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MEDIA ADVISORY: DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION AND CITY OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE FREE FOOD DISTRIBUTION FOR GOVERNMENT WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES AFFECTED BY PARTIAL SHUTDOWN

NEW YORK—On Monday, January 28, 2019, the Probation Department and City officials will the expansion of the NeON Nutrition Kitchens operation for federal workers and their families who have been impacted by the government shutdown.

Even during a transitional phase with the temporary deal to re-open the government, families will still need food. The NeON Nutrition Kitchens will distribute one week of free groceries to federal workers each visit until after they receive the first pay check. Federal workers and their families are encouraged to come into the NeON Nutrition Kitchens each week and bring a federal ID to participate in the program.

The NeON Nutrition Kitchens, a program of the Department’s Neighborhood Opportunity Network (NeON,) are neighborhood food pantries that help people transitioning from the justice system stay on the right track. Kitchens are also open one day per week to other community residents and provide free non-perishable food, as well as healthy, great tasting recipes and feature cooking demonstrations by local chefs.

“Federal employees impacted by the shutdown in New York City are our neighbors, our friends, and in some cases our family,” stated **Commissioner Ana M. Bermúdez**. “The doors of our NeON Nutrition Kitchens in all five boroughs are open to federal workers during this challenging time.”

The Department of Probation launched the NeON Nutrition Kitchens in five boroughs three years ago in partnership with Food Bank For New York City and the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City. Since then, the NeON Nutrition Kitchens collectively have served more than 83,000 individuals and their families per year.

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