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Volunteer Update Late January 2010

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Save the Date!

Upcoming events at El Centro

Thursday February 4,
2010:
[Café con El Centro](#)
8 AM - 9AM

Saturday February 20,
2010
[El Centro de la Raza's
Charity Poker
Tournament](#)
1:30 and 3:30 Satellite
Rounds
5:30 Grand Final
Tournament

Sunday May 2, 2010
[5th Annual Cinco de
Mayo Celebration](#)
2:00-6:00

Querid@s Amig@s,

El Centro is gearing up for a busy Spring! We have several new opportunities as well as a few that might be familiar from last year.

We are hosting a Charity Poker Tournament on Saturday February 20th. To learn more about it and sign up to play go [here](#). If you are interested in volunteering for the event, let me know!

En Paz,
Sarah

→ New Volunteer Opportunities

- **Charity Poker Tournament Event Support:** We will need several volunteers to help on **February 20, 2010**. There will be several **4 hour shifts** starting at **8 AM and lasting until 10 PM**. Shifts include food preparation, set up, food service, greeting, and clean up. If you are interested in helping out, let me know. More details to come soon!
- **Hope for Youth Class Assistant:** Bilingual class assistant needed on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:45. El Centro staff have a class at the Bilingual Center on Queen Anne. The volunteer would

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support them by encouraging students in their creative writing. The students are learning English and are ages 12-18. **Bilingual in Spanish or Vietnamese would be the most helpful.**

- **Building Garden Boxes for Seniors:** We are building raised garden beds for seniors in the Beacon Hill neighborhood. We need help constructing the beds, and delivering them and soil to the houses. If anyone has a truck that they would be willing to use to help with delivery, that would be great! We will be meeting on **Saturdays from 10-2 starting on February 27th.** Let me know if you can come!

- **Tax Day Prep Intake Assistant:** El Centro is a Free Tax Preparation site working with United Way. We need a few volunteers that can commit to coming to at least 4 sessions to help with intake. **Spanish proficiency is required** as you will be working with our participants, several of whom only speak Spanish. **The Free Tax Prep sessions are offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 5-9 and Saturdays from 10-2 until April 15th.** This is a great opportunity for people who have evenings or weekends free to volunteer! We will be needing **2 or 3 people to help out each time.** On nights where there are multiple volunteers, all of them need not be proficient in Spanish. Volunteers will be required to attend a brief training to go over the intake form.

- **Practice Spanish and Play with kids!:** We are looking for a volunteer to help with child care during the Homebuyers Workshops. There will be trained child care professionals there. We are looking for volunteers to be an extra set of hands helping out with kids of all ages. We need volunteers on **Saturdays from 9-12:30 and 12:30-5 and Wednesdays from 4-7. Upcoming dates for the classes are January 30 and February 6, 13, 20, 27.** **Spanish proficiency is helpful,** but not required. You must be comfortable working with children of all ages. A background check will be done. You would not need to come to all of the sessions. This is a great opportunity for volunteers who are available on weekends.

- **Employment Assistance Workshops:** Our workshops are starting up again and we need some help to run them. The first class is going to be **Monday January 25 and then following three Mondays from 10 AM - 12 PM and from 6 PM - 8 PM.** Participants will be learning skills to write resumes, apply for jobs, interview and more. We are looking for volunteers for each class session to help administer activities. **Spanish proficiency is required.** If you have special skills or background in this, and would like to be a guest presenter, please let me know (Spanish proficiency not required for presentations). You do not need to commit to all of the sessions! Come to as many as you can.

- **Latino Hot Meal Support:** We are looking for a volunteer who can help us out with our Hot Meal intake process. We need someone who can come in on **Weekdays, Tuesdays-Fridays from 11:30 to 1 starting** .It is a great opportunity to meet and interact with several of our participants. You would only need to sign up for one day a week. Spanish proficieny required.

• **Frances Martinez Office Support:** We are looking for someone to assist participants as they come to El Centro. Duties include: greeting participants, answering phones, taking messages, directing participants to the appropriate office. This position will involve lots of interaction with community members, many of whom only speak Spanish, so **Spanish proficiency is required.** *We are looking for people who can commit to coming once a week (or more!) for 3 months (or more!) during regular office hours.*
Tuesday-Friday 8:30-5:30.

• **Translations:** We have some documents that we would like to have translated from English to Spanish. If you are able to help out, let me know!

• **Procurement Committee:** It's never too soon to start thinking about next year's Auction Banquet! We are recruiting people who would be interested in helping to procure items for the Auction.

[Please contact me if you are interested in any of these opportunities!](#)

→ Upcoming Events Y mas...

• **El Centro de la Raza's 1st Annual Poker Night Fundraiser!** February 20, 2010! Play your best hand for a good cause! All proceeds go directly to our 25 programs and services. To learn more and sign up go [here](#).

• **Tutoring Opportunity:** Stevens Elementary School is looking for bilingual tutors to help out in the afternoons. Please contact Diana for more information at dceinmo@seattleschools.org.

• **Café con El Centro the first Thursday of every month!** For those that would like to learn more about what El Centro does, we invite you for café, pan dulce and a tour of El Centro to see our work and meet with staff. Contact Elliott Jones at donor@elcentrodelaraza.org to RSVP for our next Café con El Centro. **The next Café con El Centro is February 4, 2010 from 8:00 AM-9:00 AM.**

[Let me know if you have any questions or need more information!](#)

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