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- New York City Department of Probation, Commissioner Ana M. Bermúdez

“Thousands of New Yorkers struggle to provide quality and affordable nutrition for their families – making it difficult to lead full, healthy and productive lives. By making healthier food choices and nutrition education accessible at NeON sites, this innovative initiative will help those transitioning from the justice system put their best foot forward,”

- Darren Bloch, Executive Director of the Mayor’s Fund to Advance New York City
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locations

HARLEM NeON 127 West 127 Street, Manhattan
QUEENS NeON, 162-24 Jamaica Avenue 2nd Floor, Jamaica
SOUTH BRONX NeON 198 East 161 Street, Bronx
STATEN ISLAND NeON 340 Bay Street, Staten Island
BROOKLYN 345 Adams Street, Brooklyn

Volunteer Now!
The NeON Nutrition Kitchen will offer clients access to a stocked pantry of non-perishables. Recipes will be given to clients and there will also be monthly cooking demonstrations from local chefs. Volunteer to be part of a healthy demonstration or help us get the word out.

Donate!
The NeON’s welcome donations and new partners in the food industry who want to support this effort to combat food poverty in New York City. Join industry partners like the Capital Grille who have demonstrated their cooking expertise to our communities.

Join the campaign to combat food poverty in our city.
Please contact our Community Resource Director to determine how you can best participate
Stephen Cacace | 718.802.4500 | scacace@probation.nyc.gov

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