



Journal

NYCHA Seniors Turn Out for Black History Month Celebration At Riverbank Park



NO RESPECT These NYCHA seniors are sick of being treated poorly by health care providers. Here they march through the audience with picket signs at the end of the skit, "The Clinic," during the Black History Month Celebration at Riverbank State Park in Manhattan.

By Eileen Elliott

They had silver in their hair, gold in their teeth and lead in their feet, as the actors in the skit, "The Clinic," said. But still they came. Over 1,000 seniors came by bus from 46 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments all over the city to Riverbank State Park in Manhattan on a cold and sunny February 28 for the Black History Month Celebration entitled, "Caring and Sharing with Our Elders."

It was a day of drama, dance and song dedicated to the rich and varied cultures of the African people and the 69,000 NYCHA households headed by residents over 60 years old.

The afternoon began with the Department for Senior Services' Assistant Administrator Ronald P. June reminding everyone that the African-American educator and historian Carter G. Woodson created Black History Week in 1926 to focus attention on the historical contributions of Africans and their descendants. It would later evolve into Black History Month.

The Department's Director Maristella J. Kelsey thanked the entire Senior Services staff for putting the show together in just a month, with special thanks to Sidique A. Wai, without whom, she said, the event would not have been possible.

Besides being a NYCHA employee, Mr. Wai is grandson of the Paramount Chief of Sierra Leone, and National President of the United African Congress, representing 3.5 million Africans throughout the United States.

Mr. Wai introduced Nana (Chief) Nikoi Tsuru the First, of the First National Council of

Ghanaian Chiefs, who performed a traditional African custom, the libation. While pouring spirits (Peach Schnapps) Chief Tsuru invoked the spirits of the ancestors, "to bless us, guide us, protect us for the rest of our life here."

NYCHA Chairman John G. Martinez told the seniors sitting in bleachers on all sides of him that they were the true distinguished guests. "The sharing and caring you demonstrate in your daily lives is of great value not only to the young people you provide guidance to, but to everyone you interact with."

The Chairman and Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. presented awards not only to the performers, but also to the many people who have impacted the lives of NYCHA's seniors.

Among them was Fredda W. Vladeck of the United Hospital Fund of New York City. Ms. Vladeck is Director of the Aging In Place Initiative and Founding Director of the first comprehensive NORC or Naturally

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NYCHA Gets New Chairman



Effective April 1, the former Commissioner of Juvenile Justice, Tino Hernandez, became NYCHA's 19th Chairman. NYCHA's 18th Chairman, John G. Martinez, has left the Housing Authority to return to the private sector. For a greeting from the new Chairman, please turn to page 2 and for a farewell from Mr. Martinez, please turn to page 9.

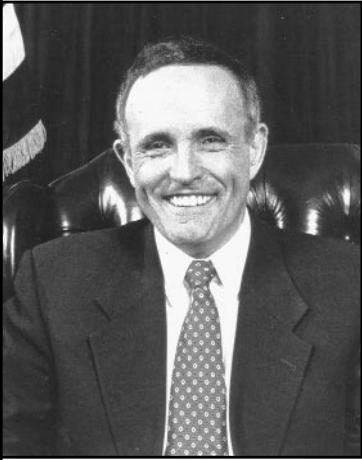
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Message From The Mayor

City's Renaissance Spurs Record Population Growth

According to the recently released 2000 Census figures, the population of New York City surged over the past decade to a record 8,008,278 people. This represents the largest enumerated census population in City history. The previous peak was in 1970, when the City's population stood at 7,894,862.



Over the past seven years, polls have consistently shown that people rank New York City as one of the most desirable places in the country to live. Now we have hard evidence of this fact. People from all over the country — and throughout the world — are voting with their feet and moving to New York City.

For the last two years, Deputy Mayor Rudy Washington, City Planning Commissioner Joe Rose, and numerous City employees worked very hard to ensure the

fairest and most accurate count possible. Thanks to their efforts, New York City identified households that might otherwise have been missed. Their results speak for themselves.

Low-income populations have historically been underrepresented in the census, but thanks to the cooperation of NYCHA staff and residents, early results indicate that New York City's public housing population — which currently numbers 426,500 — was more strongly represented in the 2000 Census than it has been in a long time.

The importance of the census, which is required by the Constitution, cannot be overstated. It is vital to the functioning of our representative democracy and heavily influences our decision-making process. New York City's share of the State's population has risen from 40.7 percent in 1990 to 42.2 percent in 2000. This should translate into increased representation in the State Assembly and State Senate, and should be reflected in legislative redistricting efforts at all levels.

A major reason for our City's increasing population is immigration, which has always been the key to New York City's growth and prosperity. Nearly 1.2 million immigrants entered New York City in the last decade. The Hispanic and Asian populations are showing tremendous growth, with the former comprising 30 percent of the City's population, and the latter 12 percent. This growth is also reflected in NYCHA developments, where the Hispanic population is approaching 40%.

Overall, the City's population grew by 685,714 persons, or 9.4 percent, over the 1990 count of 7,322,564. Staten Island grew the most, by 17.1 percent for a total population of 443,728. Queens exceeded the two million mark for the first time in a census, reaching 2,229,379, and increasing by 14.2 percent. The Bronx increased by a higher-than-city average of 10.7 percent for a total population of 1,332,650. Brooklyn remained the largest of the City's boroughs with a population of 2,456,326, increasing by 7.2 percent. Manhattan's population stands at 1,537,195, growing by 3.3 percent.

Our population boost is helping to revitalize such neighborhoods as the South and West Bronx, East New York, and Central Harlem. Increased residential conversions of what were once commercial buildings is occurring in lower Manhattan, western Queens and western Brooklyn. We are doing what we can to accommodate all the people who want to come here.

There's no question that New York is in a renaissance as a city. Crime is down, quality of life is up, we have a record number of jobs and a more diverse economy. Our record growth is a vote of confidence among many who are drawn to the City and the opportunities that it offers.

Rudy Giuliani

NYCHA Celebrates Its Social Workers



CHANGING THE WORLD That's what social workers do, person by person. Here, NYCHA's social workers from Queens and Staten Island are, from left, Beverly Williams, (back row) Deputy Director of Social Services in NYCHA's Department of Community Operations Nora Reissig-Lazzaro, Gertrude Lampart, Dolores Cavallo, Ronald Diamond, Karen Patterson, NYCHA Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., Director of the Manhattan Borough Department of Community Operations Gary Morgan, Pamela Weaver, (back row) Jerry Agrinzoni, Veronica Sakwe, and Department of Community Operations Deputy General Manager Hugh Spence.

By Allan Leicht

NYCHA honored its Social Workers with a breakfast gathering at Pedro Albizu Campos Community Center on East 13th Street in Manhattan on March 29th. Coming as it did during National Social Worker Recognition Month, the honorees were among thousands being recognized across the country for the sensitivity and skill they bring to making the world a better place in what is among the most personal, most meaningful, most humane of professions.

The address by Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. signified the measure of esteem in which NYCHA's social workers are held. Mr. Andrews said they are living proof that NYCHA "is not just bricks and mortar," and encouraged them, during this period of transition from Chairman Martinez to Chairman Hernandez, to "talk to us, let us know what you need."

Nora Reissig-Lazzaro, Deputy Director of Social Services in NYCHA's Department of Community Operations, served as moderator.

"There was a time when NYCHA had only one social worker," she said. "Now there are 58."

Ms. Lazzaro pointed out that many other professionals within the Housing Authority possess social work degrees but do not work directly in that capacity. A social worker specializing as such, however, can have an enormous impact. "Last year, social workers served over 7,000 NYCHA families," she said. "They made 51,000 home visits. These numbers have great meaning to the lives of people."

Dr. Robert S. Schacter, Executive Director of the New York City Chapter of the National

Association of Social Workers (NASW), presented Hugh Spence, Deputy General Manager of NYCHA's Department of Community Operations, with a lapel pin commemorating the 100th anniversary of NASW.

"When social workers are given the fullest respect possible," said Dr. Schacter, "they can have a major effect on people."

Suzel Edelstein, Deputy Director of United Neighborhood Houses of New York, Inc., put the interdependency of society, social worker and recipient into historical perspective, going back to the origins of the settlement house movement. Ms. Edelstein also paid tribute to many who do not have credentials but make great contributions in the neighborhoods where they live, likening the Housing Authority to a giant "settlement house."

Before the presentation of the

awards, which concluded the program, Gary Morgan, Manhattan Borough Director for the Department of Community Operations thanked Campos Community Center Director Willie Nieves and expressed the pride he felt as a social worker himself.

Mr. Morgan described the blend of idealism and advocacy that motivates a social worker and NYCHA's mission as an instrument of social reform.

The social workers who took a break from their duties for the occasion came from all five boroughs, where they provide a wide range of activities and services to the residents of public housing. They work in the Departments of Community Operations, Social Services Division, Department for Senior Services and the Department of Economic and Business Initiatives.

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Message From The Chairman**Greetings From Your New Chairman**

I am very proud to have been selected to be the 19th Chairman of the New York City Housing Authority. My experience with NYCHA has been personal and professional; I have fond memories of my teenage years living in Jacob Riss Houses on Manhattan's Lower East Side. In addition, my work experience, which includes City Hall, the Department of Homeless Services, and most recently the Department of Juvenile Justice, allowed me to collaborate with members of the NYCHA team from time to time, and has provided me with an appreciation for your needs and concerns, as well as the NYCHA staff's commitment to addressing them. I look forward to the opportunity to carry on the work that has been started over the



last few years, to see that your needs are addressed, and to ensure that NYCHA remains strong well into the 21st Century.

As you know, NYCHA is the largest Housing Authority in the country and the best managed. In order to maintain our first-place status, I will be working with NYCHA's Executive Team to see that our 15,000 employees continue to provide all 426,500 residents with the services that you deserve including of course clean, safe, and well-maintained developments. While ensuring that the buildings are maintained properly is one of NYCHA's highest priorities, our responsibility to you does not stop with maintaining physical structures. NYCHA cares strongly about its families, children and seniors. There are senior and community centers that provide a wide range of programs for persons of all ages. In addition, NYCHA offers you a variety of training and academic classes and job placement services.

Your quality of life is particularly important to me. I will therefore focus on ensuring that these programs and services remain in place, and that NYCHA's offerings are strengthened through the establishment of new programs and services as well as an increase in participation levels. Security is another issue that is critical to me. We will continue to collaborate with the Housing Police Bureau, our Tenant Patrol volunteers and others to enhance the safety and security at our developments. But, the NYCHA team cannot do this alone. We need your help.

I look forward to establishing a partnership with you over the next few months, and hope that you will take the time to say "hello" if you see me walk by, because I do intend to visit as many developments as possible. However, remember I can not be in all places at all times, so I will rely on you to keep me up-to-date on the status of our quality of life, both the good and the not-so-good. Together we will make NYCHA the best place to live in New York City.

Tino Hernandez

Senior Celebration
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Occurring Retirement Community Program — a comprehensive program of social, health and individual services — at the Penn South Cooperative Housing. There are now seven of these programs in NYCHA developments.

Awards were also presented to Michael Flanigan, a Vice President of Chase Manhattan Bank who is working with NYCHA on the Senior Network Advisory Program; the United Way, which contributed 1,000 boxed lunches to the event; and Columbia University Art History Professor Emeritus Philip Gould for his exhibition of Africa's Iron & Copper Money. The display was underwritten by J.P. Morgan Chase & Co.

The event took off with a skit called, "The Clinic," depicting poor treatment of seniors attempting to obtain medical care. The scrappy seniors finally had to form a picket line, marching through the audience with signs that read, "We've paid our dues!" and "Seniors Demand Respect!"



Sena Joy, Benin, West Africa

Actress/singer Roslyn Burrough, dressed in bright, vibrant colors, sang "Take The A Train," and "Ain't Misbehavin'." Sena Joy, who is a leading cultural figure in Benin, West Africa, sang and performed to Vodoun and Afro-Cubano music. The ten-member Blenman Steel Sounds from Trinidad, all of whose members are between the ages of 66 and 84, played a musical selection on the steel drums. There was jazz by Mujib Mana'an and the Satchmo Jazz Band, and there were inspirational songs sung by Imani O'ryn.

Musical selections were also performed throughout the day by NYCHA's 37-member Senior Chorale Group. These seniors have performed in schools, hospitals and nursing homes throughout the city.

NYCHA operates 40 Senior Centers which provide recreational, educational and preventive service programs. The Department for Senior Services was established by Chairman Martinez in September 2000.

**Deborah's Diary**

By Deborah Williams

A Guardian Angel — I was watching "The Oprah Winfrey Show" and the term "angel" was used to describe those individuals who dedicate themselves to improving the lives of the children in their community. I'd like to use that term to describe Ms. Yvette Grissom, a resident of Queensbridge Houses for the past 14 years. Ms. Grissom is the founding member and parent organizer of Queensbridge Community In Action (QCIA) located at the Jacob Riis Neighborhood Settlement House in Long Island City. QCIA is an advocacy group of parents who live in and around the Queensbridge Housing Development. She was recently quoted in *Newsday* as saying, "the goal of QCIA is to broaden the awareness of educational issues for parents so they can advocate on behalf of their children. Since QCIA was started over two years ago, we have been able to educate parents on their rights and help them navigate the public school system. All children deserve a chance to learn. I hear so many horror stories of what is going on with other parents and their children. When I walk around I see a lot of teenagers hanging out with nothing to do and that's what makes me so committed to educating our youth." The QCIA holds weekly meetings on Thursday nights and their next scheduled event will be a community forum on April 26, 2001. Pending information from District 30 regarding the academic performance of the children in that district, Ms. Grissom says the QCIA plans to convene a task force to develop strategies to enhance and close the educational gap between Queensbridge youth and the rest of District 30.

Ms. Grissom, I'd like to congratulate you! You and your organization QCIA, are truly an inspiration to us all. I'm always happy to hear about the wonderful effort individuals like you have undertaken to improve the lives of others, especially our children. I wish you all the best and continued success in your work to improve the quality of life for others.

Congratulations to Michelle Dilworth of Washington/Lexington Houses in Manhattan, who through NYCHA's Department of Economic and Business Initiatives' Family Investment Center, successfully secured employment with the sports club LA NY. It was Ms. Dilworth's energy and commitment to herself and to the program, that helped her land the position. *Michelle I am impressed by your perseverance and wish you great success! Good luck on your new job!*

Congratulations to nine-year-old Daryl Whitley, Jr., resident of Patterson Houses in the Bronx, who won a scholarship to participate in NYCHA's gymnastic program at Sutton Gym. Daryl, your mom (Tammy Futch) wanted you to know how proud she is of your achievement so she had Ms. Jackson, Manager of Patterson Houses, contact me to share your good news. I just want to tell you that you did well. You must be a very talented young man to win a scholarship and be considered for the gymnast program. *Daryl, if you practice long and hard, maybe some day your name will be among the Sutton Winners. Your mother and I wish you all the best in all your future endeavors.*

He's Back — In the February and May 2000 edition of the *HA Journal* you read about James Dickson, resident of the Drew Hamilton Houses in Manhattan and how he was featured in movies such as "Big Daddy" and "Jungle 2 Jungle." He also appeared in Shaquille O'Neal's music video "I'm Outstanding" and made his mark on the entertainment industry in Robert Capelli, Jr.'s film "Red Square." His role as "Jambo" paved the way for a scene with "Erica" Susan Lucci, on the Daytime Soap Opera "All My Children." Well, he's at it again, only this time he has taken on the dual role of actor and director in "The Road To Recovery," which airs on Cable TV on April 17 and April 20. *Mr. Dickson, I commend you on your achievements. Good luck and continued success in all your of future roles!*

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The NYCHA “Not Wanted” List

In this issue we continue our editorial policy of publishing the names of individuals who have been permanently excluded from our public housing developments. Listing the proscribed persons is part of the effort to keep residents informed of NYCHA's ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life for all New Yorkers in public housing and to allow the peaceful and safe use of our facilities. Here follows a list of the people excluded after hearings were held on **March 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2000. REMEMBER, IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ON HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY, PLEASE CALL YOUR MANAGEMENT OFFICE OR THE POLICE! THIS LIST IS PROVIDED TO ALL POLICE SERVICE AREAS.**

Prohibited as of March 8, 2000

Diego Acevedo	Case 504/00 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 1726 Richmond Road, Berry Houses, Staten Island.
Monique Cochrane	Case 654/00 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 121 9th Avenue, Fulton Houses, New York.
Robert Canada	Case 655/00 formerly associated with the third floor of 1750 Watson Avenue, Bronxdale Houses, the Bronx.
Kelvin Manon	Case 656/00 formerly associated with the tenth floor of 285 East 156th Street, Jackson Houses, the Bronx.

Prohibited as of March 15, 2000

Ali Kettrels	Case 628/00 formerly associated with the first floor of 5624 Farragut Road, Glenwood Houses, Brooklyn.
Robin Williams	Case 650/00 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 48 Fleet Walk, Ingersoll Houses, Brooklyn.
Torrin Vick	Case 652/00 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 2130 Madison Avenue, Lincoln Houses, New York.
Matthew Blount	Case 660/00 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 414 Sutter Avenue, Van Dyke Houses, Brooklyn.
Chance Franks	Case 661/00 formerly associated with the sixteenth floor of 265 Livonia Avenue, Tilden Houses, Brooklyn.
Derick Pedraja	Case 663/00 formerly associated with the second floor of 70 Paladino Avenue, Wagner Houses, New York.

Prohibited as of March 22, 2000

Jose Ortiz	Case 812/00 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 1711 Randall Avenue, Soundview Houses, the Bronx.
Elizabeth Davila	Case 902/00 formerly associated with the first floor of 535 E. 143rd Street, Betances Houses, the Bronx.

Prohibited as of March 29, 2000

William Padgett III	Case 819/00 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 3144 Bayview Avenue, Gravesend Houses, Brooklyn.
Hector Luciano	Case 884/00 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 141 Norway Avenue, South Beach Houses, Staten Island.
Wilson Gonzalez	Case 901/00 formerly associated with the tenth floor of 2940 West 31st Street, Surfside Gardens Houses, Brooklyn.

COMMUNITY SERVICE QUESTION AND ANSWERS – PART II

Starting in 2001, over a period of several months, the New York City Housing Authority (“NYCHA”) will phase in a new program. Under the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (“QHWRA”), approved by Congress and enacted by President Clinton in 1998, certain public housing residents — not all — will be required to provide voluntary service to their communities or participate in self-sufficiency training. This is the second of a two-part article to appear in The Journal, serving as an advance explanation of the Community Service Program. See the March Journal for additional information. **Please note the Summary of Exemptions on the facing page.**

Q: What is community service and economic self-sufficiency?

A: Community service is voluntary service to your development or to local community-based organizations. Economic self-sufficiency refers to programs that NYCHA and others offer to help residents gain employment, to help them to become self-sufficient. For example, it includes training on how to maintain a household budget, how to fill out a job application, how to prepare a resume, etc. For simplicity, throughout this article, the term “community service” is used to refer to both community service and economic self-sufficiency.

Q: Who will be affected?

A: Under the law, every adult public housing resident who is not found to be exempt, will be required to provide eight hours of monthly community service or to participate in self-sufficiency activities for a similar period. The eight hours can also be split, with some hours spent in community service and some in self-sufficiency training. But it is important to remember that community service is a condition of your tenancy.

Q: Who is exempt from this program?

A: There are many exemptions. A chart summarizing them appears on the facing page. **It is important to remember that this program will be phased in slowly over a period of several months, and these articles are intended to provide the reader with advance guidance.** There is no need to visit your management office at this time to discuss your eligibility.

Residents are cautioned to remember that the referenced chart is a summary of the Authority's exemption standards. It is not the actual text. The chart was prepared to give residents a fair understanding of the basic types of conditions that will allow the Authority to consider granting an exemption. Because the chart was prepared in “plain English” to make it easier to understand, in some instances additional requirements or details of the formal standards do not appear. **Residents should examine a copy of the actual NYCHA procedure, which will be issued once the program gets under way, before reaching any conclusion regarding whether an exemption is, or is not, available.**

Q: If a resident is required to provide community service, who decides what they will do? Will NYCHA locate work for residents to perform?

A: This is a choice program. Each resident decides how he or she will provide service to their community. NYCHA, of course, encourages residents to consider activities within their own communities, especially activities such as tenant patrol. Similarly, we emphasize the importance of participating in monthly Resident Association meetings. Residents can also volunteer to work with other community-based organizations, such as a local food bank. Community service may also be provided at the development, through municipal agencies like the Parks Department or the local school, through charities, etc. When the program is implemented, those affected will be given a list of activities that are acceptable forms of community service. Over time, the list will grow as other activities are added. However, it is up to the resident to find organizations that will accept his or her efforts on their behalf. **For residents who opt to take the economic self-sufficiency path, we suggest they contact NYCHA's Department of Economic and Business Initiatives (212 -306-3800) for references to qualified courses that satisfy that format.**

Q: What about working for NYCHA?

A: Residents are encouraged to provide service at or near the development where they reside. Of course, they can provide community service anywhere in the city, wherever they can find an organization or entity willing to provide an assignment. If the development's manager has tasks that need to be performed, then such service would also be acceptable. But the manager is not allowed to supplant a job or to substitute community service for work performed by public housing employees.

Q: How about working for elected officials?

A: The one forbidden activity is politics. We strongly suggest that other activities be considered.

Q: A resident who is required to provide community service has to put in eight hours of service each month. How will NYCHA track the time that residents provided services?

A: Each time a resident works for an organization, they should ask the person supervising the work or conducting the training to sign their verification form. In the case of training courses, the resident can wait until the conclusion of the course, before having the instructor sign the verification. Copies of NYCHA's verification form will be part of the packet that will be sent to each resident who has been found to be required to provide community service. Thereafter, additional verification forms will be available from local development management offices. Each resident will be asked to submit their signed verification sheets at the end of the year, as part of the annual verification process.

Q: Is it true that if a resident who is required to provide community service refuses to do so, they could be evicted?

A: Community service is an obligation of tenancy. If community service is refused, the family faces the possibility of eviction unless the individual refusing compliance is removed from the household.

Summary of Exemptions From Community Service

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Exemptions</u>
Age	Individuals below the age of 18. Individuals above the age of 62.
Disability	Persons who are either blind or disabled and unable to perform community service or self-sufficiency activities. The primary caretaker of an individual exempt due to blindness or disability.
Welfare Work Programs	Participants in the New York City Work Experience Program (WEP). Welfare recipients determined by HRA as exempt from performing work activities.
Welfare Assistance	Members of a family receiving welfare and determined by HRA to be in compliance with federal or state welfare programs.
Employment	An individual employed at least 30 hours per week. A single adult, residing with a child below the age of 13, employed for at least 20 hours per week. Two adults, residing with a child below the age of 13, with a combined employment of 35 hours per week. The 35-hour figure is a total that may be divided between both adults. Individuals engaged in job search, but for no more than six weeks during the community service period. Unemployment benefits qualify as job search. Adult homemakers residing with a second adult and a child below the age of 13, where the second adult is either employed or providing community services.
Education	Individuals enrolled in vocational training, but not exceeding a maximum of 12 months. Individuals receiving job readiness assistance (training preparing the individual for employment). Includes job-seeking skills, such as preparation of resumes or job applications, interviewing skills, job clubs and other activities that help an individual to secure competitive employment. Job skills training directly related to employment. Education directly related to employment, where the individual has not received a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalency. Full-time attendance at a secondary school. Full-time attendance in a course of study leading to a certificate of general equivalency, if the individual has not completed secondary school or received such a certificate. Attendance at a junior or community college, at a senior college or university for the minimum period required by the school.

Summer Jobs for Young Residents

Have any plans for the summer? You could earn some money. If you are a NYCHA resident who will be age 16 through 21 as of July 2, 2001, you are eligible to apply for the Resident Youth Employment Program (RYEP).

What will I do? Participants in the RYEP work on the grounds of NYCHA developments. If you get a job, we'll try to place you in the development where you live, but you should know that **travel may be required.**

When will I work? This year's program should begin on July 2nd. The program will last for seven weeks. Participants in the RYEP work 20 hours per week, 8 AM through 1 PM, Monday through Thursday. RYEP workers earn \$5.25/hour. There are also a limited number of Team Leader positions available for residents aged 18 through 21. Team Leaders work one additional hour per week and earn \$6.00 per hour.

How do I apply? Applications will be available at your development's Management Office. **Hurry!** The deadline to submit your application is **April 27th, 2001.**

How are applicants selected? A computer program is used to randomly select applicants and invite them to register. Your chances of being invited to register will depend on the total number of applicants. In previous years we have been able to accommodate **all** qualified resident youths.

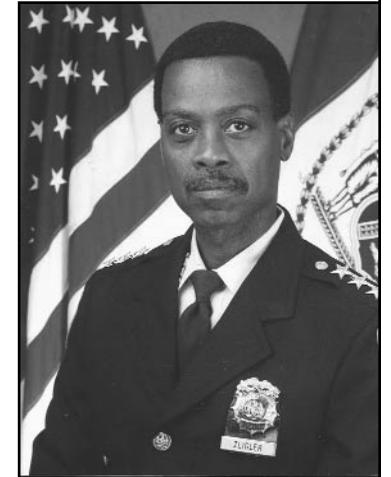
Do I need to have working papers or other documents in order to apply? You do not need to submit anything with the application form in order to **apply** for the program. But, if you are invited to **register** in the RYEP, **you must have certain documents** when you come to the registration site in order to be enrolled and get a job. Don't wait until the last minute. If you need information on obtaining a Social Security card, call **1-800-772-1213**. If you're 16 through 17 years old, you will need an Employment Certificate, what is commonly called "working papers." For information on obtaining working papers, call **(718) 222-6220**.

Complete information on the items you'll need is included with the application form. Please read that information carefully – each year many young people who are invited to register do not actually get a job simply because they do not have the required documentation.

From The Chief's Corner

Housing Bureau Special Services Section

The Housing Bureau is committed to reducing crime and improving the quality of life for the residents and employees of public housing. The mission of the specialized units of the Housing Bureau Special Services Section is to achieve these goals. These specialized units are the Modernization (MOD) Site Task Force, the Anti-Graffiti Unit and the Elevator Vandalism Unit (E.V.U.).



**Housing Bureau Police
Chief Douglas Zeigler**

Mod-Site Task Force

The mission of the Mod-Site Task Force is to ensure that new construction and rehabilitation work can be performed within public housing developments in a safe and orderly manner with no disruptions or work stoppages from Labor Coalitions. Labor Coalitions are any persons or groups that attempt to obtain work through illegal means such as extortion, coercion, etc. from contractors authorized to perform work. The unit's mission is the prevention of physical violence or threat to workers as well as the protection of property and equipment.

Anti-Graffiti Unit

The Anti-Graffiti Unit monitors and tracks incidents of graffiti, and deploys its teams based upon complaints from residents and employees of NYCHA developments, CCTV (Closed Circuit TV) observations, and intelligence information received from other NYPD units. The unit continues to aggressively address graffiti, vandalism and other property related quality-of-life crimes. The unit has been responsible for numerous arrests as well as offering invaluable assistance to various law enforcement agencies and intra-agency units in matters ranging from investigation of bias related crimes to enforcement against drug gangs. Quarterly meetings are held in each borough with management and residents to discuss education, prevention and alternatives to graffiti.

Elevator Vandalism Unit

The Elevator Vandalism Unit's mission is to prevent vandalism to the approximately 3,315 elevators located throughout the Housing Authority's 346 developments. The unit monitors and tracks incidents of elevator vandalism and deploys manpower throughout the city based on complaints from NYCHA management, residents, CCTV observations, as well as intelligence information from police officers. The unit maintains a liaison with the NYCHA Elevator Division and the New York Fire Department Fire Marshals. The unit also conducts informative lectures: Anti-Surfing, Vandalism Reduction and Proper Reporting Procedures.

The Housing Bureau will continue to work toward providing residents of the New York City Housing Authority with the finest police services available.

SPEAK OUT AGAINST FRAUD AND CORRUPTION!

If you or anyone in your family is aware of any fraud or corruption committed against the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) by any NYCHA employee, contractor, vendor, or tenant, we urge you to call the NYCHA Inspector General (IG) at 212-306-3355. The IG is supervised by the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI). Although the DOI and the IG initiate and develop their own investigations they encourage and rely upon NYCHA employees, tenants, people who do business with NYCHA, and the public at large, to report fraudulent and corrupt activity they see or hear. **TO REPORT FRAUD AND CORRUPTION CALL THE IG at 212-306-3355, or DOI at 212-3-NYC-DOI or 212-825-5959.**

Places to Apply for Jobs!

The Civil Service Chief-Leader provides valuable information on where to apply for and pick up employment/examination applications. Using their material as well as information from the NYC Green Book, here is a list of some important places where examination and/or job applications may be obtained. We also list phone numbers where you can obtain further details about exams, vacancies and the application process. **Please note the new address for mailing requests for City applications, in bold below.**

City: In person 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, Department of Citywide Administrative Services, Application Section, 18 Washington St., (212) 487-JOBS. **Mail requests for applications must be received at DCAS Application Section, 1 Centre Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10007, with self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope, no later than seven days before the filing deadline.** Applications must be returned by mail postmarked on or before the filing deadline. Filing fees range from \$30 to \$80, and are payable by money order only.

CUNY: At the personnel office of any CUNY college, unless otherwise specified in the exam announcement. The filing fees range from \$13 to \$30.

State: In person, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, New York State Civil Service Department Community Outreach Center, 163 West 125th St., Manhattan, (212) 961-4326 as well as at Labor Department Community Service Centers. Mail requests to Examination Information, New York State Civil Service Department, Building 1, State Office Building Campus, Albany, N.Y. 12239, (518) 457-6216. The filing fees range from \$15 to \$35.

Federal: To inquire about vacancies and where to apply, contact the Office of Personnel Management, 600 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19106, (215) 861-3070. Information also is available at 26 Federal Plaza in Manhattan.

Postal Service: Applications for exams in Manhattan or The Bronx may be obtained, only when tests have been ordered, at the Main Post Office, 380 West 33rd St., (212) 330-2851. For exams in Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island, please contact the Post Office's Triborough District Annex, located at 78-02 Liberty Ave., Queens, (718) 529-7000.

Good luck, keep on persevering and keep on using this paper as an aid to finding a job!

State Exams Close May 7

23-788

**Developmental Disabilities Secure
Care Treatment Aide Trainee**

\$26,342

23-788

**Developmental Disabilities Secure Care
Treatment Aide Trainee (Spanish Language)**

\$26,342

Open Continuously

20-804

**Accountant Trainee/Auditor Trainee
(Downstate)**

\$32,773

20-526

Addictions Counselor I

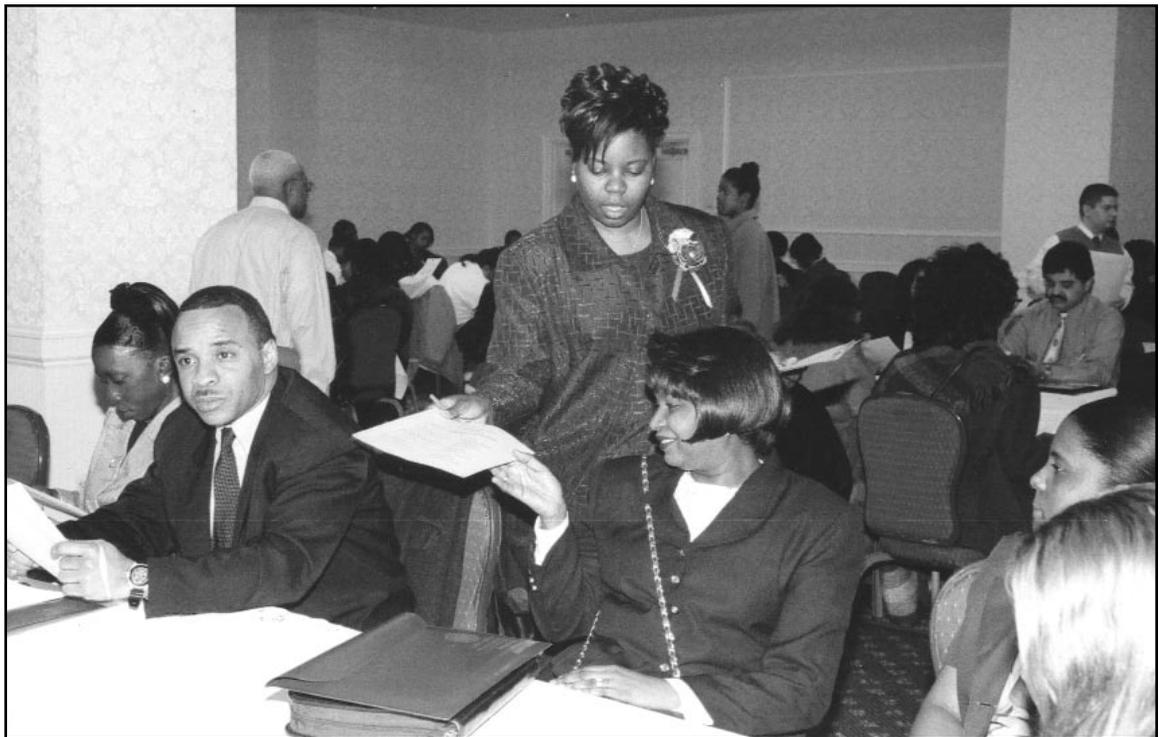
\$32,142

20-661 through 20-670

Keyboard Specialist

\$19,154

NYCHA 2001 JOB FAIR



EMPOWERED THROUGH EMPLOYMENT NYCHA residents from all over the city came to the Brooklyn Marriott on March 15 for the Department of Economic and Business Initiative's (DEBI's) 2001 Job Fair. Of the 300 residents who attended, at the time we went to press 28 had interviews lined up, and an additional seven already had new jobs! Among the 40 companies present were Modell's Sporting Goods, United Cerebral Palsy, Carver Bank, the Milestone Pre-School, Time Warner, CulinArt, Avis Rent-A-Car and Macy's. Fifty-three NYCHA residents joined the ranks of the Housing Authority's working families as a result of last year's fair. DEBI Director Francis Sanicola addressed the group offering words of encouragement and commending his staff, and especially the hard work and initiative of the job-seekers. Almost all of the residents who came to the Fair participated in the Pre-Fair Workshops at the Family Investment Center in Upper Manhattan, at the Hope VI Family Resource Center in Far Rockaway, or at RUED at 350 Livingston Street in Brooklyn. At the workshops, residents learned how to prepare their resumes along with interviewing tips and techniques.

SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR THE FOLLOWING JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN-UP AND REMEDIATION:

Program Description: 17-week training for employment in environmental remediation positions including lead abatement, asbestos abatement, and environmental monitoring. Graduates will receive certification in hazardous materials handling, full asbestos abatement, lead paint abatement, and confined space entry. Training is funded through the Economic Development and Supportive Services Program.

Minimum Requirements: Must be between 18-32 years old and have a High School Diploma or GED.

Target Population: Preference will be given to legal NYCHA residents of Upper Manhattan developments.

Enrollment Due Date: May 1, 2001

COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSE TRAINING:

Program Description: 5-week training for employment as a commercial driver funded through the Resident Uplift for Economic Development Program.

Minimum Requirements: 22 years of age or older; low income or on public assistance; legally eligible to work in USA; clean drivers license for at least 6 months - no more than one violation; be drug free and able to pass DOT physical exam.

Target Population: Preference will be given to legal NYCHA residents of Red Hook East, Red Hook West, Gowanus and Wyckoff Houses

Enrollment Due Date: Ongoing enrollment in 2001.

Women are strongly encouraged to apply!

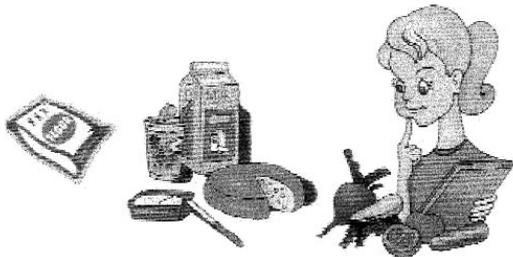
**CALL THE DEPT. OF ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS INITIATIVES
212-306-3800 for more information.**

NYCHA Recipe Contest

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 4, 2001

NYCHA is sponsoring its first-ever recipe contest. Send your favorite original recipe in any one of the following categories:

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| 1. Appetizer, soup, or salad | 6. Fish Main Dish |
| 2. Side dish | 7. Vegetarian main dish |
| 3. Pasta main dish | 8. Dessert |
| 4. Poultry main dish | 9. Baked goods |
| 5. Meat main dish | 10. Desserts by young adults |



All NYCHA employees, residents, retirees are eligible to enter the contest. Young residents and children of employees who are 13 to 18 years of age may enter a dessert recipe. To enter a recipe, print or type at the top of an 8 1/2 X 11 inch paper your name, complete address (if you are a resident, please include your development) and phone number. Contestants submitting an entry in the "Desserts by young adults" category should indicate their age.

On the same page, print or type your recipe including its name, number of servings, list of ingredients with specific quantities in order of use, and complete directions including baking/cooking time and temperature. Recipes should serve 4 to 6 people. Please indicate if the recipe meets any dietary restrictions. If it is more than one page, make sure you put your name on every page.

Entries must be an original recipe and not previously published. (You may submit your own recipe if it was printed in the NYCHA Employee Bulletin). By submitting any recipe you warrant that, to the best of your knowledge, it is your original work or a variation of an existing recipe that features four or more significant changes.

Entries must be received by May 4, 2001. Mail entries to NYCHA Recipe Contest c/o Pat Gonzalez, Special Events Coordinator, Department of Public and Community Relations, 250 Broadway, 10th floor, New York, NY 10007. No household may submit more than three entries.

The judges will select up to 15 of the best recipes in each of the categories listed above. Winners will be notified in May 2001. Recipes will be judged on their simplicity in the following categories: number and type of ingredients (40%), ease of preparation (25%), preparation time (20%) and creativity (15%). All decisions of the judges will be final.

Contest winners will be recognized with gifts, honored at a ceremony and will have their recipes published in a NYCHA Cookbook. All entries become the property of NYCHA; no recipes will be returned. NYCHA will have the right to publish or advertise the recipe and the name of the contestant without added compensation unless prohibited by law.

Manhattan South COP Installation



Nicoletta (Nikki) Azure of Smith Houses will represent Manhattan South in the nine-member Council of Presidents (COP). The Installation Ceremony for the district's Executive Board took place on March 12 at the Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center in Manhattan. Also participating in the ceremony were Manhattan Borough Community Operations Director Gary Morgan, Community Operations Deputy General Manager Hugh B. Spence, and the NYCHA Youth Chorus led by Gregory A. McCants. Those elected to the COP serve as liaisons between the Tenant Associations in their districts and NYCHA's Executive Board. COP representatives serve for three-year terms.

Resident Advisory Board

The Resident Advisory Board (RAB) is a group of 41 elected tenant representatives who advise NYCHA during the drafting of its Annual Plan, which, on completion, is submitted to HUD. The Fiscal Year 2002 RAB had its first meeting of the year on March 13. Below is a complete list of the FY2002 RAB Representatives and their districts. All correspondence to the RAB should be addressed to: Resident Advisory Board/New York City Housing Authority/P.O. Box 3766/Church Street Station/New York, New York 10007.

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| Nicoletta Azure | Manhattan South |
| Barbara G. Barber | Manhattan North |
| Laurine Berry | Bronx North |
| Cornelius Best | Queens |
| Reginald Bowman | Brooklyn East |
| Hattie Braddy | Brooklyn East |
| Marcella Brown | Bronx South |
| Elouise Carrington | Manhattan North |
| Lillian Codrington | Staten Island |
| Richard Davis | Brooklyn South |
| Ray Diamond | Brooklyn South |
| Lavalette Gumora | Manhattan South |
| Donna Harvey | Staten Island |
| Sylvia Jackson | Queens |
| Doris Jacobs | Queens |
| Curtis H. Johnson | Bronx South |
| Annette A. Johnson | Section 8 Queens |
| Sosthène A. Joseph | Section 8 Manhattan |
| Gerri Lamb | Bronx North |
| Sharon Martin | Bronx North |
| Yvonne McCain | Section 8 Staten Island |
| Sara Lee McWhite | Brooklyn South |
| Elizana Meek | Section 8 Bronx |
| Lucille Middleton | Manhattan North |
| James M. Missouri | Brooklyn West |
| Marie Monk-Boone | Brooklyn East |
| Minerva Montes | Manhattan South |
| Clarissa Moore | Brooklyn East |
| Rosetta Newcombe | Staten Island |
| Rosalyn Ray | Brooklyn West |
| Donna Reed-Ammonds | Brooklyn South |
| Linda Rispoli | Staten Island |
| Mercedes Ruiz | Manhattan South |
| Marguerite Scott | Brooklyn West |
| Leroy F. Smith | Brooklyn West |
| Joanne Smitherman | Bronx South |
| Juanita Stokes | Bronx South |
| Cornelia Taylor | Queens |
| Ethel Velez | Manhattan North |
| Wilhelmina Wood | Bronx North |
| Martin Weber | Section 8 Brooklyn |





All of these men and women have health care needs that require nursing and rehabilitation therapy and assistance with personal care. At CNR's Adult Day Health Care Programs in Brooklyn and Queens, they get their health care needs met and enjoy a day of exciting activities and the opportunity to socialize. If you or a loved one have a chronic health condition let us help. Day and evening programs are available. Medicaid* pays the cost of care and door-to-door transportation is included.

Ask your doctor or call:
1-877-4CNR-CALL
 (1-877-426-7225)

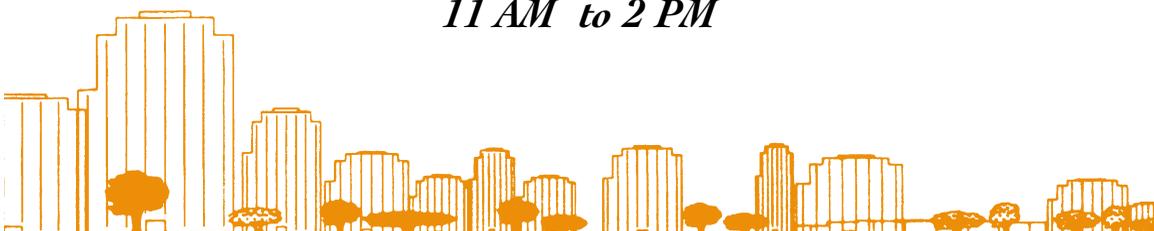
Ask for this free program booklet.



* For people who are not currently covered by Medicaid, we can help determine their eligibility and help with enrollment. CNR Health Care Network is a not-for-profit voluntary health care organization serving those who need it most since 1978.

April Is Fair Housing Month!

Learn About Fair Housing Practices
 at the
Fair Housing Expo
 April 25, 2001
 Rutgers Community Center
 200 Madison Street, NYC
 11 AM to 2 PM



Do Yourself A Favor SAVE ENERGY!



In the summer months New Yorkers should conserve energy whenever possible. With 346 developments and over half-a-million residents, the NYCHA community can have a powerful impact on New York City's energy supplies. *How? Easy.* Just follow the simple rules listed below...

Gas and Electricity

- When you leave a room, turn the lights out and turn off the television or radio when you're not watching or listening.
 - Built-in light fixtures in ceilings and walls are designed for light bulbs with a maximum of 60 watts. For your own lamps, use the minimum wattage light bulb necessary. You do not need a 200 watt bulb where a 75 or 60 or 40 will do. It is recommended that you do not use halogen lamps because they use too much electricity and, if left on for too long, could become fire hazards.
 - Keep the use of electrical appliances, such as irons, hair dryers, toasters, broilers and microwaves, to the practical minimum. If you're buying any of these items new, buy models that are labeled "energy-efficient."
 - Do not run extension cords out the window.
 - Only use air conditioners and fans when you really need them, and don't leave them running when you leave your apartment.
 - When removing an item from your refrigerator, make your selection and close the door promptly. Don't keep the door open. If you do not have one of our new energy-efficient frost-free refrigerators yet, defrost your refrigerator periodically. When properly defrosted, refrigerators function better and use less electricity.
 - Use the minimum amount of cooking gas necessary to do the job.
 - Do not run hot water continuously when washing. Fill the sink only to the required level and report any dripping faucets and/or running toilets to maintenance.
 - Operate washing machines only as needed, with a full washing load.
- And please remember...in the event of an electrical interruption, use flashlights instead of candles. Always keep spare batteries on hand.

Are you interested in **Employment Opportunities** working with individuals with disabilities? If so, contact NYCHA's Department of Economic and Business Initiatives at (212) 306-8715 for possible referrals.

You must be a legal NYCHA resident and have a high school diploma or GED.

Both entry-level and positions requiring experience are available. A clean driver's license and/or a willingness to do shift work may be required for some positions.

**NEW YORK CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY
DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY OPERATIONS
Child Care Feeding Program**



**SNACKS & DINNERS
AVAILABLE**

**AT PARTICIPATING NYCHA LOCATIONS
CHECK**

**WITH YOUR COMMUNITY CENTER
OR
CALL (212-306-4140/3749)**

CHILDREN Ages 6 THROUGH 12

Thanks For The Memories...

John G. Martinez, NYCHA Chairman April 1999 – March 2001

As I finish my last day as the Chairman of the New York City Housing Authority, I look back over the past 23 months full of fond memories and a mixture of pleasure and pride. I want to thank each of you — the residents of NYCHA — for having made my life a little richer and for your willingness to share your lives with me.

One can only hope that when all is said and done, that there are more positive outcomes than negative. I am confident that the new Chairman recognizes the importance of seeking your advice and counsel in the coming months and will endeavor to work with the citywide Council of Presidents and the Resident Advisory Board to address those concerns that play an important part in your lives.

I leave with no regrets and am thankful that the Mayor afforded me the opportunity to serve you and the citizens of New York City in what I consider to be one of the most important jobs in city government.

Thanks for the memories!



Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc.

Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc., the world's largest bottler of non-alcoholic beverages is sponsoring two job fairs with NYCHA. The following positions are available:

Account Manager* — meets sales targets, facilitates delivery and assures stock rotation standards are met for all Company products at each outlet. Knowledgeable and savvy about local marketplace conditions and needs in order to increase profitable sales activity. Excellent customer service skills are essential. Clean driver's license required. Ideal candidate has an Associate's or Bachelor's degree with one-year sales experience. Salary: \$33,000 plus bonus.

Driver Merchandiser* — delivers products to assigned retail outlets. High school or GED required; basic math skills; clean driving record; Class A or B license. Salary: \$14.77/hour.

Merchandiser* — works with Account Managers and Drivers rotating stock and resetting accounts to corporate standards. High School or GED required, must have a car and clean driver's license. Salary: \$9.83/hour. [*Ability to lift up to 50 pounds].

The job fairs will be held in the following boroughs in April and May:

Staten Island	Thursday April 26th	10:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.
Queens	Thursday May 10th	10:00 a.m. – 1:00p.m.

To pre-register and for more information please call:
212-306-3800 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
for NYCHA Residents ONLY

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