



# Journal

## Community Service Is Not Required For Another Year

By Eileen Elliott

An amendment to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) spending bill for fiscal year 2002 forbids public housing authorities from spending any federal money enforcing the Community Service requirement. That means that the requirement — that some public housing residents perform eight hours of community service each month — is officially suspended for the coming year. There is one exception however.

The exact language of the amendment is as follows, "None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to implement or enforce the requirement under section 12(c) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1437j(c)) relating to community service, except with respect to any resident of a public housing project funded with any amounts provided under section 24 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended, or any predecessor program for the revitalization of severely distressed public housing (HOPE VI)." NYCHA's Hope VI developments are Arverne, Edgemere and Prospect Plaza.

Since 1998 when the Housing Act of 1937 was amended with the passage of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act (QHWRA) which includes the requirement, NYCHA residents have expressed their objections to the Housing Authority at a series of public hearings and town hall meetings, and lobbied Congress to have the requirement repealed.

Especially vocal have been the 41-member Resident Advisory Board (RAB), created to advise NYCHA in developing its Annual Plan, and the nine-member Council Of Presidents (COPs), which

represents Housing Authority resident associations.

"I think its wonderful that the Community Service requirement has been suspended," said Manhattan South COP Chair Nikki Azure. "There are lots of ways that you can get residents to do community service without being so heavy-handed about it."

Congressman Charles Rangel, who represents the Harlem community, sponsored the legislation that has temporarily prevented implementation of the requirement. Mr. Rangel was just one of ten Congressional members who supported the Council Of Presidents and the RAB when they led 250 NYCHA residents in a Washington protest last May.

Mr. Rangel has also filed a measure to repeal the Community Service provision, the Public Housing Tenants Respect bill. This measure must be passed by September 2002, or NYCHA will again be required to implement the program at all developments.

Many residents are exempt from Community Service. They include residents who are under age 18 or over age 62, residents who are blind or disabled and unable to perform community

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## A TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN

*First Permanent National Memorial To Fallen of 9-11*



**Above:** The holly is surrounded by memorials commemorating the Police, Fire, EMS workers, Port Authority Police and Pink Houses and NYCHA residents lost in the attacks. **Right:** (left to right) P.S.A. #2 Police Officer Walter J. Brant, Pink Houses Manager Stephanie Davis, Resident Association President Clarissa Moore, P.S.A. #2 Captain Timothy Pearson, and Detective Izora Cook, also from P.S.A. #2.



By Allan Leicht

The residents of Louis H. Pink Houses in Brooklyn saw the cruelty that was done to our City on September 11th and they were determined to do something to affirm life, something that would live in remembrance of the lives that were lost. A young tree now stands at Pink Houses, which is, in the words of Clarissa Moore, President of the Pink Houses Resident Association, "a reminder of our loss and a testament to our unity and our resolve to stand strong as a nation."

The tree was planted in a ceremony on Sunday, November 11th, the two-month anniversary of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. It's a little holly tree now, barely three feet tall, but as it grows it will continue to honor the victims and heroes, their families, the government agencies, individuals and organizations involved in the rescue and rebuilding. Surrounding the tree are stone plaques inscribed with names and one plaque that will simply have a number, the number of people who lost their lives that day.

Just as Ground Zero has been consecrated by those who lost their lives on September 11th, so now the ground at Pink Houses in which this tree is planted has been consecrated. Congressman Edolphus Towns, City Council member-elect Charles Baron and Assemblywoman Diane Gordon joined the gathering of 300 to mark the moment, with Congressman Towns saying that this memorial to those who fell on September 11th is the very first in the country, "We grieve, but we are also so proud that it is in our community."

Pink Houses residents and NYCHA staff stood shoulder-to-shoulder with their police officers and firefighters — from P.S.A. #2, Captain Timothy Pearson, Detective Izora Cook and Officer Walter J. Brant along with Housing Bureau Chief Douglas Zeigler and Deputy Chief Demosthenes M. Long, Commanding Officer of Community Affairs; from Engine Company 225, firefighters James Carney, Fred Stavans, Ken Ruggiero, Mike Brecciano and their Chief William Ayers, and from Ladder Company 107

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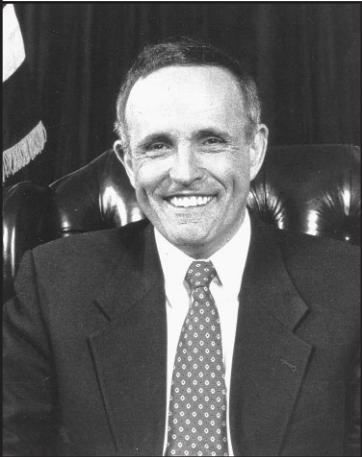
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*Have A Safe And Happy Holiday!*

**Message From The Mayor**

**Be Part Of The New York Miracle This Holiday Season**

The holiday season is now in full swing, and there has never been a better time to enjoy all that New York City has to offer. Over the last few months, people from throughout the country and the world have visited New York not only to take advantage of our renowned theaters, museums, restaurants and



shops, but also to show their support and to give a lift to our City as it rises up to meet the challenges of these difficult times.

We greatly appreciate all of the encouragement and help that we have received, and we would like to say "thank you" by offering some of the best tourism deals in our City's history. So, if you or someone you know is thinking about traveling to New York and taking in any of our diverse holiday

attractions, tell them to look into our new "Paint the Town Red, White & Blue," packages. They're the easiest and most enjoyable way that you and visitors from around the globe can contribute to the comeback of the Capital of the World.

This holiday season is certainly filled with feelings of sadness and mourning for all those who were so unjustly and suddenly taken from us in the September 11th attacks on America. It is a difficult and draining time for far too many families across New York City and the nation this year, including those whose loved ones are in the military, protecting our freedom throughout the world.

Many of the young men and women who are defending our country grew up in New York City Housing Authority developments, where their families still reside, keeping them close in their prayers. It is on behalf of all New Yorkers that I express my gratitude to them.

Our losses have been overwhelming, but at the same time, our pride has never been stronger. We will forever be indebted to the heroes who gave their lives to save others. To them we give endless thanks this holiday season, for their selfless sacrifices have given us a new, deeper understanding of courage and service to one's fellow human beings.

We appreciate now, more than ever, the importance of community. Family and friends have been the backbone of our successful recovery efforts and our ability to move forward with courage. They will also be the foundation for all that we do this holiday season. Realizing that the holidays will be inordinately challenging to so many families throughout our City and across the country this year, the entire New York City travel industry has come together to make getting to and enjoying the City's attractions and traditions as easy and affordable as possible.

The "Paint the Town Red, White & Blue" program runs from November 5, 2001 through February 28, 2002, and offers discounts on hotels, Broadway shows, stores, restaurants, museums and much more. "NYC Freedom Packages" are also available, and provide you with a wide selection of the best that the City has to offer, in a simple and flexible package deal. Most importantly, besides contributing to businesses that have been severely affected by the September 11th tragedy, you will also be making a contribution to the Twin Towers Fund, which benefits the families of the victims of the uniformed service members who gave their lives in the World Trade Center rescue effort.

New York is the most exciting place in the world to be during the holiday season. From the Christmas tree at Rockefeller Center to the storefronts of Fifth Avenue, the holiday traditions in this City are endless. So I urge you to go out and enjoy them all, and make your New York dreams come true. For more information on how you can "Paint the Town Red, White and Blue" this holiday season, contact NYC & Company, the city's Convention and Visitors Bureau. Call 800-NYC-GUIDE, log onto www.nycvisit.com, or stop by the Visitor Information Center at 810 Seventh Avenue (at 53rd Street).

Have a very happy holiday season!

*Rudy Giuliani*

**A TREE GROWS**

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firefighters James Russo, Hank Williams, Steve Russack and James Duggan.

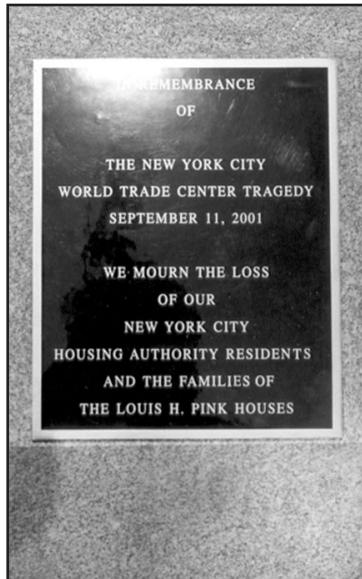
The memorial at Pink Houses is a stirring example of the spontaneous collaboration of residents, their community, NYCHA, commercial establishments and an extended family reaching as far as New Jersey.

It was the Pioneers of America at Verizon Communication of New Jersey who provided the catered food for the event. Having been made aware of the project by Detective Cook's sister, Iyeesha Cook, who is a design engineer for Verizon of New Jersey, they simply wanted to be a part of it.

So did Mohamed Elkordy of A\*Ottavino CVT-Corporation\*, who donated the six monument stones and provided the plaques. NYCHA bricklayers created the foundations and Mr. Elkordy's employees set the stones. Tune Print and Copy Center's president Tunde Ojo donated invitations and flyers. Original drawings by Frank Scafo, a maintenance worker at Pink Houses, illustrated the printed program. And the sapling holly tree itself, from Russell and Therese Lecount of Bissel Garden, was donated by the New York City Department of Probation through the good offices of Dedra Grant-Wade.

Much of the expense of the memorial and the ceremony was borne by contributions from many local establishments, with NYCHA Community Operations and the Resident Association of Pink Houses making up the difference. The NYPD Color Guard and Pink Houses' Community Center Seniors Choir further solemnized the afternoon.

In every part of New York there are symbols of sorrow that can be traced to the thousands of lives lost in Lower Manhattan, and here at Pink Houses in Brooklyn, as there are sure to be elsewhere, is a lasting tribute to honor our loved ones.



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**Message From The Chairman****Comfort From Tradition**

Our seasonal traditions prompt us to remember the past and look to the future, causing some of us to think about time. The 2001-2002 holiday season is especially time sensitive. We know where we have been and how life has changed since the



terrorist attacks of September 11 and the crash of American Airlines Flight 587.

If recent events teach us anything, it is to cherish time. We try to do that all year-round but we seem to have more success in this season, probably because we feel the past fading as we approach another January.

Ramadan, which has just passed, is a sacred month of the Muslim lunar calendar and therefore moves around in the solar calendar. This year, however, the commemoration of the revelation of the Koran to

Muhammad occurred in November, coinciding in mid-November with the Hindu Festival of Light, Diwali, which marks the beginning of the Hindu New Year. Like Christmas, Chanukah and Kwanzaa, Ramadan and Diwali are occasions for family and community. All the holidays this year are not simultaneous but seem to lead one to the other. Where one leaves off, the next begins, proceeding to Eastern Orthodox Christmas and a bit later, Chinese New Year in February.

Naturally, we cannot make time slow down, but we can change our pace to enjoy the holidays more fully. We watch our candles flicker, linger at our festive tables or make the most of shorter days and longer evenings, and then we sometimes join with others in their rituals or as observers. However we do it, we give each other space and try to make every moment count.

It has been said often before, but it is especially evident in the holiday season, that NYCHA is multicultural. Thus, while we measure time according to our particular traditions, we evaluate the past and along with our families, friends and co-workers, hope for a happy and fulfilling future.

As we have seen in such great measure in the autumn and winter of 2001, we are one. We shall remain one in 2002.

A happy, healthy, wholesome holiday to all.

*Tino Hernandez*

**\$10 Million Community Center Set for Stapleton Houses**

Stapleton Houses, the largest of 11 developments on Staten Island, will be getting a new Community Center under \$10,113,541 in new contracts recently awarded by the Board of the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). Staten Island Borough President Guy V. Molinari supplied \$1million of the funding towards the new Center.

The Gerard Carter Community Center was named for a beloved Housing Police Officer who had for years been the development's Community Officer and had worked with the softball team there as part of his devotion to the community. Carter, 28, made the ultimate sacrifice when he was mortally wounded July 26, 1998 while on patrol at the West Brighton Houses.

The new 21,000-square-foot Carter Center will include a gymnasium and a multi-purpose area with a stage, locker rooms, a weight room, recording studio, game room, dance room, arts and crafts area, classroom, dining room and director's office. The Carter Center will take two years to complete once work begins next Spring.

"This Center will be the focal point for this community of 2,148 residents," NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez said. "It is a fitting tribute that it was named for Police Officer Gerard Carter who was devoted to making the area a better place for all," he added. Chairman Hernandez praised the contribution of Borough President Molinari in making the Center possible. "The dedication and support of Guy Molinari, made this project a reality. It would not have happened without his support," Hernandez noted.

Stapleton Houses, completed in May 1962, has 693 apartments in six, eight-story buildings on almost 18 acres. Broad, Hill, Warren and Gordon Streets, and Tompkins Avenue border the complex.

**Deborah's Diary**

*By Deborah Williams*

**A Tribute** — Local residents, firemen and policemen came together as a community to share a moment of remembrance and appreciation and to extend their heartfelt thanks to those who are truly deserving. Just two little words are all it took to convey a huge message from Holmes Towers — *Thank You*. On Monday, October 15, the Holmes Towers Resident Association, under the leadership of Resident Association President Sally Maldonado, hosted an appreciation dinner for local police and firemen. "We as a community, just wanted to show our appreciation to our fire and policemen for their dedication," said Ms. Maldonado. Approximately 15 firemen from Engine Company 22, Ladder 13 and policemen from P.S.A. #5 attended. The tremendous demand on the firemen was obvious from the start when the evening's program was delayed because they were responding to a call, and before the conclusion of the evening, they were summoned yet again, by another emergency call. A call that I am quite sure these men didn't mind answering because it's their resilience, strength and courage that makes them so good at what they do — protecting lives. The highlight of the program was an inspirational performance by the NYCHA Youth Chorus. Also present at the dinner was Manhattan Management Department Director William Russo. **Thanks to Mr. Russo and Holmes Towers Manager Mark Weisel for this item.**

**Congratulations** — Nelson Marrero has left his grandmother Mrs. Antonia Marrero and his familiar surroundings at Seward Park Extension for an ocean view—that is Nelson has joined the Navy. He's part of the squadron of the George Washington Air Craft Carrier. He's an aviation mechanic and very proud to be serving his country. Nelson, a recent high school graduate, is following in the path of other family members. Other members of his family who serve in the armed forces are George Oquendo, Hedweil Costa and Rolando Rios, who is also a former resident of Seward Park. **Congratulations Nelson! It takes great commitment to aid in the defense of your country. Be safe and keep riding those waves. I wish to extend a special thanks to the management of Seward Park Extension, for providing this article through their newsletter.**

**A Moment of Thanks** — On November 20<sup>th</sup> a pre-Thanksgiving Day Appreciation Dinner was held for the firemen of Ladder Company 19 and Engine Company 15 at the 1162 Washington Avenue Community Center in Manhattan. This Thanksgiving Dinner had a twofold message of thanks. Not only is the community center grateful for the bravery these firemen showed at the World Trade Center tragedy but five years earlier, the same fire companies came to the aid of the 1162 Washington Avenue Community Center when it was engulfed in flames. Thirteen firemen attended and feasted on delicacies prepared by Resident Association President Marcella Brown, and the children of the community center. Also in attendance was Center Director Eric Harrison. The firemen of Ladder Company 19, Engine Company 15 were presented with a plaque. "They just accepted it graciously and said it was great that we were making this connection," Mr. Harris said. Well it seems that these folks have a lot to be thankful for and I am glad they were able to come together as a community/family to share in a wonderful moment of thanks.

*The holidays are upon us, and of course, this is the month we set aside frustrations to spread a little love. Therefore, I'd like to take this opportunity to extend some cheer to my readers. I wish you and your families all the best and hope your holidays bring you joy and happiness throughout the year. Keep reading the NYCHA Journal and don't forget to call me with your good news at (212) 306-4752, or fax it to (212) 577-1358. I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Be good and maybe Santa will bring you that gift you have wanted all year long. Happy Holidays!*

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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 September 27, October 25, November 1 and November 8, 2000. **REMEMBER, IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ON HOUSING AUTHORITY PROPERTY, PLEASE CALL YOUR MANAGEMENT OFFICE OR THE POLICE! THIS LISTING IS PROVIDED TO ALL POLICE SERVICE AREAS.**

### *Prohibited as of September 27, 2000*

Anthony Perez Case 3783/00 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 1129 Teller Avenue, Claremont Consolidated Houses, the Bronx.

### *Prohibited as of October 25, 2000*

Jesus Padilla Case 4154/00 formerly associated with the third floor of 1805 Crotona Avenue, Murphy Consolidated Houses, the Bronx.

Victor Porter Case 4159/00 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 543 East 108<sup>th</sup> Street, Breukelen Houses, Brooklyn.

Asiatic Allah Case 4191/00 formerly associated with the first floor of 5814 Farragut Road, Glenwood Houses, Brooklyn.

Michael Hunter Case 3167/00 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 643 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Campos Plaza Houses, New York.

Jamie Santiago, Jr. Case 4200/00 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 2225 Bronxwood Avenue, Pelham Parkway, the Bronx.

### *Prohibited as of November 1, 2000*

John Lowery Case 4283/00 formerly associated with the first floor of 107-15 Flatlands Avenue, Breukelen Houses, Brooklyn.

McArthur Nicks Case 4301/00 formerly associated with the eighth floor of 1800 Story Avenue, Monroe Houses, the Bronx.

Jerry McClellan Case 4300/00 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 81 Jersey Street, Richmond Terrace Houses, Staten Island.

Douglas Boynton Case 4247/00 formerly associated with the second floor of 224 East 28<sup>th</sup> Street, Straus Houses, New York.

Jean Carrenard Case 45298/00 formerly associated with the tenth floor of 440 East 105<sup>th</sup> Street, East River Houses, Manhattan.

### *Prohibited as of November 8, 2000*

Dorinda Geter Case 4344/00 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 131 Jersey Street, Richmond Terrace Houses, Staten Island.

Jamale Gray Case 4430/00 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 919 Myrtle Avenue, Tompkins Houses, Brooklyn.

Miguel Santiago Case 4352/00 formerly associated with the third floor of 1368 Webster Avenue, Butler Houses, the Bronx.

Jason Harbin Case 4359/00 formerly associated with the seventh floor of 270 Wortman Avenue, Linden Houses, Brooklyn.

## NYCHA Hosts A Crowd Of Golden Daffodils

By Allan Leicht

The New York City Housing Authority's (NYCHA's) Garden Program has collaborated with the Parks Council, the Coalition for New York City Parks and the City's Department of Parks and Recreation to honor those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11th.

On November 3rd, upwards of 20,000 daffodil bulbs were distributed from three different NYCHA locations, and in the spring, ribbons of golden life will flower to serve as a memorial in gardens throughout the City.

"It's even more than remembering," said Deidra Gilliard, Director of Citywide Programs for NYCHA's Department of Community Operations, "it's an act of faith. Anything that grows starts out of sight, down in the ground. When we plant a bulb we have faith that many months from now a little stem will come up and turn into a flower. It's important that we continue to have faith that despite whatever curves may be thrown, we will continue to grow and prosper."

Howard Hemmings, head of NYCHA's Garden Program said that the Garden staff will work with residents to put the bulbs into the ground this winter. They were distributed at Union Avenue Consolidated in the Bronx, the Van Dyke Community Center in Brooklyn and the South Jamaica Community Center in Queens.

The daffodil is one of the harbingers of spring, a symbol of the renewal of life. In shape and color it resembles a bugle, which sounds both the notes of Taps in mourning and reveille in the triumph of a new dawn.

## Community Service (Cont'd. from page 1)

service or self-sufficiency activities, or their primary caretaker, participants in the Work Experience Program (WEP), welfare recipients determined by the Human Resources Administration to be exempt from performing work activities, those employed at least 30 hours a week, single adults with children under age 13 who are employed at least 20 hours a week, two adults living with a child under 13 with combined employment of 35 hours a week, individuals involved in vocational training not exceeding 12 months, and those in full-time attendance at a secondary school.

## 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.

**City:** In person 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, Department of Citywide Administrative Services, Application Center, 18 Washington Street, telephone (212) 487-JOBS. Forms may be downloaded from the Internet at <http://nyc.gov/html/dcas/html/examforms.html>. Mail requests for applications must be received at DCAS Application Section, 1 Centre St., 14th floor, New York, N.Y. 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 \$60, depending on title, and are payable by money order only.

**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, telephone (212) 961-4326, and 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.

**Postal Service:** Information about exams in Manhattan or the Bronx may be obtained, only when tests have been ordered, at the main Post Office, 380 West 33rd Street. For exams in Queens, Brooklyn and Staten Island, information may be obtained, only when tests have been ordered, at any of the following locations: 78-02 Liberty Ave., Queens, telephone (718) 529-7000; 142-02 20th Ave., Queens; 45 Bay St., Staten Island.

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### DEBI AND WILDCAT: A WINNING COMBINATION

By Carl Yen and Jacqueline Pimentel

"I love my job!" declared LaShelle Parks, a resident of Cypress Hills Houses in Brooklyn. Ms. Parks began working for NYCHA in 1997 as a Community Service Aide, and was promoted in February 2001 to Secretary III in the Department of Community Operations. She works with the Aftercare Program of the Emergency Transfer Unit, assisting victims of domestic violence. Her value to the department became immediately apparent when she suggested that things would run more smoothly if all forms and correspondence were generated by the computer. She then assisted with the creation of a database of the department's forms.

Ms. Parks' desire to learn about computers was realized the day she enrolled in the four month Wildcat Limited Work Experience Program (WLWEP), a job training and internship program administered by the Department of Economic and Business Initiatives (DEBI) in collaboration with the Wildcat Service Corporation (WSC).

DEBI Acting Director Margaret Ruiz stated, "WLWEP, like many of the programs we offer, provides on-the-job training, skills enhancement and computer skills training. Additionally, Wildcat provides job placement assistance to graduates, life skills training, and workplace counseling workshops to address employer expectations." And DEBI's Deputy Director of Management Systems and Planning Gladys A. Ruiz, added, "DEBI is responsible for planning and implementing a number of initiatives to promote the economic self-sufficiency of residents and create job opportunities."

Ms. Parks first heard about the WLWEP from her guidance counselor in college and decided to apply when she had to take a leave of absence from school. The rest, as they say, is history. According to her immediate supervisor, Chezia Carraway, Ms. Parks is a "Jane of all Trades. She is able to do some of everyone's job, both clerical and administrative. Finally, given her adeptness with computers, she is able to streamline many clerical functions in her unit."

When asked if she would recommend this program to others, Ms. Parks replied emphatically, "Absolutely, and I have! It really, really, works! The life skills training aspect was particularly valuable. We learned about workplace skills, getting along with others, preparing a resume, how to look for a job, and how to balance a career with your home life. This was especially helpful for a single parent like myself."

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Family Size	Income Range
1 person	\$20,701 — \$33,100
2 persons	\$23,651 — \$37,800
3 persons	\$26,601 — \$42,550
4 persons	\$29,551 — \$47,300
5 persons	\$31,901 — \$51,050
6 persons	\$34,301 — \$54,850

Note: Maximum income does not apply to NYCHA households.

### OPEN HOUSES

By appointment only.

212-306-7004 or 212-306-4072

#### Manhattan

Saturday, January 12  
2090 Madison Avenue  
10AM to 2PM

#### The Bronx

Saturday, January 26  
749 Jennings Street  
10AM to Noon  
  
1815 Prospect Avenue  
2PM to 4PM

Staff will be available at the Open Houses to answer your questions and provide application packets. Application postmark deadline is February 15, 2002.

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Address	Average Monthly Maintenance
<i>Madison Avenue</i>	2 Bedroom \$468 Efficiency \$156
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- IS HE OR SHE MENTALLY FOCUSED AND PHYSICALLY TALENTED? (STRONG, FLEXIBLE AND FAST!)
- ARE YOU OR ANOTHER RESPONSIBLE ADULT WILLING TO COMMIT TO HELPING YOUR CHILD ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE? ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT!
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All auditions will be held at Sutton Gymnastics.

Address: 20 Cooper Square 7th floor  
(at Third Ave & 5th St. in the East Village)  
Telephone: 212-533-9393

Appointments begin at 2PM and are by reservation ONLY.

AUDITIONS ARE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS.

Saturday December 29, 2001  
Saturday January 26, 2002  
Saturday February 23, 2002



All auditions begin at 2:00 pm and are by reservation only. Please call Sutton Gymnastics between the hours of 9AM and 1PM. We will schedule your time and appointment date. The phone can be busy so please keep trying.

*Molva*  
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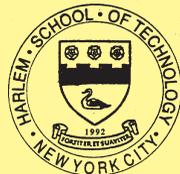
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