

# Reaching out: CTLP in the community

The Community Tax Law Project (CTLP) began collaborating with Central Virginia Farm Workers Initiative (CVFWI) in 2020, during the height of the pandemic, and COVID-19 made us develop creative ways of reaching the communities we serve. Our initial interaction with the migrant farm workers, mostly here on H2A visas and referred to us by CVFWI, was virtual. In 2020, we conducted educational sessions and provided assistance to several workers helping them claim the stimulus payment through the IRS portal, using Zoom and WhatsApp to guide them. CTLP's relationship with the workers has grown and we have been serving them ever since. During April 2023, Gladys Garcia, our Paralegal and ESL Outreach Coordinator, visited the H2A workers in the counties of Nelson, Amherst, and Albemarle. She provided general education on tax rights and responsibilities to workers from four companies. Gladys met with CVFWI's staff and members of the Migrant Advisory Council to make sure CTLP understands the current needs of the workers. The hybrid workshop hosted by CVFWI offered appointments at CVFWI's office in Lovingson for one-on-one consultations, including tax preparation for current CTLP clients to ensure their tax compliance.



Since the start of CTLP's partnership with CVFWI, we have:

- Provided education on tax rights and responsibilities to more than **300** H2A workers;
- Prepared and filed more than **35** tax returns for H2A workers;
- Conducted **24** one-on-one consultations;
- Assisted **5** H2A workers to claim their stimulus payment using the IRS portal; and
- Brought **8** H2A workers into tax compliance.

## Other Events in the Community



- ❖ In partnership with the Chesterfield County Public Library, CTLP conducted a workshop about Tax Basics in 3 library locations during February and March. These workshops were conducted in Spanish.
- ❖ CTLP participated in two food distribution and resource fairs hosted by Latinos in Virginia Empowerment Center in Chesterfield and Henrico Counties. These fairs took place in March and April respectively.
- ❖ CTLP provided information and one-on-one consultations weekly during the 2023 tax season at the Sacred Heart Center VITA site.
- ❖ CTLP presented the tax planning module at the City of Richmond Office of Immigrant and Refugee Engagement's Latino Entrepreneur Academy in May.

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