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# NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2025

## REMEMBERING ASHLEY ELLIOTT

With heavy hearts, we share the heartbreaking news of the passing of our dear friend and fellow volunteer, Ashley Elliott, who left us far too soon on Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

Ashley was more than a valued member of our LABC Volunteer Tax Team—she was a bright light in our community. Her kindness, compassion, and joyful spirit touched everyone she met. Whether through a warm smile, a word of encouragement, or her constant willingness to help, Ashley made people feel seen, supported, and truly cared for.

Her sudden loss is felt deeply by all who knew her. A visitation and funeral service celebrating Ashley's life was held on Saturday, June 7. As we grieve, we hold close the many memories and the warmth and kindness she gave so generously.

Please keep Ashley's family and loved ones in your thoughts. Her spirit and service will not be forgotten.



## Congrats Dr. White

### CARBY AWARD WINNER

Dr. White was honored with the Carby Award, presented by the IRS in recognition of her years of dedication and service. This award was created in memory of Maylyn Carby, a beloved and committed VITA IRS representative who passed away unexpectedly. Dr. White's unwavering commitment truly embodies the spirit of this award.



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**Volunteers Needed for  
Our Free Volunteer  
Income Tax Assistance  
Program**



Help make a  
difference in your  
community today and  
we will train you!

Greeter, tax preparers and  
translators all needed!

Get Involved and Make Impact

Contact Eurana at:  
**502-574-5687**  
or visit  
**labcservices.org**  
for more info

**Volunteering is more fun  
with friends, invite them to  
join in on the fun!**





**My name is Drew**  
**All Star Volunteer at several VITA locations**

I'm a retired U.S. Naval officer who served 23 years on active duty, including three in the Air Force. After returning to Louisville in 1997, I earned a degree in piano performance and spent years teaching and accompanying young musicians. I later became an environmental activist and served as chair of Sierra Club Kentucky from 2021 to 2024.

At 74, I'm grateful for a long, fulfilling life with my wife of 53 years, our two children, and five grandchildren.

I joined LABC's VITA program for three reasons: I've always enjoyed doing taxes, I wanted to serve people directly after years of environmental work, and I was looking for opportunities to connect more deeply with African-American communities. Volunteering with LABC has been a rewarding and eye-opening experience.



**Hi, I am Eileen, VITA Site Coordinator at Sun Valley Community Center**

I retired from Dow Chemical Company in 2009, then worked as a contractor until 2024, for a total of 36 years. My job involved administration and Process Safety metrics. I enjoy working with numbers.

In 2021, my sister Cecilia invited me to join the VITA team at Sun Valley. I was immediately hooked! Helping clients understand their taxes—and seeing their joy when they received unexpected refunds—was incredibly rewarding. One client even told me it was the first time she truly understood her return. Moments like that remind me why I love this work.

With Cecilia by my side as my assistant, I stepped into the role of Site Coordinator in 2024. I'm proud to work alongside the dedicated and caring volunteers at Sun Valley.

I believe in making a difference in the lives of people where I can. Though I've traveled on international mission trips, I feel at this stage in my life I am better able to serve people locally. That's why I volunteer with LABC—they're making a real impact, and I'm grateful to be part of it.



**My name is Nikira**  
**All-Star Volunteer at several VITA locations**

I'm 40+ and have 3 boys. Kharek 19 years old , Khajon 18 years old and khaleel was 23 when he committed suicide. My boys are what keeps me going! Oh, how could I forget Titan my husky.

We are originally from Richmond, Va and moved to Ky in 2015. My mom and sister are also here in Ky and we are a very tight knit family. Since my boys are now grown and with my son passing I decided to focus more on my purpose in life.

I heard about VITA taxes through my church Bates Memorial. I also showed interest in preparing taxes and serving people, so why not do both at once. I love the Lord God and my gift is hospitality.

I went to culinary school back home and decided to switch careers and I'm currently enrolled at Simmons College of KY. I am taking up early childhood education. I always have an open ear as well as an open heart. If you need me just let me know and I will do my best to support your situation. This is a little bit about me . Nice to meet you.



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NEEDS YOUR HELP

# HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

## ADOPT A V.I.T.A SITE

Contact Dr. White today if you can help!  
earnestine.white@labcservices.org

### WAYS TO SUPPORT

- Bring food or snacks for volunteers at the site
- Volunteer your time to help at the site
- Help recruit others to volunteer or donate
- Host a VITA Site

Know someone who need a previous years' return filed?

## Off Season V.I.T.A Tax Preparation



502-574-5687

2025

### WHAT

Do you still need your taxes filed? Make less than 67,000?  
**Come see us we can help!**

### WHERE

Edison Center  
701 W Ormsby Ave  
Suite 201  
Louisville, KY 40203

### WHEN

May 5th - October 30th Tuesday,  
Wednesday & Thursday  
10am to 4pm

**WALK-INS  
WELCOME**

For more information:

labcservices.org

It is never too early to attend  
a free tax preparation  
training!

### Reasons to attend:

- Free IRS-certified training provided
- Boost your resume with real-world experience
- No prior tax experience needed
- Flexible volunteer hours
- Support financial stability in your community
- Meet like-minded, service-driven people
- Great for students, retirees, and professionals
- Learn to file your own taxes with confidence



## OFF-SEASON TRAININGS

### TRAINING TOPICS

**JUL 17** WHO ARE DEPENDENTS  
5:00-7:00PM

**JUL 19** WHO ARE DEPENDENTS  
10:00-12:00PM

**AUG 7** INCOME  
5:00-7:00PM

**AUG 9** INCOME  
10:00-12:00PM

**SEP 18** ADJUSTMENTS, DEDUCTIONS, CREDITS  
5:00-7:00PM

**SEP 20** ADJUSTMENTS, DEDUCTIONS, CREDITS  
10:00-12:00PM

**OCT 9** EITC, EDUCATION CREDITS, STATE  
5:00-7:00PM

**OCT 11** EITC, EDUCATION CREDITS, STATE  
10:00-12:00PM

TO SIGN UP FOR A TRAINING CONTACT:  
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