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**NCBH LOOKING FOR HELPING HANDS  
NORTH CENTRAL BRONX HOSPITAL SEEKING EXCEPTIONAL PEOPLE  
TO VOLUNTEER FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT TREATMENT PROGRAM**

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**BRONX, NEW YORK** – North Central Bronx Hospital (NCBH) is looking for candidates who are interested in becoming rape crisis advocate volunteers in The Sexual Assault Treatment Program (SATP). This highly acclaimed program treats and supports survivors of rape and sexual assault in a safe, professional and caring atmosphere.

Anyone who wishes to participate is required to complete a 40 hour class mandated by the NY State Department of Health, and must commit to volunteer for three shifts per month for a minimum of one year. Volunteer shifts are Monday-Friday overnight and weekends.

Training sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday March 2, 9, 16, 23 and April 6. There will be no training scheduled for March 30 due to the holiday weekend.

This is a richly rewarding experience for those interested in assisting sexual assault victims in a time of great need. Last year twenty-five individuals volunteered to assist victims in their most difficult hour. Volunteers join a team of advocates. Advocates assist survivors by providing support including: crisis counseling, accompaniment during forensic examinations, advocacy with agencies and other personal needs, advocacy with the criminal justice system, and information and referrals for follow up care.

For information or to obtain an application, please call the SATP Advocate Coordinator, Debbie Hayashi, LCSW, at 718-519-4788. Please make all inquiries and applications prior to Friday February 8, 2013.

North Central Bronx Hospital is located at 3424 Kossuth Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467 and is easily accessible by the # 4 train and several Bronx bus lines including #1, #2 and #10.

**About North Central Bronx Hospital**

North Central Bronx Hospital is part of HHC's North Bronx Healthcare Network, which includes Jacobi Medical Center. A 215-bed community hospital, NCBH specializes in women's and children's services. Its renowned outpatient department has led the way in community-based care that is delivered in a compassionate and culturally-appropriate manner. As member facilities of the New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation, Jacobi and NCBH are committed to providing safe, high quality medical care, for any and all in need.

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