empower the residents of Illinois communities. Leading a coalition of like-minded organizations from across the

country, the Center finds the solutions that work for working families. What they learn on the ground, they translate into best practices in the field and into workable policies at the federal and state levels.

Volunteer activities: Tax Preparer, Tax Site Assistant, Tax Representative, or Office Volunteer.

Requirements: Tax season volunteers are asked to volunteer at least 20 hours from late January to April. Tax representatives and office volunteers have a flexible commitment.

Training: All tax season volunteers are required to attend training classes offered by the Center. Chicago trainings take place in the Loop at Harold Washington College (30 E. Lake); south side and suburban training locations are available as well.

Dates, times and place: There are 11 volunteer sites in Chicago and 18 outside of Chicago. Days and times of operation vary, but volunteer sessions generally occur Monday – Thursday evenings from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm and Saturdays 10:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Registration: Sign up by the beginning of January. Early registration allows more training flexibility. Complete registration at

www.economicprogress.org/volunteer. Please indicate that you were referred by the Chicago Tax Club. Contact 312-630-0288 if you have any questions.

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