

**Brookside Service
Opportunity**

Brookside Initiative
Volunteer Job Description

Shepherd Community Center will be one of ten host sites for the **2009 Save-Earn-Learn Tax Preparation program**. Volunteer opportunities are available at Shepherd Community Center on Monday evenings (6:30-8:30 p.m.) and Saturday mornings (9 a.m.-noon) during tax season (end of January to middle of April).

Training and certification for tax preparation volunteers is available on-line and takes approximately 6 hours. We also need volunteer screeners, reviewers and assistants (brief training provided). Shepherd is designated as the **bilingual** tax preparation site; Spanish-speaking tax preparers or interpreters are needed.

This free tax preparation and filing service is especially valuable because our neighbors are often targeted by lenders offering "refund anticipation loans" at very high rates of interest.

Save-Earn-Learn: Indy's Campaign for Financial Fitness is a city-wide initiative led by the Indianapolis Asset Building Coalition (IABC) and supported by United Way of Central Indiana. During tax season 2009, the IABC plans to provide free tax filing assistance and referrals to financial education programs to over 9,000 low to moderate income families, disabled individuals, elderly and individuals with limited English proficiency. This tax assistance will help tax filers receive all available tax refunds including earned income tax credits.

To register as a volunteer, please visit the United Way of Central Indiana website at <http://www.uwci.org/index.asp?p=978> and select Shepherd Community Center.

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