

# **\*R.E.G.I. VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

**\*Reliable, Energetic, Generous, Involvement**

**Sarah Nelson**



OnTrack WNC's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance opportunity often attracts retired folks who want rewarding volunteer positions. Sarah doesn't fit that profile: she's a young CPA, who travels quite a bit for her job. Even so, she made time to volunteer every Saturday for several years, eventually adding Friday afternoons too. Why? Because she truly ENJOYS tax work! After Sarah became a Shift Supervisor, she jumped in with gusto and contributed as much as retired Supervisors, while working full-time!

In addition to completing 33 returns this year, Sarah gave extra time to Shift Supervisor monthly meetings, planning and problem-solving. Busy as she was, she also volunteered to help people with limited vision, developed a self-employment tax organizer and led training on Education Credits.

Comments from her tax team colleagues:

- *"Sarah's energy and time offered to the VITA program epitomizes volunteerism!"*  
Cathy Brown, VITA Shift Supervisor
- *"It's clear that Sarah has the energy for this because she loves the work. She is an amazing mentor for new Volunteers."* Pete Wrublewski, Tax Program Coordinator
- *"Sarah is an inspiration to everyone who has the good fortune of encountering her in the VITA program. Her genuinely caring approach is apparent to clients as soon as they walk in the door."* Tom Byers, new VITA Volunteer

Sarah's dedication became the stuff of legend this year when she took only short time away for her own wedding! Her VITA colleagues join us in applauding her as Volunteer of the Year.

**Congratulations Sarah!**