



Journal

DEBI Satellite Office Opens At Randolph Houses In Harlem



TRAINING, COUNSELING, PLACEMENT NYCHA Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. points to the Department of Economic and Business Initiatives (DEBI) Satellite Office at Randolph Houses.

By Allan Leicht

Opportunity waits a few steps up the stoop at 218 West 114th Street in Manhattan. A turn to the right just inside the doorway and NYCHA residents will find guidance for job training, career counseling, job placement and business development, all provided by the new Randolph Houses Field Office of the Department of Economic and Business Initiatives (DEBI).

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new field office on April 5 brought Randolph residents, neighbors and civic leaders to this block of row houses, and made, as Resident Council President Robertus Coleman said, another dream come true.

"I moved here 29 years ago," said Ms. Coleman, seated on her stoop across the street from the

new office before the ceremony, "and we walked the street with bullhorns" to get the drug traders off of it. Under Ms. Coleman's leadership, the residents took their block back from the bad guys and now these tenements, built in 1890, have acquired an old world charm. They line a play-street of tree-shaded benches and social

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Mayor Giuliani Announces New HealthStat Incentive Program For NYCHA

\$10,000 AWARDS

At a press conference at I.S. 73 in Maspeth, Queens on April 23, Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani announced that NYCHA is sponsoring a competition to enroll uninsured New Yorkers through the city's HealthStat program. **The Housing Authority will award \$10,000 to each of the tenant associations of the five public housing developments in the city that complete the most applications for children's health insurance. NYCHA will also award \$25,000 to be shared equally among the ten housing developments in each of the city's eight districts that enroll the most children.**



Housing Authority Chairman Tino Hernandez at I.S. 73

Tenant Associations will be allowed to use the funds for educational, sports, food or bus packages to enhance community center activities.

HealthStat is a citywide initiative to provide uninsured New Yorkers with health insurance. Its first priority is enrolling eligible children in Child Health Plus. The majority of the more

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Quincy-Greene Ribbon-Cutting NYCHA's First Mixed-Finance Housing



PARTNERSHIP (left to right) Quincy-Greene resident Denise Thompson joins NYCHA Director of Housing Finance and Development Sharon Litwin Ebert, Deputy General Manager of Asset Management and Private Market Operations Naomi Lara (partially hidden), Doe Fund, Inc. President George McDonald, NYCHA Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., and resident Mabel Daniels at the ribbon-cutting.

By Eileen Elliott

Passersby expressed only vague interest in the small crowd of men and women gathered around a podium in front of 888 Greene Avenue on the afternoon of April 18 in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn. What they didn't know was that the red ribbon stretching across the gate to the adjacent lot where bright yellow daffodils fluttered in the wind symbolized the future of public housing.

For the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents who live in 19 apartments scattered among six buildings on Quincy Street and Greene Avenue, the future of public housing means spacious, brand new apartments with gleaming hardwood floors in four-story walk-ups.

They are the residents of NYCHA's first mixed-finance development — Quincy-Greene. The Quincy-Greene Redevelopment is a joint venture between NYCHA (the government), the Doe Fund (the nonprofit sponsor), and L&M Equities/Quincy Greene Associates (the builder and landlord). Not only is it NYCHA's first mixed-finance development, it is the first in New

York City in which applicants from the conventional public housing waiting list have been placed with non-public housing neighbors. The remaining 25 apartments in the development are all occupied by households earning no more than 60 percent of the area median income.

"This is the model for a public housing program that we hope will make everyone proud," said Naomi Lara, Deputy General Manager of NYCHA's Department of Asset Management and Private Market Operations. "Gone are the monoliths of public housing's past. The wave of the future of public housing is to join with the private sector."

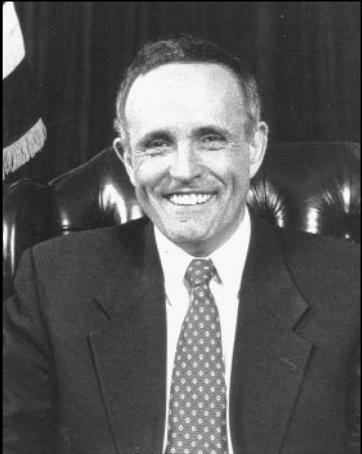
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May Is Jewish Heritage Month

Message From The Mayor

**Keeping the Lights On
in NYCHA and New York City**

The recent power shortages and rationing of electricity in California have made most Americans vividly aware of the consequences of inadequate energy planning. The presence of electricity is not something that we can afford to take for granted.



The work needed to avert an energy crisis needs to be done well in advance. That is why my administration has developed a plan for a reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy supply for New York City's future.

To prevent blackouts, the City is required by law to have 80% of the forecasted summer time peak usage of electricity capable of being supplied by power plants located inside the five boroughs. But while our demand for electricity has

increased, supply has not. This year, without new generation, the City will not have enough power to satisfy this requirement. The private marketplace has responded to our need for more energy with proposals to build seven power plants around the City.

The affected neighborhoods have expressed some concern about these plans. But New Yorkers need to understand that there are certain engineering realities that dictate where power plants are located. The plants have to be near substations, high-pressure natural gas lines, and a water supply for cooling. The City will do its best to help mitigate the consequences of these plants on the affected communities, but we can't change these basic realities.

We also need to educate the public about what it can do to conserve electricity during the peak summertime periods. One way to do this effectively is to introduce new electric meters that show customers the real cost of electricity on a hot summer day. But while real-time pricing and other cost-effective measures are important, we need to recognize that conservation alone cannot eliminate the need for new power plants located here in the City.

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) spent \$275 million on utilities in the year 2000. Still, NYCHA could have spent more had it not implemented a number of cutting-edge pilot programs that save energy, improve efficiency and cut costs. One is the Advanced Automated Heating System — a computerized artificial intelligence system that can target problems at boiler plants before they happen and recommend preventative steps. Another is the Integrated Building Control System, which, when fully implemented, improves and optimizes heating systems by using a central computer to maintain more uniform temperatures.

Perhaps the innovation residents are most familiar with is the Energy Efficient Refrigerator Program, which aims to replace all 181,000 refrigerators in NYCHA apartments with more energy-efficient models. The estimated savings at the completion of this program is \$7 million annually. So far, 115,000 refrigerators have been replaced since the program began in 1996.

As residents of Housing Authority developments, you do not pay for the electricity you use — at least not directly. But that doesn't mean you won't benefit from cost savings or that you can't do your part to help keep energy costs down. For more on what you can do, please turn to page 7 of this *NYCHA Journal*.

To complement our efforts to ensure the ready availability of electricity, I believe it is necessary to have better wholesale price controls during the ongoing transition between regulation and a free market. I have directed the City Law Department to ask the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to impose more effective wholesale price controls in New York City until more plants are built. I urge the State Public Service commission to join us in this request.

The bottom line is that New York City's energy policy should be driven solely by concern for doing what is responsible — both now and in the long-term. I believe that this plan will help the City and its many public housing residents achieve the dependable, affordable and sustainable energy supply that we need and deserve.

Rudy Giuliani

**Last Two Cycles Complete EDSS Program
Graduation Ceremony Concludes Computer Repair Course**

By Eileen Elliott

The last 40 students of NYCHA's Economic Development and Supportive Services (EDSS) Computer Repair Program graduated on the evening of April 3 at the Clinton Community Center in Harlem.

Master of Ceremonies Raundo Cohen spoke for his class when he said, "there were good days, bad days, cold days, rainy days and snow. We made sacrifices but we had to come to see what we could learn. Today we see computers in a new light."

After 17 weeks of intensive work for the 21 full-time day students and the 19 part-time evening students (who were still attending classes at the time of the graduation) it's not surprising they see computers in a new light. That light is a beacon calling them to continued success.

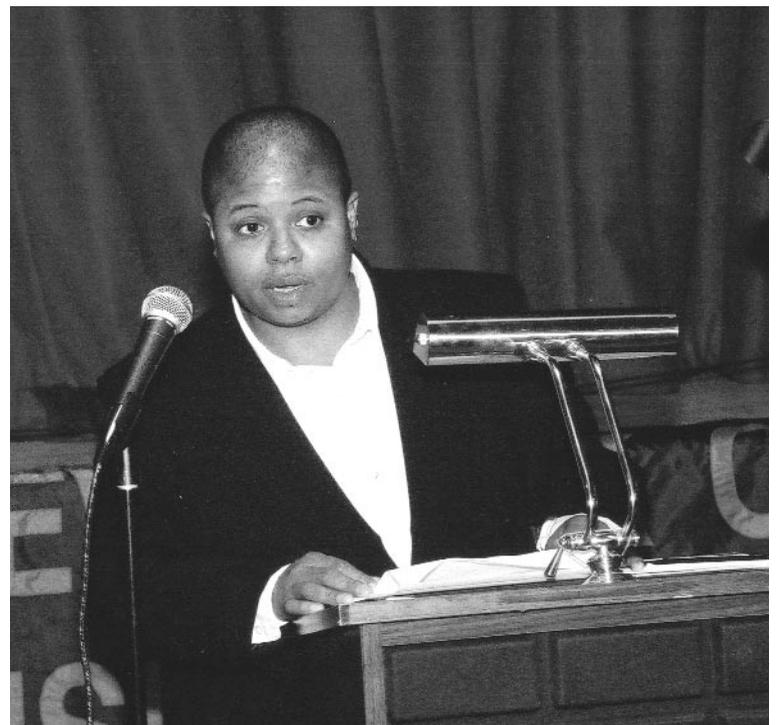
Patricia Bransford, Executive Director of the Urban Technology Center, which teaches the class, added to the excitement when she told the assembly that many past graduates now make over \$60,000 a year.

The UTC began collaborating with NYCHA in September of 1999 on a pilot program to provide computer skills to residents from the 42 NYCHA developments in the Manhattan North Empowerment Zone. Since that time, a total of 131 residents have graduated from Computer Repair Classes and another 381 have completed the four-week Computer Literacy Courses also taught by the UTC.

Ms. Bransford awarded special certificates to a record 12 students who had already received their A+ Certification. A+ Certification, sponsored by the Computing Technology Industry Association since 1993, shows that an individual has basic competence in supporting microcomputers. It is required to become a PC technician.

There was anticipation in the air, as well as a sense of pride and accomplishment apparent not only in the graduates themselves, but also in the audience of family, friends, and NYCHA and UTC staff members

"A lot of students in the evening class worked during the day and came to class at night. A lot had to pay for childcare," said Department of Economic and Business Initiatives (DEBI) Deputy Director Margaret Ruiz.



Discipline, Dedication, Diligence Class speaker Violet Solis told of her trials on the way to completing the Computer Repair Course.

"We're proud of you. Your family is proud of you. Your friends are proud of you. Your instructors are proud of you."

Also attending were NYCHA Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., Deputy General Manager of Asset Management and Private Market Operations Naomi Lara and DEBI Assistant Director Colin Murray.

Eleanor Lowe, who is a social worker with the EDSS program, expressed her thanks to each of the graduates, saying that they helped to enrich her life, and that each had chosen to be a "strong strand in the fabric of life."

Class Speaker for the daytime division, Violet Solis, exemplified the qualities she thanked NYCHA and the UTC for developing in her — disci-

pline, dedication, diligence and respect. She said that over the past few months she had two deaths in her family and a loss of income but that she could still experience joy because she completed the Computer Repair Program.

Entertainment was provided by Lynn Peralta, a social work intern with the EDSS program, from Columbia University, who sang and played the guitar, and graduate Barry Marquez who performed his rap-original "UTC."

"There was nothing that was going to stop us," said Class Speaker for the evening division Thomas Gomez. "We did it as a family and continue to be committed. Thank you all for making it possible to be in this unique class."

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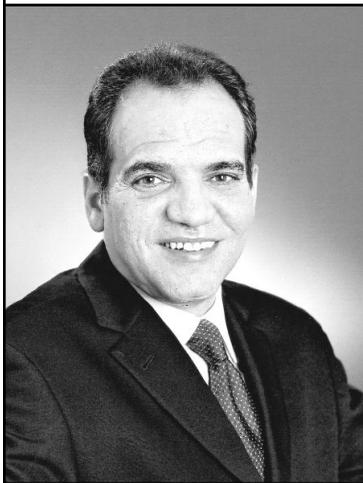
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Message From The Chairman

Make The Most Of Summer!

Summer is just around the corner, and with it comes more opportunities than ever for young New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) residents to participate in recreational and educational activities that will not only help them "beat the heat," but will also leave them better prepared to return to school in the fall. These programs are offered through the 118 NYCHA-sponsored community centers throughout the city, as well as the 47 additional community centers on NYCHA property.



Many of these community centers hold day camps for children who are between 6 and 12 years old where they can enjoy hours of summer fun. A collaboration between NYCHA and the Fresh Air Fund brings residents of the same ages real camping opportunities. The Fresh Air Fund sponsors camping trips and day trips for inner-city youth, so that they can experience more rural environments. Each year, up to 300 youth participate in three 14-day overnight camping trips and another 2,000 children take up to 25 day trips.

Are you interested in improving your child's reading skills? Partners in Reading (PIR) can help. PIR is a collaboration between NYCHA, the Mayor's Office, and the Board of Education, and is available to New York City children between the ages of 6 and 8 who are in the first through the third grades. Approximately 6,000 children are already registered. For information on the summer session, which runs from July to August, please see page 5.

Tennis (and education), anyone? NYCHA has collaborated with the New York Junior Tennis League (NYJTL) to make tennis instruction available to our residents along with a variety of educational and career workshops. To participate, residents must join the NYJTL. (Membership is free.) Workshops cover a variety of topics from Scholastic Aptitude Test preparation to National Collegiate Athletic Association regulations.

Then there are the Police Athletic League (PAL) Playstreets, held each year from the beginning of July to the end of August at 60 NYCHA developments. PAL Playstreets are seven-week-long summer programs which provide recreational and educational activities, usually at developments without community centers.

Unlike the programs mentioned above, NYCHA's Sports Program is strictly recreational. It features softball, track and field, fishing and a Summer Games Festival, all of which take place during July and/or August. Approximately 130 teams of 18 players each participate in the Softball Program and another 3,500 children between the ages of 6 and 18 compete for the Citywide Championship in the Track and Field Program. Some 6,000 NYCHA youth pull out fishing rods and tackle boxes to compete in the Fishing Program in Prospect, Central and Clove Lake Parks each year. And for three days in August, an estimated 5,000 residents citywide join the Summer Games Festival, meeting in different parks in the city for a variety of carnival-like activities. Dignitaries such as Pokéman and Sesame Street's Bert and Ernie have been known to attend the Summer Games Festival in past years.

But recreation and education aren't our only concerns. The Child Care Feeding Program provides nutritious meals to approximately 3,500 children daily at 134 developments. In addition, for eight weeks during July and August, the Summer Lunch Program offers free nutritious meals and snacks to approximately 8,000 children daily at over 100 developments citywide.

So, why not make the most of the summer months ahead and take advantage of the many opportunities that come from living in this very special "city within a city." **For information on the Sports Program, please call Cornell Hampton or Kevin McMikle at (212) 306-4178/9. For information on any of the other programs, please contact Community Operations Citywide Deputy Director Christine Zeni at (212) 306-6049. And have a great summer!**

Tino Hernandez

DEBI OFFICE

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stoops. Their four-story scale is unusual among NYCHA developments, and the new field office for resident training and employment, the first of its kind in the city, makes Randolph Houses even more unique. However, this gateway to the world of work is not for Randolph Houses residents only — every NYCHA resident is welcome.

Iris Rivera, Recruitment Unit Specialist, and Tanisha Waring, a Community Service Aide, are ready to provide personalized services — applications, testing, and referrals for training and education. Ms. Rivera and Ms. Waring will give residents access to the full range of NYCHA programs, such as the Alternative High School, the Housing Youth Training Program, nursing and various apprenticeships.

For NYCHA Deputy General Manager of Asset Management Naomi Lara, this was a homecoming of sorts. Ms. Lara was a manager of Randolph Houses in the 1980's. She said, "Robertus Coleman was in my face every day, telling me to do more, at my side helping me to do more. And this," she said, "will be the model for other site offices throughout the city."

Margaret Ruiz, Deputy Director of DEBI, served as mistress of ceremonies, inaugurating the shiny new facility between Adam Clayton Powell and Frederick Douglass Boulevards. Ms. Ruiz emphasized NYCHA's commitment to helping residents realize their dreams and joined Ms. Lara in praise of Robertus Coleman.

When Ms. Coleman stepped to the microphone, she first made sure she had the attention of the whole block. "Can you hear me at 261 stoop?" she called. There was no doubt they could and no mistaking her message as she spoke of resident empowerment.

Housing Authority Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. expressed a very personal satisfaction stemming from his belief that resources should be moved close to people, and he urged residents to "Keep making the Housing Authority work for you."

Ms. Ruiz welcomed civic leaders gathered for the occasion: Stephanie Figgs, Director of Constituent Affairs for State Senator David Patterson, Stanley Gleaton, Chairman of Community Board #10, Keith Lilly from City Councilman Bill Perkins office, and District Leader Teresa Freeman.

Make NYCHA work for you: Call the 24-hour hotline: (212) 306-3800.



Deborah's Diary

By Deborah Williams

Leading Ladies — Congratulations to three of NYCHA's hard-working resident representatives on their recent elections. Cornelia "Connie" Taylor of Arverne Houses in Rockaway has been re-elected District Chair of the Queens Council of Presidents. Connie will serve a three-year term, and with all the exciting changes going on out there at Arverne and Edgemere those are sure to be three exciting years. Carol LaDieu, TA President of Todt Hill Houses in Staten Island has been elected new District Chair of the Council of Presidents there. Here's an idea for you, Carol: how about putting together some events with that new baseball team of yours, *The Staten Island Yankees*? Barbara G. Barber of Drew Hamilton Houses is the new District Chair of Manhattan North. **Congratulations to all of you again and to all of NYCHA's resident leaders. Remember that we can all have a real impact on the way things go in our developments and our communities. Our leaders are only as good as the help and support they get from all of us. So get in there and pitch in!**

Teacher! Teacher! Wonderful news for three NYCHA residents — Evelyn Fraiser of Woodside Houses, Queens, Wanda Patterson of Red Hook East, Brooklyn, and Shavon Jeffrey of Stapleton Houses, Staten Island. They all got great jobs as teacher's aides at Hanover Place Childcare in Brooklyn. Evelyn and Shavon landed their jobs through the NYCHA 2001 Job Fair, which was produced by the Department of Economic and Business Initiatives, and Wanda got hers through the Resident Uplift for Economic Development (RUED) Program on Clinton Street in Manhattan.

More go-getters To Debbie Grant-Wilson of Bronxdale Houses in the Bronx, congratulations on your new position at the Brooklyn Public Library. Debbie is another "NYCHAN" who used the Family Investment Center to climb the ladder of success. Keep climbing, Debbie. And Cynthia Jones of Claremont Consolidated Houses in the Bronx was recently hired by NYCHA's Leased Housing Division. Cynthia was an intern in the *Wildcat Clerical Training Program* and moved into a full-time position. You make us proud, Cynthia. **And there you go! But as they say in Jamaica (I mean, Kingston, Jamaica) "If crab no walk, him no get fat," which means you got to get out, walk the walk and talk the talk. The jobs are out there, we've got to go out and get them. Good going to all those who got gigs at the Job Fair and elsewhere. Keep up the good work. And if you need any more encouragement...**

Fabulous Fulton Robert Fulton Houses in Manhattan has won the *Arts Partners Grant* funded by the Association of Performing Arts Presenters, the Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund, and the Arts Program of the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation. Fulton Houses is one of only three communities nationwide to win this award. It is all owing to Melissa "Lisa" Bates, former Tenant Association President, who submitted the application for Fulton Houses. Lisa, we all thank you from the bottom of our hearts. This grant is for the participation of all from five years of age and up. The programs include free classes in dance, music, video, poetry, writing, art, performance, acrobatics, gymnastics, trapeze and circus — all taught by professional instructors. Classes began last January and will continue through the end of May at the Kitchen Theater on 19th Street between 10th and 11th Avenues and also in the Tenant Association Office next to the Fulton Management Office on Thursdays, 7:00-9:00 PM, and Saturdays, 1:00-3:00 PM. And there is still plenty of room for **everyone**, all are welcome. Some of the classes can lead to movies or TV and everyone can participate in the grand finale — the repainting of the murals at Fulton Houses. The mural painting will take place during the summer — and it will be one great, community-wide summer celebration. Don't miss it! Get in contact with **Treva Offut at 212-255-5793** at the Kitchen Theater, she's waiting for your call. And speaking of Treva, she's the face and voice in the new American Express Blue Card commercial.

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 **April 5, 12, 19, and 26, 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 April 5, 2000

- Stephton McConnell Case 1116/00 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 401 West 18th Street, Fulton Houses, New York.
- Conrad Dew Case 1120/00 formerly associated with the second floor of 2385 First Avenue, Wagner Houses, New York.

Prohibited as of April 12, 2000

- Damion Colclough Case 16/00 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 13-02 Redfern Avenue, Redfern Houses, Far Rockaway.
- Brandon Walden Case 1211/00 formerly associated with the sixth floor of 413 West 16th Street, Fulton Houses, New York.

Prohibited as of April 19, 2000

- Jose Rivera Case 1335/00 formerly associated with the second floor of 2945-49 W. 23rd Street, Carey Gardens, Brooklyn.

Prohibited as of April 26, 2000

- Christopher Latimer Case 1394/00 formerly associated with the fourth floor of 51-11 Almeda Ave, Edgemere Houses, Far Rockaway.
- Maximo Mercado Case 1392/00 formerly associated with the first floor of 2120 Randall Avenue, Castle Hill Houses, the Bronx.
- Rutha Evans Case 1403/00 formerly associated with the twelfth floor of 751 East 161st Street, McKinley Houses, the Bronx.
- Kelvin Marmol Case 1404/00 formerly associated with the fifth floor of 709 F.D.R. Drive, Wald Houses, New York.
- Danny Bryant Case 1446/00 formerly associated with the ninth floor of 68 Cumberland Walk, Whitman Houses, Brooklyn.
- Yusif Robinson Case 1447/00 formerly associated with the eleventh floor of 195 Hoyt Street, Gowanus Houses, Brooklyn.
- Eduardo Perez Case 1311/00 formerly associated with the eleventh floor of 484 East Houston Street, Wald Houses, New York.
- Damon Williams Case 1475/00 formerly associated with the seventeenth floor of 680 Tinton Avenue, Adams Houses, the Bronx.
- Anthony Glover Case 1460/00 formerly associated with the nineteenth floor of 2999 8th Avenue, Polo Ground Houses, New York.

Quincy-Greene (Continued from page 1)



ROOM FOR LIVING A “typical” living room at the Quincy-Greene Redevelopment in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn.

Four of the six buildings were acquired by the Housing Authority approximately 15 years ago and the remaining two, along with the vacant lot, were acquired by the Housing Authority three years ago from the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development. Renovations began in January 1999 and ended in September 2000.

In recounting the difficulties on the way to the project's completion, Ms. Lara said, “There were guidelines from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), state guidelines, city guidelines and NYCHA guidelines that we had to work our way through. It took a long time, it took a lot of work

and a lot of commitment.”

NYCHA Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr. read a letter from Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani commending everyone involved in the creation of Quincy-Greene. “It's great when government and other groups can come together and blend their resources for the common good,” Mr. Andrews added.

George McDonald, President of the Doe Fund, Inc., called the Quincy-Greene Redevelopment, a “unique partnership; the first of its kind in New York City.” The Doe Fund is a New York based non-profit organization whose mission is to help formerly homeless men and women achieve lives of independence and self-sufficiency. Mr. McDonald

expressed his personal satisfaction in the context of what he gleaned while feeding the homeless in the 1980's. “They appreciated the sandwich,” he said, “but what they really wanted was the room and the job to pay for it.”

Mabel Daniels, who works as a cashier in Manhattan, wasn't homeless but was living with friends for 13 years before moving into her one-bedroom apartment in the development last September. “It's a beautiful building,” she said with a big smile, as she proudly showed off her apartment. “So quiet and clean. I love it.”

NYCHA's Department of Housing Finance and Development Director Sharon Litwin Ebert emphasized the “three p's” that were essential to the projects completion — planning, patience and perseverance.

“The people who pulled together to do this are all pioneers,” Ms. Ebert said. “These are people who never partnered or worked with the Housing Authority before. There were no ground rules. They were brave enough to venture out when no one else was.”

Quincy-Greene received funds from NYCHA, the New York City Employees Retirement System, the New York City Housing Development Corporation, the State's Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program and private sources. Chase Bank provided the letter of credit for the construction loan.

HealthStat

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than 1.5 million low-income New Yorkers who are uninsured are eligible for Child Health Plus, Medicaid, or Family Health Plus, to be introduced later this year.

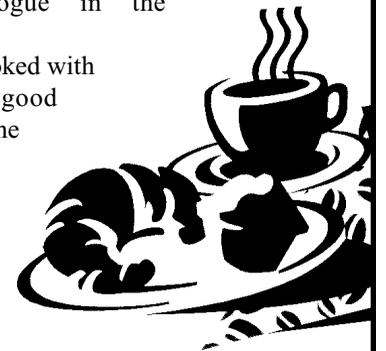
HealthStat operates an automated touch-tone phone line — 1-888-NYC-6116 — that pre-screens families for Medicaid and Child Health Plus eligibility and refers them to convenient community locations for enrollment. The phone line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and English and Spanish-speaking counselors are available Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 8 PM to assist callers. Information can also be obtained through HealthStat's Website, www.nyc.gov/health-stat. In the year 2000, the total enrollment in Medicaid and Child Health Plus increased by 130,000 in New York City. NYCHA made over 8,000 successful referrals to the HealthStat program since its inception last year. Citywide meetings with tenant association leaders will be held in the upcoming months.

Chairman Hosts City Council at Breakfast

Chairman Tino Hernandez kept it friendly and informal at NYCHA headquarters as he greeted New York City Council members at the Authority's annual breakfast for the legislators on April 27. Mr. Hernandez, chatted over bagels and coffee before and after, publicly thanking them for their past support and promising an ongoing dialogue in the future.

Councilman Kenneth Fisher joked with the Chairman, recalling their good work together with youth at the Department of Juvenile Justice, of which Mr. Hernandez was Commissioner immediately before Mayor Giuliani appointed him as NYCHA Chairman. Councilman Bill Perkins took the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Hernandez on that appointment, as did Councilman Angel Rodriguez.

Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., Board Member Kalman Finkel and NYCHA department directors shared views of a wide-ranging display furnished by the Design Department — scale models, architectural plans, drawings and photographs of the many construction projects under way at NYCHA developments. Many of the projects are supported by over \$39 million in appropriations from the City Council over the past five years — parks and landscaping, playgrounds and community centers, door locks, mailboxes, fencing, closet doors, elevators and other necessities of daily life for NYCHA residents.



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 post-marked 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 Open Continuously

20-725 thru 20-739
Bilingual Education Teacher
\$29,802 — \$37,313

20-170
Histology Technician
\$22,657

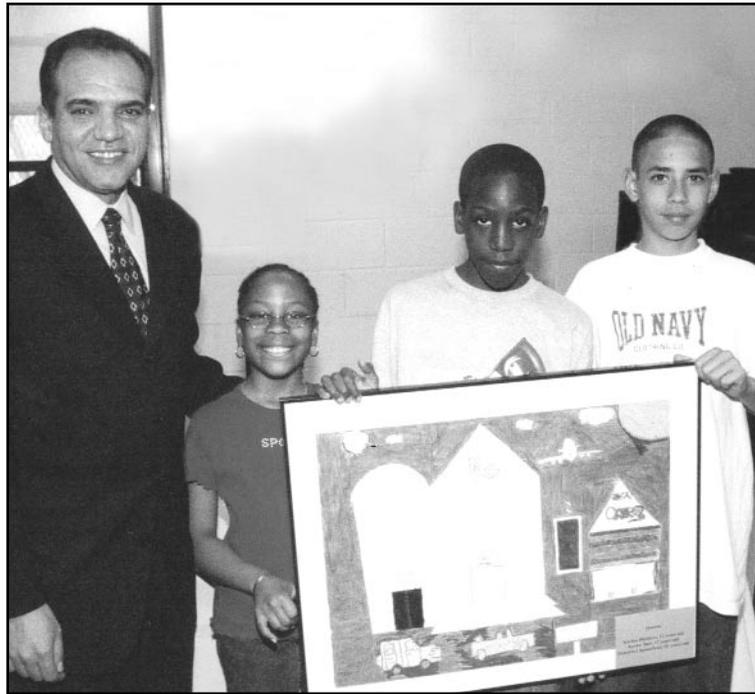
20-175
Motor Equipment Mechanic
\$25,715 — \$28,551

20-284/20-285
Nutrition Services Administrator I & II
\$39,902, \$46,749

20-580/20-581
Occupational Therapy Assistant I & II
\$26,591, \$31,155

20-538
Tax Auditor Trainee I
\$28,738, \$30,773

DEO Fair Housing Expo At Rutgers Houses



NYCHA Chairman Tino Hernandez with (left to right) Damaris Chesterfield, Xavier Saez and Karlon Harless, of Ravenswood Houses in Queens, show their award-winning painting.

By Eileen Elliott

NYCHA's Department of Equal Opportunity (DEO) celebrated Fair Housing Month with a Fair Housing Expo at Rutgers Houses in Manhattan on April 25. Together the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and New York City agencies and non-profits like the Commission on Human Rights, the New York Urban League and the Chinatown Manpower Project, joined forces with the Housing Authority to bring the word about fair housing practices to the denizens of the Lower East Side.

A special feature of this year's Fair Housing Expo was the display of award-winning drawings and paintings by residents between the ages of 9 and 12 that they created at workshops entitled, "Housing Discrimination: It's Against the Law!" A total of 45 children from community centers in each borough attended the workshops that were a collaboration between DEO's Office of Housing Opportunities and NYCHA's Department of Community Operations. The children then used what they learned to create their posters. All of the posters were exhibited at NYCHA's Central Office on April 11. Winners were then chosen for each borough, four of whom received awards — art sets — at the Fair Housing Expo.

DEO Director Sonia I. Martínez welcomed the group, explaining that the mission of the Department is to provide equal housing opportunity and ensure NYCHA's compliance with the requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. She introduced

Chairman Tino Hernandez who took time from the "whirlwind three weeks" that he has been Chairman, to express how impressed he was with the artwork. Mr. Hernandez said he has been busy meeting with staff and residents to see how he can contribute.

DEO Deputy Director Norman J. McCullough thanked everyone for attending, noting that the Housing Authority is mandated by law to reach out to residents and inform them of fair housing practices. DEO Assistant

Director Damaris Burgos, who worked closely with the children at the Housing Discrimination workshops, mentioned how pleased she was that the Department was able to reach residents at such an early age.

NYCHA's Manhattan Applications Office, the Department of Operation Services' 504 Unit and DEO's Services for the Disabled Unit were on hand to inform residents about Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, and related federal law, which mandates that residents with mobility impairments and other physical disabilities receive equal access to housing and housing programs.

In compliance with this, NYCHA has fully converted over 5,000 apartments, and is seeking to fill vacancies in these units. The Services for the Disabled Unit has a special hotline number for interested residents or applicants: (212) 306-4652 or TDD (212) 306-4845.

Fair housing is a right protected by federal, state and city laws. Under the New York City Human Rights Laws, it is unlawful to discriminate in the sale, rental or lease of a housing accommodation or in the provision of services and facilities because of actual or perceived race, color, national origin, gender, disability, sexual orientation, creed, marital status, alienage or citizenship status, age, lawful occupation or because children are or may be residing with you.

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- Snacks Served
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The theme for the Summer Session will be "Gardening and Insects". Sessions will begin the week of July 9, 2001 & classes will be for 7 weeks, two days per week for 2 1/2 hours.

For information call your local Community Center or:

Bronx (212) 306-2998 (212) 306-4254	Brooklyn (212) 306-3129 (212) 306-4217	Manhattan (212) 306-3062 (212) 306-4254	Queens & Staten Island (212) 306-3155
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NYCHA Girls Learn About The Culinary Arts Ninth Annual "Take Our Daughters To Work Day"



Wedding Setting These girls from Manhattanville Houses in Manhattan learn how to set a table for a wedding dinner from a pro, the maître d' at Tavern On The Green in Manhattan, Rodney Shepherd. Executive Chef Gary Coyle (right) looks on.

By Eileen Elliott

Led by Executive Chef Gary Coyle, 15 NYCHA girls from Manhattanville Houses in Manhattan and Throggs Neck Houses in the Bronx, wound their way through the labyrinthine kitchens at the Tavern On The Green restaurant in Central Park on the morning of April 26. The sous chefs were making sure that everything was "mise en place," the egg man was inspecting crates of eggs stacked waist high, the prep cooks were chopping, peeling and dicing, the line cooks were frying, simmering and sautéing — all was the very busy business as usual of running a world-renowned, first-class restaurant. It had to be. Not only was the kitchen preparing to get "slammed" that evening with orders from a party of no less than 2000 guests, the restaurant was also participating in the Ms. Foundation's Ninth Annual Take Our Daughters To Work Day.

Tavern On The Green was just one of six restaurants that collaborated with the Ms. Foundation, the Careers Through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP), and NYCHA's Department of Community Operations to teach girls about the many possibilities for careers in the restaurant business. Approximately 60 NYCHA girls from 10 developments participated in the day's events.

With its winding, bevelled mirrored hallways, flagstoned patios surrounded by bushes

strung with lights and fashioned into gigantic sculptures of rabbits, bears and unicorns (topiaries), Chinese lanterns swaying from oak trees outside and brightly colored crystal chandeliers inside — including one that was in the movie "Gone With The Wind" — the decor was sumptuous and impressive. But another impression was also immediately apparent; that it takes the coordinated efforts of a lot of people, in different roles, with very specific areas of expertise to keep things running smoothly.

People like managers, maître d's, waiters, prep cooks, dish-washers, head chefs, sous chefs, stewards, and pastry chefs. And most importantly, people like Executive Chef Coyle, whose day begins at 7 in the morning and doesn't end until 11 at night. Blessed with the "gift of gab," Chef Coyle peppered the girls with advice for successful careers in and out of the restaurant business, all through the day.

Among other things, the girls learned how to set a table, how to serve and clear a table (serve with your left from the left, clear with your right from the right), the kind of information that goes on a "ticket" (the piece of paper the waiter writes the order on), how and where food is stored, how to sauté vegetables, what a hot line and cold line is, and for the best part, how to dip strawberries in chocolate and eat ice cream sundaes. (Only kidding, they already knew that last part.)

Other restaurants in the city that hosted NYCHA girls for the day were Gotham Pastry in Queens, and in Manhattan, the New York Restaurant School, Annisa Restaurant Associates, Butterfield 81 and Pier 60 at the Chelsea Piers.

The national Take Our Daughters To Work Day was created by the Ms. Foundation to help make girls aware of the many different career opportunities that are open to them. The Careers Through Culinary Arts Program (C-CAP) is a national non-profit organization dedicated to providing career opportunities in the food service industry for underprivileged youth through culinary education, scholarships and apprenticeships.

Oh, and in case you didn't know, mise en place (pronounced MEEZ on PLAHS) is French for "put in place." The sous chef (pronounced "soo chef") is the Executive Chef's second in command, often in charge of the day-to-day happenings in the kitchen, the line cook is a person who works on "the line" cooking hot food to be served, and the "prep cook" prepares the raw ingredients for the other cooks.

In addition to exploring careers in the culinary arts, NYCHA girls also attended Take Our Daughters To Work Day at American Express offices in downtown Manhattan.

New York City Housing Authority Department of Community Operations

ATTENTION: SINGERS 10-17 Years Old

The New York City Housing Authority Youth Chorus will be holding auditions. Selected NYCHA participants may be chosen to appear in a special project with:

DMX and R. Kelly

Auditions for the Chorus will be held on:

Saturday, June 16, 2001
9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

1385 5th Avenue
Between 114th and 115th Streets

Directions by Subway:

Take the #6 train to 116th Street station and walk West to Fifth Avenue. Turn left and walk downtown to 115th Street.

Take the #2 train to 116th Street and walk East to Fifth Avenue.

Please note the chorus is looking for 40 singers only, 10 to 17 years old. Come prepared to sing a song. All auditions are held in private and you don't have to be a professional singer to join.

APPOINTMENT NOT NECESSARY



For further Information: Call (212) 427-6648

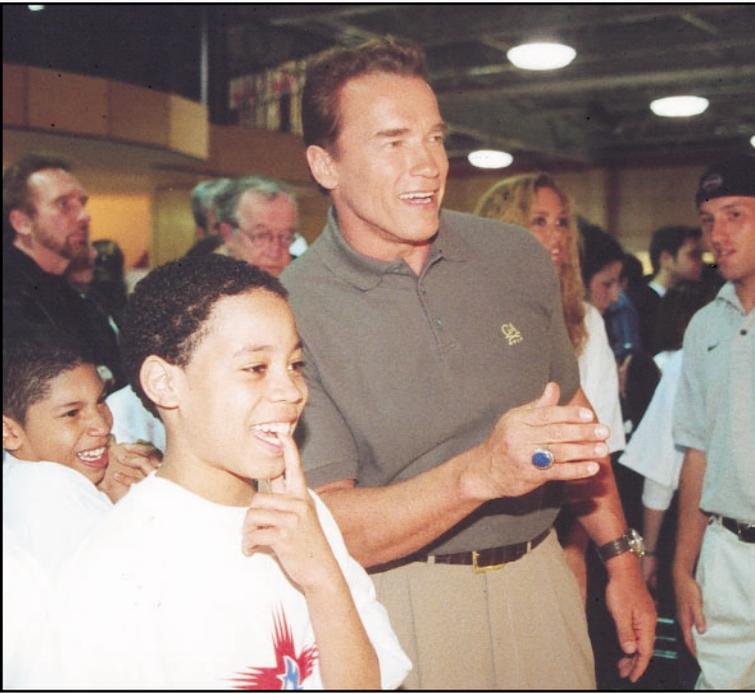
Did you know...

Did you know... that the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Starbucks Coffee Company, Howard Schultz, grew up in NYCHA's Bayview Houses in Canarsie, Brooklyn? In his book, "Pour Your Heart Into It," published by Hyperion in 1997, Schultz identifies his family as being among "the working poor" of the time. He moved into Bayview in 1956 and refers to the development as "a friendly, large, leafy compound," where he had many "happy memories." He says in his book that growing up in Bayview provided him with a well-balanced value system and forced him to get along with many different kinds of people.

Did you know... that NYCHA has a new general manager? His name is Douglas Apple and he is the former Deputy Commissioner of Administration, Planning and Policy Analysis of the city's Department of Juvenile Justice. Look for more on Mr. Apple in next month's *Housing Authority Journal*.

Happy Mother's Day, May 13th

NYCHA, Arnold And Inner City Games



IT'S A STRIKE! National Inner City Games Chairman Arnold Schwarzenegger (left) joined 40 NYCHA youth for an Inner City Games Bowling Tournament on April 10 at Chelsea Piers. The fundraiser was attended by a number of celebrities in addition to "The Terminator." They included hip-hop impresario Russel Simmons of Def Jam (below), actor Paul Sorvino, and singer Samantha Coles. The lanes weren't cheap. Each company that participated bought at least one, for \$5,000. NYCHA bought two. Other participants included Cendant, Continental Airlines, AVIS Rent-A-Car, Hummer, J.P. Morgan Chase, the City University of New York, Citibank, Con Edison and AT&T. Also present from NYCHA were Chairman Tino Hernandez, Vice Chairman Earl Andrews, Jr., Deputy General Manager for Community Operations Hugh Spence, Community Operations Director of Citywide Programs Deidre Gilliard, and Department of Public and Community Relations Director Millie Molina. The Inner City Games Foundation is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide year-round opportunities for inner-city youth to participate in sports, education, cultural and community enrichment programs. Over 900 NYCHA residents between the ages of 6 and 13 participate. The summer sports/educational camp, CampUS, is held at St. John's University in Queens.



Do Yourself A Favor SAVE ENERGY!

In the summer months New Yorkers should conserve energy wherever possible. With 346 developments and over half-a-million residents, the NYCHA community can have a powerful impact on New York City's energy supply.

Just follow the simple guidelines listed below.



- 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.

The New York City Housing Authority & The Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute Scholarship Competition for Actors & Actresses



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The Lee Strasberg Theatre Institute is offering several 12 week acting scholarships to qualified residents of public housing. To participate you must be at least 17 years of age and must audition and be interviewed. The deadline is **June 8, 2001** and classes will begin on September 17, 2001.

Contact Citywide Programs at (212) 306-4176, between the hours of 9:00 am - 12 noon and 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Monday through Friday to register.

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