# C. COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT GOALS

Financial institution's annual Community Reinvestment Goals should include information on the number of small business loans, home mortgages, home improvement loans, and community development investments to be made within low and moderate-income neighborhoods within the City of Philadelphia. Do not submit metropolitan statistical area (MSA) data that includes areas outside of the City of Philadelphia.

# 1. Provide an overview of the financial institution's annual Community Reinvestment Goals and confirm most recent CRA rating.

Citizens Bank uses a comprehensive approach to developing its annual CRA goals. Goals are reviewed against performance monthly, and quarterly meetings held with a CRA State Market Leadership Team. The most recent CRA rating was Outstanding.

2. Provide the number of small business loans, home mortgages, home improvement loans, and community development investments to be made within low and moderate-income neighborhoods within the City of Philadelphia.

Туре	2022 Results	2023 Results	2024 Goals
Small Business Loans	156	129	125
Home Mortgages	109	76	90
Home Improvement Loans	N/A	N/A	N/A
Community Development Investments	52	40	40
Other (Home Equity Line of Credit)	492	289	290

\*HMDA originations industry wide have been affected by the economic constraints of a higher interest rate environment.

\*\* Because of changes in the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) reporting requirements, Home Improvement loans are no longer tracked and consistent with HMDA reporting. Since 2018, we have been sharing information about HELOC originations.

# If applicable, please provide context for a decline in actual results from 2022 to 2023 and/or a decline from 2023 results to 2024 goals.

Residential mortgages for low-and moderate-income neighborhoods were impacted by soaring interest rates and home prices, ultra-competitive pricing and compressed margins from over-staffing coming out of the refinance boom, and deliberate reductions of mortgage originations to align with enterprise balance sheet optimization as macro-economic conditions shifted.

3. Provide the total number (count) and dollar amounts of residential mortgages, home improvement loans, small business loans and community development investments made in the City of Philadelphia.

# Calendar Year 2023

Туре	Low	Mod	Mid	Upper	NA	Total
Residential	15	61	57	90	3	226
Mortgage						
Home Improvement	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Small Business	31	98	80	131	14	354
Loans						
Community	2	3	0	2	0	7
Development Loans						
Other (Home Equity	64	225	345	289	7	830
Line of Credit)						
Total:	112	387	382	512	24	1,417

# Number of Loans by Income

# Value of Loans (\$) by Income

Туре	Low	Mod	Mid	Upper	NA	Total
Residential	2,670	12,181	13,724	33,831	404	62,810
Mortgage						
Home Improvement	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Small Business	1,667	3,928	3,448	9,045	1,757	19,845
Loans						
Community	30,950	44,580	0	13,641	0	89,171
Development Loans						
Other (Home Equity	4,458	18,734	26,127	50,407	460	100,186
Line of Credit)						
Total:	39,745	79,423	43,299	106,924	2,621	272,012

4. Provide information on other types of community development investments made in neighborhoods within the City of Philadelphia (for example: Grants, Education, Public or related Commercial Development).

# **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND INVESTMENT**

Citizens' strong commitment to servicing the critical needs of the neighborhoods where the bank conducts business is reflected in its community development investments and charitable contributions. Citizens Helping Citizens is the bank's comprehensive community engagement effort that leverages the strengths of the company and the skills of its colleagues to enhance the communities where it does business.

Every year, Citizens contributes nearly \$18 million to support community activities and events across its footprint. In 2023, Citizens colleagues volunteered over 232,000 hours and executives provided leadership by serving on community boards and championing efforts to raise awareness and funds for key causes.

Funding priorities continue to include specific areas that fortify the economic vitality of our neighborhoods: financial empowerment, and economic and workforce development. Signature initiatives include:

**Champions in Action** – Since 2004, Citizens has awarded over \$1.5 million to 55 organizations in the Greater Philadelphia area through Champions in Action, a unique initiative designed to provide financial, volunteer, and promotional support for nonprofit organizations that are addressing the needs and social challenges of our diverse neighborhoods. Our most recent Champion is Girls Inc. of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey whom we recognized in June 2023 for their summer workforce development program.

**Citizens Helping Citizens Manage Money** – In 2023, Citizens awarded \$274,500 to 20 nonprofits in Greater Philadelphia as part of the Citizens Helping Citizens Manage Money initiative. Citizens' multi- faceted financial education program leverages the financial planning expertise of its bankers and its partnerships with local nonprofits focused on financial education. These organizations receive a contribution in recognition of and to further support their commitments to teaching youth and adults about financial literacy and the importance of managing money effectively. Among the 20 nonprofits partners are: Urban Affairs Coalition, Affordable Housing Centers of Pennsylvania, Uplift Solutions, The Enterprise Center, Esperanza, and United Way of SEPA and Southern NJ.

**Phans Feeding Families** – Citizens has partnered with the Philadelphia Phillies and Philabundance on the Phans Feeding Families campaign since 2011. This initiative raises money to feed the many people in the Delaware Valley that are at risk of hunger, which unfortunately continues today due to rising food costs and the looming expiration of SNAP benefits. Since 2011, Citizens has contributed \$570,000 to Philabundance through Phans Feeding Families.

In 2023, Citizens was recognized by Philadelphia Business Journal as a Face of Philanthropy for their 11 years of partnership with University City District (UCD) on the West Philadelphia Skills Initiative (WPSI). It is one of the highest performing workforce intermediaries in the country that bridges the divide between un- and under-employed neighbors seeking opportunities and employers seeking talent. Citizens has given \$555,000 to WPSI since its inception in 2012. Notably, Citizens' 2019 contribution of \$125,000 helped WPSI expand to its first city-wide partnerships with the Philadelphia Fire Department, the City of Philadelphia's Office of Workforce Development's Rebuild Program, SEPTA, and Penn Medicine.

In the past 12 months, other contributions were made to LISC Philadelphia, Philadelphia Youth Network's Work Ready Program, Project Home, Philadelphia OIC's Bankwork\$ program, the Welcoming Center, Klein Life JCC's Senior Meals Program, JEVS, Philadelphia Police Athletic League, Wistar, Mural Arts and the National Constitution Center. Citizens also provides funding to The African American Museum in Philadelphia to subsidize admission throughout the Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Conventions and Visitors Bureau.

In 2023, Citizens and the Phillies celebrated 20 years of their 25-year partnership that includes naming rights to the team's world-class ballpark and a broad-based, innovative media package. Since Citizens Bank Park opened in 2004, Citizens has worked with the Phillies to expand and enhance community outreach, including:

Citizens developed the Helping Hand Glove donation program for children who play in the Phillies' Jr. RBI League. Each year, more than 6,000 inner city children under the age of 12 participate in a program that teaches them about baseball, sportsmanship, and teamwork. Since developing the program, Citizens has purchased, collected, and donated more than 10,000 baseball gloves to children who play in the Phillies Jr. RBI League.

Since 2004, Citizens has donated 1,500 game tickets each year to community groups throughout Greater Philadelphia.

# **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN PHILADELPHIA**

Citizens Bank understands that a good bank is at the heart of a community, and that investing in our communities enriches us all. That's why we partner with local non-profit organizations to build vital connections to help communities prosper. Organizations that we work with participate in a variety of community building activities including helping individuals find affordable housing, workforce development, financial education, neighborhood revitalization and small business technical assistance.

One of the ways in which we implement our Community Development initiatives is through strong ongoing relationships with Community Partners. These are visible, known, respected, and accomplished nonprofit organizations that work to improve the lives of low to moderate income households and/or small businesses.

We partner with these organizations in several ways including Board or Committee representation; volunteer financial education instructors; colleague engagement in their programs as panelists, subject matter experts and financial coaches.

For well over 14 years, we have had a robust financial literacy program in Philadelphia where colleagues have conducted financial education workshops throughout the City. Citizens Bank colleagues support and participate in a variety of Financial Education initiatives in Philadelphia, including but not limited to: Philadelphia Youth Network, School District of Philadelphia and First Time Home Buyer Workshops with various organizations. Activities that have occurred through 12/31/2023 include the following:

# Affordable Housing Centers of Philadelphia

First-time homebuyer workshop was provided to Affordable Housing Centers of Philadelphia.

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Financial education was presented to Uplift Solution's teen after school and adult clients.

#### Urban League of Philadelphia

First-time homebuyer workshops were presented to Urban League of Philadelphia.

5. Briefly describe any lending outreach programs geared toward minorities, lowincome individuals, women, or immigrants. This description should include the targeted community, the type of product (i.e. commercial, home lending, unsecured consumer) and any program outcomes.

Please see attached Exhibit A

6. <u>Disparities in Lending</u>: Attach a long-term strategic plan to address disparities in the Bank's or Financial Institution's lending and investment activities. Please include reference to any products or services offered to address such disparities that may be indicated in the <u>City's most recent annual lending study</u>.

Label this document "Appendix II – Long-Term Strategic Plan." If disparities are not indicated in the study, then a strategic plan on programs, lending, and branching patterns should be submitted. Label this document "Appendix II – Long-Term Strategic Plan".

All depositories are required to respond per Chapter 19-200 as referenced:

*"Each depository shall also provide the City with a <u>long-term strategic plan</u> to address disparities in its lending and investment activities. The strategic plan shall address how the* 

depository will match or exceed peer lending performance in targeting capital access and credit needs disclosed in disparity studies commissioned by the City."

# APPENDIX II CITIZENS BANK COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LONG TERM STRATEGIC PLAN

Citizens is pleased to submit its Long-Term Strategic Plan as requested by the city Treasurer's Office, commissioned by the City of Philadelphia examining the Lending Practices of Depository Banks.

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# **OUR IMPACT**

Community Development and Involvement is the core of our CRA strategic plan. The Community Development team at Citizens is dedicated to strengthening and serving communities by strategically engaging colleagues to build relationships with community organizations in an effort to support affordable housing, community revitalization, economic development and financial empowerment in our communities in compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act and the five key elements of our strategic plan are fueling Small Business Growth & Recovery; Homeownership & Affordable Housing; Financial Education & Empowerment; Community Revitalization & Economic Development and Workforce Development. Citizens Bank understands that a good bank is at the heart of a community, and that investing in our communities enriches us all. That's why we partner with local non-profit organizations to build vital connections to help communities prosper. Our programs assist those in need so they may receive food and clothing, find affordable housing, develop their skills for better jobs, and expand their financial literacy.

Since 2019, we continued to deepen our commitment to our communities, by building on partnerships with, Junior Achievement, and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation to broaden and magnify the impact of our corporate giving in the areas of financial literacy, and workforce development, strengthening communities. Additionally, we consistently strive to achieve an Outstanding CRA rating from the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) who monitors and evaluates the Bank's compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act. In 2020, Citizens received an Outstanding CRA rating because of our Community Development efforts to serve the broad needs of our customer base and to strengthen the communities we serve.

# LENDING RESULTS

# HOME PURCHASE LOANS

- Per the 2022 Econsult Lending Study (page 191) Citizens Bank ranked 1st in the percentage of loans issued to Asian borrowers (18.5%).
- Exceeded city average for the percent of loans issued to female applicants or borrowers in minority tracts and LMI tracts.
- Citizens, per the lending study issued 293 home purchase loans, a decrease of 14.8% percent from 2021 to 2022.

- There was a 17.1% decrease in applications and a 16.7% decrease in denials between 2021 and 2022.
- Fell below the citywide average denial ratio for Black applicants. For every white applicant denied, Citizen denied 2.44 Black applicants, well below the citywide average of 3.22.

Home Purchase	2021	2021 All	2021 All	2022	2022 All	2022All
Loans, Philadelphia	Citizens %	<b>Depositories %</b>	Lenders %	Citizens %	<b>Depositories %</b>	Lenders %
Loans to African						
Americans	14.5	20.0	19.5	25.3	25.0	19.6
Loans to Hispanics	7.3	11.5	11.6	5.1	12.7	12.7
Loans Minority Tracts	34.6	48.3	45.6	51.5	56.0	50.2
Loans LMI Borrowers	57.6	52.2	51.8	64.9	59.9	56.0
Loans LMI Tracts	26.2	39.5	35.2	36.9	39.0	33.9

Home Purchase Loans, Philadelphia	2021 Citizens	2021 All Depositories	2021 All Lenders	2022 Citizens	2022 All Depositories	2022 All Lenders
African American to						
White Denial Ratio	1.83	2.76	2.75	2.44	3.39	3.22
Hispanic to White						
Denial Ratio	1.44	2.31	2.28	2.70	3.27	2.19
Asian to White Denial						
Ratio	1.45	2.16	2.09	2.42	2.89	1.74

\*Information in the chart above is from the 2021 (pg. 183) and 2022 (pgs. 205-206) Econsult Lending Studies

As reflected in the chart above Citizens 2022 lending percentages for Home Purchase Loans to African Americans, in Minority Tracts, to LMI Borrowers, and in LMI Tracts all improved year over year (from 2021 to 2022). And Citizens 2022 lending to African Americans and LMI Borrowers were higher than all depositories and all lenders. Conversely, during the same period, Citizen's lending to Hispanics, and borrowers in minority tracts or LMI tracts was lower than all depositories. Customers that select N/A for their race could potentially have a negative impact on the percentages above. Residential Mortgages/HELOCS continued to be impacted by the external environmental factors in 2022. While Citizens outperformed several of our peers by exceeding the city average for the percent of loans issued to Asian applicants and LMI borrowers, we continue to recognize the need for improvement in loans to Hispanics and Minority/LMI tracts. We continue to partner with housing counseling agencies, organizations that offer home buying workshops, and participate in lending discussions to identify lending opportunities. We also continued to convene roundtable discussions with key community organizations and housing partners to obtain feedback on their priorities, challenges and how Citizens can best support them. Topics included barriers to homeownership/Access to Affordable housing, leveraging home equity challenges and opportunities facing small and diverse businesses in Greater Philadelphia region, and workforce development needs and opportunities. In addition, we have diverse loan officers, including loan officers who specialize in CRA home lending. Through these partnerships, we still hope to see an increase in applications and work on ways to prepare the community for purchasing homes prior to submitting applications to result in lower denial ratios.

# HOME REFINANCE LOANS

- Per the Econsult Lending Study (page 191), Citizens issued 435 home refinance loans, a 48.3 percent decrease from 2021.
- The number of applications decreased by 51.3% and the number of denials also decreased by 99.7% between 2021 and 2022.
- Citizens Ranked 1st in percent of home refinance loans to LMI borrowers for the fourth consecutive year. Citizens also ranked first in refinanced loans issued to applicants in LMI tracts and in Minority tracts. [Source: EConsult Lending Study, page 207.]

\*Notes: Customers of home refinance originations selected N/A for their race for applications which can an impact the results above. We continue to partner with organizations on financial education by offering sessions on credit to individuals in the community in an effort to decrease the number of denials.

# HELOC\*\*

\*\*Notes: Because of changes in the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) reporting requirements, Home Improvement loans are no longer tracked and consistent with HMDA reporting. We began sharing information about HELOC originations in 2018.

# HOME PURCHASE AND REFINANCE STRATEGY

Citizens Bank is a top lender in the mortgage sector and is focused on growing our market share in the states where we currently operate. Citizens Bank is dedicated to serving the mortgage financing needs of its community, including low- and moderate-income ("LMI") borrowers and families residing in LMI areas as well as traditionally underserved communities. Our Portfolio Loan Program provides first-time homeowners with lower rates and more flexible underwriting requirements. Low- to moderate-income individuals, and/or those purchasing a home in low-to moderate-income neighborhoods can qualify for the program, which allows a low-down payment with no mortgage insurance and can be combined with approved community seconds, which are grants and subsidies provided by local organizations. Citizens Bank has the largest branch network in the Philadelphia market with 41 branch locations. Citizens also has fifteen branches in low- and moderate-income communities, which is more than any other bank in the city of Philadelphia. The bank has developed a multi-pronged program to serve LMI residents in Philadelphia. The program includes:

1) A broad set of mortgage loan programs, including portfolio and government-guaranteed loan programs that benefit LMI homebuyers by addressing key factors that hinder the ability of LMI and first-time homebuyers to achieve homeownership. Features and benefits of these programs include lower down-payment requirements, higher debt to income ratios, and our portfolio product also eliminates the need for private mortgage insurance.

- 2) Closing cost and down-payment assistance to borrowers who have low or moderate income or are purchasing homes in LMI communities.
- 3) Participating in and supporting local homeownership programs.
- 4) Participating in and supporting non-profit organizations serving the needs of LMI and firsttime homebuyers through homeownership education initiatives.
- 5) Hiring talented Mortgage Loan Officers and CRA Mortgage Loan Officers who proactively identify, develop, and maintain a quality network of business relationships that serves as a source of referrals for new mortgage lending opportunities. In addition, current Mortgage Loan Officers are encouraged to participate in business related development opportunities, community efforts to promote home ownership and professional organizations.
- 6) Redesigning our website to feature CRA/Affordable Home Loan Products and Down-payment assistance programs. In November 2020 Citizens launched the first CRA Home Equity Line of Credit Product: GoalBuilder®
- 7) Piloted programs and additional training in branches located in Low to Moderate Income Tracts.

# SMALL BUSINESS LENDING

In 2022 (page 221 of report) Citizens ranked 7th in its Small Business Lending compared to other city depositories.

\*Due to a change in the strategic direction of the bank, Citizens' discontinuance of auto lending in 2023 will have a direct impact on our small business results.

# SMALL BUSINESS LENDING STRATEGY

Citizens Bank is committed to meeting the needs of our business banking customers at every stage of their company's life cycle. Our goal is to simplify the way businesses get funding so they can focus on operating their business. On an ongoing basis, we work to simplify loan application processes, review credit scoring, improve our digital capabilities and make enhancements to our products suite. Below outlines our recent initiatives to expand our small business lending reach and capabilities:

# Partnership with new lending platform

Citizens Bank views small businesses as the economic engines of our local communities and is committed to fueling small business growth. Because of this commitment, Citizens continuously develops new partnerships and products to create better end-to-end experiences that are tailored to meet the needs of the

communities we serve. In 2018 we extended our lending capabilities to a digital small business lending platform which enables small businesses to apply online quickly and easily for loans, lines of credit and credit cards.

Citizen's goal is to position small businesses for success and growth and the new platform has enabled small businesses to apply for loans and lines of credit up to \$250,000 quickly and easily through a simple online application. In most cases customers are notified of approval decisions the same business day, and loans are funded within three business days.

# SBA Expansion

Citizens Bank is a preferred SBA Lender and participant in U.S. SBA Loan programs. These programs provide more flexible terms, lower down payment requirements and an easier qualification process than conventional loans. Since 2018, Citizens has focused on expanding and enhancing our SBA Lending capabilities to better serve the community. We have dedicated underwriters, portfolio managers, sales support specialists and business development officers.

# Small Business Community Partnership and Engagement

Citizens actively partners with several organizations that work with small businesses and is an active participant in several small business initiatives. Examples include (but are not limited to):

- Partner with The Enterprise Center, Local Initiatives Support Corporation, WORC, VestedIn, EntrepreneurWorks and other community development financial institutions (CDFI's) and small business organizations to provide Business Technical Assistance.
- Created a Small Business Opportunity Fund program which provides capital to CDFI's to support lending and capacity to businesses in communities impacted by COVID-19, civil unrest, black and minority owned businesses, as well as financing to black and minority entrepreneurs interested in launching new ventures. A total of \$14+MM was invested in Philadelphia for this fund.
  - The fund is augmented with grants capital to support the operations of our CDFI partners' entrepreneur training programs and equity grants to program participants.
  - The program is amplified through active participation from Citizens Business Banking Relationship Managers (BBRM) that provide mentoring and coaching to businesses participating in programs through local CDFI's.
- Partnering with West Philadelphia Corridor Collaborative/VestedIn, and EntrepreneurWorks to provide financial education and grants to businesses participating in their Business Smart Program and Pitch & Present Competition for local entrepreneurs.
- Providing grants to Black Women owned businesses through Philadelphia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and SCORE Philadelphia for their Minority Women's Entrepreneurial Development Program and Pitch Competition.
- Expanding partnerships with diverse chambers of commerce.

# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

# **Board Memberships**

Citizens colleagues serve as members on boards and committees for nonprofit organizations that are involved promoting community development, small business, workforce development and affordable housing in the Philadelphia area. Some of these boards include the following:

- *Affordable Housing Centers of PA* (AHCOPA) is a HUD-Certified, non-profit housing counseling agency that provides housing counseling for the greater Philadelphia area. Their mission is to increase and preserve homeownership opportunities for low to moderate income and minority residents of Pennsylvania by providing resources and information on the home buying process and options to prevent foreclosure.
- *Baker Industries* is a non-profit organization that provides workforce opportunities to adults challenged by intellectual and/or physical disability, adults on parole/probation, adults with substance use disorder who are in an active recovery program and adults struggling with housing insecurity.
- *The Enterprise Center Capital Corporation*: Loan Review Committee: Organization helps finance small businesses that have difficulty obtaining loans for start-up capital and business growth, whether that is due to poor credit history or a lack of collateral. With a focus on women- and minority-owned businesses, TEC-CC originates loans between \$2,500 and \$200,000 to entrepreneurs through its status as a CDFI (Community Development Financial Institution) and a U.S. Small Business Administration Microloan Intermediary.
- *Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce* brings area businesses and civic leaders together to promote growth and create opportunity in our region. The Chamber's members represent eleven counties, three states, and approximately 600,000 employees from thousands of member companies and organizations.
- *Habitat for Humanity of Philadelphia* is an independently chartered affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International (HFHI), the largest nonprofit homebuilder worldwide. Habitat for Humanity of Philadelphia has built or sold 238 affordable homes to first-time homeowners in Philadelphia. The organization has strategically partnered with more than 600 families to make critical home repairs.
- Junior Achievement of Southeastern PA and Junior Achievement of New Jersey Junior Achievement is the nation's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success. Their core content consists of work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy.
- Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) is a convener, an investor, and a capacity builder, Philadelphia LISC is a bridge between capital and communities. As a local office of the largest community development organization in the United States, their reach is national, and their impact is local. Philadelphia LISC is a bold and creative leader in community revitalization and a strong advocate for equitable development in

diverse low-income communities.

- *National Black MBA Association Philadelphia Chapter* represents over 380 members from the Greater Philadelphia area in both private and public business sectors. Providing unique opportunities for black business professionals, MBA and undergraduate students, as well as entrepreneurs who are seeking to advance their careers, knowledge base and wealth potential. The organization also has a Leaders of Tomorrow youth program for high school students in Philadelphia. National Black MBA Association host the largest diversity fair in the country which was held in Philadelphia in September 2017 with over 10,000 individuals.
- *Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc. (Philadelphia OIC)* is one of the region's oldest and largest providers of tuition-free job training and career development services, offering everything from computers for beginners to advanced hospitality training.
- *People's Emergency Center* (PEC) mission is to nurture families, strengthen neighborhoods and drive change in West Philadelphia. PEC offers affordable housing, job training, parenting and early childhood education, financial education and planning, life skills and technology coursework. PEC seeks to change the life trajectory for the women and children who seek its services and inspire them to aspire to new heights.
- *Philadelphia Education Fund* creates equitable access to opportunities for students by providing resources and expertise that build paths to college and career success.
- *Philadelphia Mural Arts* is the nation's largest public art program, which unites artists and communities through a collaborative process to create art that transforms public spaces and individual lives.
- *Philadelphia Works:* Philadelphia Works serves employers and career seekers in Philadelphia. As a non-profit organization, the organizations funds and oversees employment and training services to help Philadelphia employers access the talent they need to be competitive.
- *Urban Affairs Coalition:* The Urban Affairs Coalition unites government, business, neighborhoods, and individual initiative to improve the quality of life in the region, build wealth in urban communities, and solve emerging issues.
- *Uplift Solutions:* The mission of the organization is to reduce the barriers for justice involved individuals and at-risk youth, helping them find pathways to long-term success.
- *Valley Youth House:* The mission of the organization is to serve as a catalyst for youth to achieve their desired future through genuine relationships that support families ensure safe places and build community connections. The organization's efforts aim to assist those who are struggling to make their way back into society as contributing

members.

- *Women's Community Revitalization Project:* The Women's Community Revitalization Project (WCRP) is committed to social and economic equity for lowincome women and their families by developing affordable housing; provide supportive services; advocating for policy change; and honoring and promoting leadership, dignity, and justice in their communities.
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## Affordable Housing Centers of Philadelphia

First-time homebuyer workshop was provided to Affordable Housing Centers of Philadelphia.

# **Campaign for Working Families**

Colleagues provided free tax filing services for low to moderate income individuals making below \$60K a year, through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA Program)

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