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Public Advocate's Guide to the Earned Income Tax Credit and Free Tax Preparation Services in New York City

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Introduction

The Office of the Public Advocate has updated this guide to reflect the important changes to the Earned Income Tax Credit for 2008 tax returns. For example, there is an increase in the maximum amount of income families and individuals can earn and still qualify for the credit (see page 5 for a list of the new income eligibility requirements).

The investment income amount has also increased. The maximum amount of investment income you can earn and still qualify for the credit is now \$2,950.

If you have experienced a recent change in circumstances, such as unemployment or divorce, and meet certain income requirements, you may be eligible to receive the Earned Income Tax Credit.

Free tax assistance is still available to eligible families and individuals (see page 9 for more information). This guide includes a list of sites that provide free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly in New York City.

You may have heard that the economic stimulus package, known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, signed by President Obama, includes changes to the Earned Income Tax Credit. According to the Internal Revenue Service, however, most changes resulting from this new law will not take affect until next year when you file your 2009 tax returns.

What is the Earned Income Tax Credit?

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a federal, state and city tax credit for low-to-moderate-income working families and individuals. The EITC can help you reduce your tax liability and, in many cases, put money in your pocket. In general, a tax credit is a dollar-for-dollar reduction of the taxes you owe. The EITC is known as a "refundable tax credit." This means that, if the amount you owe in taxes is less than the amount of the EITC, you will receive a check from the government for the difference. In the 2006 tax season, New Yorkers who claimed their EITC received an average return of nearly \$2,700.¹

To qualify for the EITC, you must have worked at least part of 2008, meet certain income requirements, and file your taxes. It is very important to note that you must file your taxes to receive the EITC, even if you did not earn enough money to require you to file.

If you meet the eligibility requirements and did not file for the EITC in any one of the last few years, you may also be entitled to retroactive benefits, meaning an even larger refund check. You may be eligible to receive benefits for one or more of the preceding three calendar years.

(Please turn to the next page to see if you qualify for the EITC.)

¹ New York City Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), Office of Financial Empowerment (OFE), *ABOUT THE TAX CREDIT CAMPAIGN*, http://www.nyc.gov/html/ofe/html/poverty/taxcampaign.shtml.

Are You Eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit?

The Federal, State, and New York City governments each offer the EITC to qualified workers. If you are eligible for the Federal EITC, you are eligible for all three Earned Income Tax Credits. Filing for all three of these credits could result in a tax refund of up to about \$6,500.² Your eligibility and the amount of your return depend on several factors such as your filing status, income level in 2008, and the number of qualifying children or dependents you claim. Both families and individuals are eligible to receive the EITC.

To be eligible to receive the EITC, you:

- 1. **MUST** have earned some sort of income in 2008 through employment or self-employment;
- 2. MUST file your taxes for income earned in 2008;
- 3. **MUST** have a Social Security Number for yourself, your spouse (if filing jointly), and any qualifying dependents;
- 4. **MUST** have been a U.S. citizen or resident alien for all of 2008, or a nonresident alien married to a U.S. citizen or resident alien filing a joint return;
- 5. **CANNOT** have earned investment income greater than \$2,950 for the 2008 tax year;³
- 6. **CANNOT** file as "married filing separately;"
- 7. **CANNOT** be a qualifying child;
- 8. **CANNOT** file Form 2555 or Form 2555-EZ.

Income Eligibility Requirements⁴ and Maximum Credit Amounts⁵

- Families or individuals earning less than \$12,880⁶ (\$15,880 for married couples filing jointly) with **no children** may receive up to \$591.

- Families earning less than \$33,995 (\$36,995 for married couples filing jointly) with **one child** may receive up to \$3,937.

- Families earning less than \$38,646 (\$41,646 for married couples filing jointly) with **two or more children** may receive up to \$6,512.

² DCA, OFE, TAX CREDIT CAMPAIGN: Earned Income Tax Credit,

http://www.nyc.gov/html/ofe/html/poverty/eitc.shtml.

³ United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS), EITC Thresholds and Tax Law Updates,

www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=150513,00.html.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ DCA, OFE, TAX CREDIT CAMPAIGN: Earned Income Tax Credit,

http://www.nyc.gov/html/ofe/html/poverty/eitc.shtml.

⁶ Based on adjusted gross income for the 2008 tax year.

Qualification Requirements for Children⁷

Children must meet three requirements in order to be included in your family for the purpose of applying for the EITC. These requirements are:

- 1. **Relationship Requirement**: All children included in an EITC family household must be a son, daughter, stepchild, foster child, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, or a descendant of any of the aforementioned.
- 2. **Age Requirement**: On December 31, 2008 all children included in your EITC-eligible family household must have been younger than 19 years old, or under 24 years old if a full-time student, or any age if permanently and totally disabled.
- 3. **Residency Requirement**: All children included in an EITC family household must have lived with you for more than half of 2008.

Claiming Children with Disabilities⁸

Children, regardless of age, who are totally and permanently disabled, can be claimed for the EITC. However, they must meet all other eligibility requirements to qualify (see qualification requirements for children listed above). Even if the disabled qualifying child receives disability benefits, he or she can still be claimed for the purposes of the EITC.

Qualifying Families without Children⁹

If you do not have any children you must meet three requirements:

- You **MUST** be at least 25, but less than 65 years of age at the end of 2008;
- You **CANNOT** be a qualifying dependent;
- You **MUST** have lived within the United States for more than half of 2008.

Non-taxable Combat Pay¹⁰

Members of the armed services may claim their tax-exempt combat pay for purposes of the EITC. If you decide to include your tax-exempt combat pay as part of your earned income, the amount of the EITC may increase or decrease. The claim must include all or none of the combat zone pay.

⁷ IRS, *EITC Eligibility Checklist for Tax Year 2008*, http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p3524.pdf

⁸ IRS, *Special EITC Rules*, www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=150708,00.html.

⁹ See 7.

¹⁰ See 8.

Bank Deposit Options for EITC Funds

The IRS offers three ways to receive your refund. There is the traditional option of receiving it as a paper check in the mail. Alternatively, you can have it deposited directly into one checking or savings account. And you also have the option of using direct deposit to split your refund into two or three checking or savings accounts. (See Split Refund Option below.)

Split Refund Option

The "split refund option" allows you to have the refund deposited, or "split" among two or three accounts that may be in different institutions. This option is available for the following tax forms: 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, 1040NR, 1040NR-EZ, 1040-SS, or 1040-PR.

To split your refund, you must attach Form 8888, Direct Deposit of Refund to More Than One Account, to your tax return. To ensure your refund goes where you want, be sure to verify that your financial institution will accept direct deposits to your account and enter the correct account and routing numbers.

Beware of High Cost Commercial Tax Preparation!

IF YOU USE A COMMERCIAL TAX PREPARER DON'T SELECT A *REFUND ANTICIPATION LOAN*. IT COULD EAT UP A BIG CHUNK OF YOUR TAX REFUND!

Each year, many commercial tax preparers charge New York City residents exorbitant fees for short-term, high interest rate loans¹¹ that **save them only a little more than one week of wait time** for their tax refunds.

The majority of Refund Anticipation Loans (RALs) (also called rapid refund or instant refund loans) enable you to leave the tax preparer's office with cash in your hand but come with confusing fine print and fees that significantly reduce your tax refund.

RALs go overwhelmingly to residents of New York's poorest communities of color, many of whom are recipients of the EITC. A study by the Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project found that from 2002 to 2005, "RALs siphoned more than \$324 million out of New York City's poorest communities."¹²

RALs are commonly offered by large commercial tax preparers such as H&R Block or Jackson Hewitt, which, in the past, have used aggressive sales techniques to convince tax filers to take these expensive, short-term loans.

On average, commercial tax preparers will charge you more than \$100 just to prepare your taxes and fill out EITC forms. If you decide to add a RAL, on average, you will pay about \$250 for all preparation services.¹³ This is money that could have gone into your pocket.

Then there are the exorbitant interest rates for RALs: Based on the filer's tax refund, these short-term loans often have interest rates between 70 and 700 percent annually!¹⁴

Remember, the RAL only saves you a short wait time. If you file your taxes electronically and elect to have your refund deposited directly into your bank account, you will have your refund in 8 to 14 business days.

The best way to avoid tax preparation costs is to visit one of the many **FREE or low-cost tax preparation sites** in New York City. Turn to page 11 of this guide to find the location that is closest to you.

¹¹ The Neighborhood Economic Development Advocacy Project, *PREDATORY TAX-TIME LOANS STRIP* \$324 MILLION FROM NEW YORK CITY'S POOREST COMMUNITIES: An Analysis of Tax Refund Anticipation Lending in NYC 2002-2005, January 2007.

¹² Ibi \hat{d} .

¹³ Seedco, *Free Tax Preparation Assistance*, http://newyork.earnbenefits.org/apply.php?pageID=237.

¹⁴ Children's Defense Fund – New York, *Keeping What They Earned*, April 2008.

Types of Free Tax Assistance in New York City

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Sites (VITA)¹⁵

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (or VITA) sites offer free volunteer-based tax assistance for working families that generally make less than \$45,000 per year and individuals who make less than \$20,000 per year.¹⁶ A few sites listed below have different requirements. Once you have selected the VITA site of your choice, contact the site to verify the requirements and schedule an appointment.

- Volunteers are trained by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).
- Please contact the VITA site of your choice to make sure all tax preparation volunteers are trained and certified by the IRS and supervised by tax professionals.

Tax Counseling for the Elderly Sites (TCE)¹⁷

TCE sites provide free tax assistance for people ages 60 and older. Some sites listed below may have different age or income requirements for using their service. Once you have selected the TCE site of your choice, contact the site to verify the requirements and schedule an appointment.

- All volunteers are trained by the IRS.
- Be sure to contact the TCE site of your choice to make sure all tax preparation volunteers are trained and certified by the IRS and supervised by tax professionals.

Tax Prep Plus Sites¹⁸

Tax Prep Plus sites provide low-cost tax preparation assistance. They offer a reduced rate of \$20 for working families that made less than \$55,000 and individuals who made less than \$30,000 last year. For a list of Tax Prep Plus sites, visit the Department of Consumer Affairs' Office of Financial Empowerment website at http://www.nyc.gov/html/ofe/html/poverty/taxassistance.shtml or call 311.

¹⁵ IRS, Free Tax Preparation for You by Volunteers,

http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=107626,00.html.

¹⁶ DCA, OFE, 2009 Tax Season: Tax Credit Fast Facts,

http://www.nyc.gov/html/ofe/downloads/pdf/tax_season_fact_sheet.pdf.

¹⁷ See 15.

¹⁸ DCA, OFE, *Tax Prep Plus*, http://www.nyc.gov/html/ofe/html/poverty/tax.shtml.

Checklist: What to Bring/Do When Filing for the EITC

Make sure you have the following items with you and take the following steps when visiting one of the free tax services listed in this guide.¹⁹

Photo ID - For example: Passport, US Driver's License, or Employer ID Card, etc.
Social Security Card and/or a Social Security Number Verification Letter - Bring for each member of your family, including your children
W-2, W-2G, 1099-R Forms - From all employers in 2008
Other Important Tax Documents for 2008 (If Applicable) - Unemployment Insurance-Related Documents - Bank Interest Documents
Federal and State Tax Returns for 2007 - If you have them
 Bank Account Information (Optional) E-filing your taxes with direct deposit into your bank account is the fastest way to get your return (8 – 14 business days). To e-file, bring a sample check or bank account information with you when filing your taxes.
 To open a bank account, check with a bank or credit union about a free, no-cost, no-minimum checking or savings account. (See Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum and the Community Service Society's Guide to Banking in New York City at http://pubadvocate.nyc.gov/ or call (212) 669-7200).
Total Paid for Day Care Provider and the Day Care Provider's Tax
Identifying Number - Bring the provider's Social Security Number or Business Employer Identification Number
 Contact Tax Site Contact the free tax assistance site of your choice from the list below to confirm services provided, dates, times and information required; Make appointment with site if possible.
You May Be Eligible for a Much Larger Return - If you have not claimed the Earned Income Tax Credit in any of the last three calendar years and believe you are eligible for retroactive refunds, be sure to bring the information listed above for that year (or years).

¹⁹ Both spouses must be present to sign required forms when filing taxes electronically on a married filing joint tax return. Bring the current year's tax package if you received one. IRS, *Free Tax Preparation for You by Volunteers*, www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,,id=107626,00.html.

<u>Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and</u> Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) Sites in New York City

<u>Bronx</u>

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Soundview Community in Action

1217 Stratford Ave, 2nd Fl. Bronx, NY 10472 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-991-3101 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 29 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesday-Friday 1p-6pm; Saturday 1pm-5pm <u>Train</u>: 6 to Morrison-Soundview <u>Bus</u>: B4, B27 <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make \$42,000 with children and under \$21,000 without children.

Ariva - Checkspring

69 East 167th St, 2nd Fl. (Corner of Gerard Ave and 167th St, Gerard Entrance) Bronx, NY 10452 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-292-2983 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 17 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday-Thursday 4pm-7:30pm; Friday: By appointment for self-employed; Saturday 10am-4pm; Closed 1/19 and 2/16. <u>Train</u>: 4, B, D to 167th Street <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

Ariva – Citizens Advice Bureau

391 East 149th Street, 5th Floor Bronx, NY 10455 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-292-2983 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 22, 2009-April 15, 2009; Closed 1/19 and 2/16. <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday, Thursday 4pm-7:30pm; Saturday: 10am-4pm. <u>Train</u>: 2,5 3rd Ave-149th St <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

Bethex Federal Credit Union

20 East 179th St. (Lower Level) Bronx, NY 10453 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-299-9100 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 16 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Thursday, Friday: 5:30pm-8:30pm; Saturday: 10am-5pm; Sunday: 1pm-5pm <u>Train</u>: 4 to Burnside; B/D to Tremont Avenue <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

Bronx House

990 Pelham Pkwy N. Bronx, NY 10462 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-792-1800 <u>Dates</u>: February 21, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: 9am-1pm <u>Languages</u>: English

*Bronx IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center

1200 Waters PI. Bronx, NY 10461 <u>Telephone</u>: (212) 436-1000 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 20 - April 15, 2007 <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4:30pm, open until 7:00pm on April 13, 14, and 15 <u>Languages</u>: English, other languages maybe available.

Bronx River Community Center

1619 East 174th St Bronx, NY 10472 <u>Telephone:</u> (718)-299-9100 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 2 – April 15, 2009, Closed 2/16 and 2/18 <u>Site Hours:</u> Monday, Wednesday 6pm-9pm; Tue, Thursday, and Sat 10am-2pm <u>Languages:</u> English, Spanish

Community Tax Aid - Citizens Advice Bureau

2070 Grand Concourse Bronx, NY 10457 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-731-0720 <u>Dates</u>: Year-round <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday–Friday 9am – 5pm <u>Train</u>: D (Tremont Ave), #4 (Burnside Ave) <u>Bus</u>: BX1, BX2, BX32, BX36, BX40, BX41, BX 42.

Languages: English, Spanish Income Limits: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

Community Tax Aid – South Bronx Action Group Inc.

384 East 149th St, 2nd Fl. Bronx, NY 10455 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-993-5869 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 14 - April 11, 2009 (Closed on March 14) <u>Site Hours</u>: Saturday 10am-1pm <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Train</u>: 2, 5 (3rd Ave. - 149th St.) <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children. <u>Notes</u>: This site will prepare returns with rental income, back-year returns, and amended returns.

Food Bank²⁰ - Fordham

80 East 181st St. CAB Basement Bronx, NY 10453 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 22 - April 15, 2009, Closed on 2/16 and Mondays and Fridays in March. <u>Site Hours:</u> Monday – Thursday 12pm-7pm; Fri 12pm-5pm; & Sat 9am-5pm <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children. Notes: Filers with dependents are a priority.

Riverdale Public Library

5540 Mosholu Ave. Bronx, NY 10471-2423 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-549-1212 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Saturday: 10am-5pm; <u>Languages:</u> English <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible.

Seedco - Phipps Community Development Corporation

1071A East Tremont Ave. Bronx, NY 10460-2306 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-620-1900 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 22 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointment Only; Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-4pm; Tuesday, Thursday: 9am-6pm; Saturday: 10am-1pm <u>Train</u>: 2, 5 to West Farms Square-East Tremont Avenue <u>Languages</u>: English, French, Spanish, Ewe, and Tem (Kotokoli) <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20.000 without children.

Seedco - SOBRO

555 Bergen Ave. Bronx, NY 10455-1368 <u>Telephone</u>: (718)-732-7628 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 21 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointment Only; Monday-Saturday, 9am-5pm <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Train</u>: 2, 5 to 3rd Avenue-149th Street <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

²⁰ Formerly know as FoodChange.

<u>Brooklyn</u>

ACORN - Brooklyn

447 New Lots Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11207 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-246-7900 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 27 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesday – Sunday 11am-7pm <u>Train</u>: 3 to Van Siclen Ave. <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Bus</u>: B15 to New Lots Avenue/Penn Avenue <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make \$42,000 with children and under \$21,000 without children.

Amico Senior Center

5901 13th Ave Brooklyn, NY 11219 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-972-1558 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 14 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: By Appointment (members only); Wednesdays. Languages: English

Arlington Library

203 Arlington Ave (At Warwick St.) Brooklyn, NY 11207-2212 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-277-6105 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Thursday 1-5pm <u>Languages</u>: English Notes: Handicapped Accessible.

Baruch College – Kingsbay YM-YWHA

3495 Nostrand Ave Brooklyn, NY 11229 <u>Web</u>: www.baruch.cuny.edu/vita/client/scope.html <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 8, 2009-April 12, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Sunday 2pm-6pm <u>Train</u>: Q to Neck Road <u>Languages</u>: English, Russian Income Limits: Clients must make less than \$60,000.

Brooklyn Cooperative Federal Credit Union – Bedford-Stuyvesant 750 Myrtle Ave Brooklyn, NY 11205 <u>Telephone</u>: (917) 671-1000 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 26 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointments preferred; Monday-Wednesday 5pm-7pm; Saturday 10am-8pm <u>Train</u>: G to Myrtle-Willoughby Ave <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish, French, Creole <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

Brooklyn Cooperative Federal Credit Union -Bushwick

315 Grove Street Brooklyn, NY 11237 <u>Telephone:</u> (718)-623-7100 <u>Opening/Closing dates:</u> January 21-April 15, 2009 <u>Site hours:</u> Wednesday-Friday 12pm-7pm; Sat 10am-6pm <u>Languages:</u> English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children. <u>Notes:</u> Walk-ins accepted, but appointments are preferred.

Brooklyn Heights Library

280 Cadman Plaza W Brooklyn, NY 11201-2701 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-623-7100 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2007 <u>Site Hours</u>: Friday 10am-2pm <u>Bus</u>: B54 <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who earn up to \$40,000 with children and up to \$20,000 without children. <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible.

Child Development Support Corp

352-358 Classon Ave New York, NY 11238 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 26 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site hours</u>: Unknown <u>Languages</u>: English

Community Tax Aid - Flatbush Dutch Reform Church - Fort Greene Senior Center

966 Fulton St. Brooklyn, NY 11238 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-638-6910 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 13 until further notice. <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesday 10am-2pm <u>Languages:</u> English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

Community Tax Aid – Wartburg Lutheran Home for the Aged

50 Sheffield St. (at Atlantic Ave) Brooklyn, NY 11207 <u>Telephone</u>: (718) 345-2273 <u>Opening/ Closing Dates</u>: February 14 – April 11, 2007 (Closed March 14) <u>Site Hours</u>: Saturday 10am-1pm <u>Train</u>: Subway – J to Alabama Ave, A, C, L (Broadway Junction) <u>Languages</u>: Spanish <u>Bus</u>: B12, B20, B83, B40; Q24, Q56 <u>Notes</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$25,000 without children.

Food Bank- St. John Bread and Life

795 Lexington Ave Brooklyn, NY 11221 <u>Telephone</u>: # not available <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 26 – April 15, 2009, Closed 2/16 and on Mondays and Fridays in March.

<u>Site hours</u>: Monday-Thursday 1pm-8pm; Sat 9am-5pm.

<u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who earn less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

Languages: English, Spanish

Notes: During January and February, priority is being given to families with children.

Food Bank - Sovereign Bank

195 Montague St. Brooklyn, NY 11201-3631 Telephone: # not available Opening/Closing Dates: January 22 - April 10, 2009, Closed on 2/16 and Mondays and Fridays in March. Site Hours: Monday-Thursday 12pm-7pm; Friday 12pm-5pm; Saturday 9am-5pm Train: 2, 3, 4, 5, M, R to Borough Hall-Court Street Languages: English, Spanish Income Limits: Accepting clients who earn less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children. Notes: During January and February, priority is being given to families with children.

Food Bank - Sunset Park Family Life

5505 Fourth Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11220-3018 <u>Telephone</u>: # not available <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 26 - April 15, 2009, Closed on 2/16 and Mondays and Fridays in March. <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday-Thursday 12pm-7pm; Saturday 9am-5pm <u>Train</u>: N to 59th Street; R to 53rd Street <u>Languages</u>: Arabic, English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who earn less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children. <u>Notes</u>: During January and February, priority is being given to families with children.

Grand Army Plaza Library

1 Grand Army Plaza Brooklyn, NY 11238 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-230-2100 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Wednesday: 11am-3pm <u>Languages:</u> English <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible

Highlawn Library

1664 W. 13th St. Brooklyn, NY 11223 <u>Telephone:</u> (718) 234-7208 <u>Opening/closing dates:</u> February 1 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Call for Appointment <u>Languages</u>: English

Kings Bay Senior Center

3643 Nostrand Ave Brooklyn, NY 11229-5360 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-648-2053 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Wednesday 10am-3pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible; E-file available

Money Up – UWNYC –The Financial Clinic– Brooklyn Partnership for the Homeless

100 Pennsylvania Ave, 2nd Floor Brooklyn, NY 11207 Telephone: 646-552-0584 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 26 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointment Only; Monday & Tuesday 5pm-8pm; Wednesday & Thursday 1pm-8pm; Friday 2pm-6pm; Saturday 10am-6pm <u>Train</u>: A, C to Liberty Ave <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Notes</u>: Accepting clients who earn less than \$40,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

North Side Senior Center

179 N 6th St. Brooklyn, NY 11211 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-387-2316 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 -April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointment Only; Tuesday 10am-2pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible; E-file available

Our Lady of Angels Rectory

7320 4th Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11209 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-836-7200 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 3 - April 10, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Friday 10am-2pm Languages: English

Peter McGuinness Senior Center

715 Leonard St. Brooklyn, NY 11222 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-383-1940 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesday 10am-2pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible; E-file available

Reaching Out Community Services

7708 New Utretcht Ave Brooklyn, NY 11214 <u>Telephone:</u> (718)-373-4565 <u>Opening/Closing Dates:</u> February 9 – April 10, 2009 <u>Site Hours:</u> Call for Appointment <u>Languages</u>: English

Regina Pacis Youth Center

1258 65th St Brooklyn, NY 11219-5604 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Thursday 10am-2pm <u>Languages:</u> English <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible

Revelation VITA

307 Rockaway Ave (Between Eastern Pkwy & East New York Avenue) Brooklyn, NY 11233 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-488-2914 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 2 – April 14, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: By Appointment; Monday-Friday 8am–4:30pm <u>Languages:</u> English <u>Notes</u>: E-file available.

St. Patrick's Rectory

9511 4th Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11209 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-238-2600 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1- April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday 10am-2pm <u>Languages:</u> English

*SEEDCO - Cypress Hills Local

Development Corporation 2832 Fulton St. Brooklyn, NY 11207 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-647-8477, ext.112 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 22 – April 15, 2009, Closed 2/16. <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10am-5pm; Wednesday 10am-7pm; the last Saturday of each month 10am-4pm <u>Train</u>: J,Z to Van Siclen Avenue <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Notes</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

SEEDCO - St. Nicholas Neighborhood Preservation Corporation

790 Broadway Brooklyn, NY 11206 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-302-2057, ext. 203 or 221 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 22 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday, Tuesday 9am-6pm; Wednesday, Friday 9am-4pm; and Saturday 10am-1pm. <u>Train</u>: J, M to Flushing Ave <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Web Site</u>: www.stnicksnpc.org <u>Notes</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

Washington Mutual

1110 Avenue J Brooklyn, NY 11230 <u>Opening/Closing dates:</u> February 1 – April 15, 2009 <u>Telephone</u>: (718)-252-5634 <u>Site Hours</u>: Call for Appointment <u>Languages</u>: English

Washington Mutual 1901 86th St.

1901 86th St. Brooklyn, NY 11214 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-372-3215 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 6 - April 14, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: By Appointment; Tuesdays 9:30am - 4:00pm <u>Languages</u>: English

<u>Manhattan</u>

58th Street Library

127 E. 58th St, 2nd floor New York, NY 10022 <u>Telephone</u>: (212)-759-7358 <u>Opening/Closing dates:</u> February 1 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site hours:</u> Saturday 10:30am-2:30pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Handicap accessible.

67th Street Branch Library

328 E 67th St. New York, NY 10021 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-734-1717 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday 10am-3pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible

96th Street Regional Library

112 East 96th St. New York, NY 10128 <u>Telephone</u>: 212- 289-0908 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 12 – April 18, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesdays 11am-4:00pm, Thursdays 12pm–7pm <u>Languages</u>: English

American Bible Society

1865 Broadway, 12th Fl. (Corner of 61st Street) New York, NY 10023 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-408-8699 <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointment Only <u>Languages</u>: English

*Baruch College

151 East 25th Št., 1st Fl. New York, NY 10010 <u>Telephone</u>: # not available <u>Web:</u> www.baruch.cuny.edu/vita/client/scope.htm <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 10 - April 15, 2009; closed February 12 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesday – Thursday: 10am-8pm; Friday 12pm-7pm <u>Train</u>: 6 to 28th St <u>Languages</u>: English, Chinese, Russian, Spanish Income Limits: Must earn less than \$60,000

Baruch College – CCBA Chinese Community Center

62 Mott St., 2nd Fl. New York, NY 10013 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-226-6280 <u>Web:</u> <u>www.baruch.cuny.edu/vita/client/scope.htm</u> <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 13 - April 11, 2009; Closed Feb 8-9 & Mar 1. <u>Site Hours</u>: Friday, Saturday 10am-5pm <u>Train</u>: 6,JMZ,NRQW to Canal St <u>Languages</u>: English, Cantonese, Mandarin <u>Income Limits</u>: Must earn less than \$60,000.

Baruch College – Chinatrust Bank

208 Canal St New York, NY 10013 <u>Opening/Closing dates:</u> February 15 – April 12, 2009 <u>Site Hours:</u> Sunday 10am-4pm <u>Languages:</u> English, Cantonese, Mandarin <u>Income Limits</u>: Must earn less than \$60,000

*Bethex Federal Credit Union

75 Varick St, 14th Fl. New York, NY 10013 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-299-3756 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 26 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday, Tuesday 4:30pm-8pm; Appointments Preferred <u>Train</u>: 1 to Canal St <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who earn less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children <u>Notes</u>: Assistance available for sight or hearing impaired.

Center on the Square

20 Washington Square North New York, NY 10011 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-353-9463 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 6 - April 10, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Friday 10am-2pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: They serve the first 15 people that arrive.

Community Tax Aid – Goddard-Riverside Community Center

647 Columbus Ave New York, NY 10025 Telephone: 212-799-9400 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 10 - April 7, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointment Only; Tuesday 6pm-8:30pm <u>Train</u>: 1,2,3,C to 96th St <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who earn less than \$45,000 with children and under \$25,000 without children.

Food Bank - Food & Finance Center

284 Saint Nicholas Ave. (Between 124th and 125th Streets) New York, NY 10027-4840 Telephone: 212.665.8747 Opening/Closing Dates: January 22 - April 17, 2007, Closed on 2/16 and Mondays and Fridays in March. Site Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am-7pm; Friday, Saturday 9am-5pm Train: 2, A, B, C, D to 125th Street Languages: English, Spanish Income Limits: Accepting clients who earn less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children. Notes: During January and February, priority is being given to families with children.

Food Bank – Goddard Riverside

140 W 140th St, Basement New York, NY 10030 <u>Telephone</u>: # not available <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 26 - April 15, 2009, Closed on 2/16 and Mondays and Fridays in March. <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday-Thursday 12pm-7pm; Saturday 10am-2pm Train: 2,3 to 135th <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who earn less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

Food Bank - Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation

76 Wadsworth Ave (Between 176th and 177th Streets) New York, NY 10033-7049 Telephone: # not available Opening/Closing Dates: January 26 - April 15, 2009, Closed on 2/16 and Mondays and Fridavs in March. Site Hours: Monday-Thursday 12pm-7pm; Saturday 10am-2pm Train: 1 to 181st Street; A to 175th Street Languages: English, Spanish Income Limits: Accepting clients who earn less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children. Notes: During January and February, priority is being given to families with children.

Fountain House

425 West 47 St (Between 9th and 10th Ave) New York, NY 10036 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-582-0340 <u>Train</u>: C, E (50th St) <u>Bus</u>: M50, M11, M31, M10, M104, M27 <u>Opening/closing dates:</u> February – April 12, 2009 <u>Site hours:</u> By appointment, Sunday afternoons <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Fountain House members only

Frederick Samuel Community Center

669 Malcolm X Blvd (Between Lenox Ave, and 144th Street) New York, NY 10037 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-491-1092 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 17 – April 11, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Saturday 10am-2pm Languages: English

Fulton Houses

119 Ninth Ave. (18th Street) New York, NY 10011 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-924-6710 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 19, 2009 except for March 12 <u>Site Hours</u>: Thursday 6-8pm <u>Notes</u>: Arrive there at 5:30 pm, they serve 15 people per evening. <u>Languages:</u> English

*Grand Street Settlement

80 Pitt St. New York, NY 10002 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-674-1740 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 20 - April 10, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesday, Wednesday 10am-3pm; Friday 10am-1pm <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Notes</u>: E-file available

Hamilton Fish Park Library – Baruch College

415 East Houston St. New York, NY 10002 <u>Telephone</u>: 212- 673-2290 Web: www.baruch.cuny.edu/vita/client/scope.htm <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 7 – April 11, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Saturday 10am-4pm <u>Train: JMZ to Essex St</u> <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish Income Limits: Must earn less than \$60,000

Hansborough Recreation Center

35 W 134th St. New York, NY 10037 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-234-9603 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tue 10am-2pm <u>Languages:</u> English

Harlem Independent Living

289 St. Nicholas Ave New York, NY 10035 Telephone: 212-222-7122 Videophone: 212-222-7198 Opening/Closing Dates: February 2-April 15, 2009 Site Hours: Appointment Only: Monday -Friday 9am-5pm Train: AC,BD to 125th St Languages: English Income Limits: To qualify, clients must be deaf or hearing impaired and earn less than \$45.000. Notes: This site will prepare taxes via videophone. Appointments are required even if the client uses their own videophone. Clients must request special accommodations, such as a tactile interpreter or display magnifier, a minimum of two weeks prior to the scheduled appointment. On March 26th, a specialist will come in and be available for anyone who is seeking assistance.

*Homebase at Palladia – East Harlem

2276 Third Ave New York, NY 10035 Telephone: 917-671-1000 Opening/Closing Dates: January 19 – April 15.2009 Site Hours: Appointment Only; Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm; Saturday 10am-5pm Train: 4,5,6 to 125th St Languages: English, Spanish Income Limits: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children. Notes: Starting February 16, this site will prepare Schedule C-EZ forms (selfemployed workers), amended returns, backvear returns, and applications for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)

Housing Conservation Coordinators

777 10th Ave (53rd St) New York, NY 10013

<u>Telephone</u>: 212-541-5996 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 11 – April 8, 2009 (Closed March 18) <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointment Only; Wednesday 6pm-8:30pm <u>Train</u>: A, C, E (50th St), 1 (Broadway at 50th St) <u>Bus</u>: M50, M11, M31, M10, M104, M27 M 20 <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

<u>Notes</u>: This site will prepare returns with rental income, back-year returns, and amended returns.

Hudson Guild (Fulton Center)

119 Ninth Ave. (Between 17th and 18th Streets) New York, NY 10011 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-924-6710 <u>Opening/Closing Date</u>: February 12 – April 9, 2009; Closed March 12 <u>Site Hours</u>: Thursday 6pm – 8pm <u>Train</u>: A, C, E to 14th St; L to 8th Ave; 1 to 18th St <u>Bus</u>: M11, M23, M20 <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

Hunter College

Hunter West Building 695 Park Ave., Room 1537 New York, NY 10065 Telephone: 212-772-4219 Opening/Closing Dates: February 2 - April 14, 2009; closed on February 12 and 16 Site Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 6pm-9pm Train: 6 to 68th Street-Hunter College Languages: English, Arabic, Bangladeshi, Bengali, Burmese, Mandarin, Cantonese, Creole, Dari, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Nepali, Polish, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Tagalog, Ukrainian, and Urdu. Income Limits: Accepting clients who make less than \$40.000. Notes: Must call in advance to request translation assistance. On select dates

translation assistance. On select dates between February 2 – April 14, 2009, assistance is also available at Hunter East Building, Room 1130. This site will prepare forms 1040, 1040A, and 1040EZ; standard and itemized deductions; and Schedules A, B, and C-EZ. This site will not complete forms 1040NR and Schedules C, D, E, F, and SE.

Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union

37 Avenue B New York, NY 10009 Telephone: 212-529-8197, ext. 25 Opening/Closing Dates: January 17 - April 14.2009 Site Hours: Monday 5pm-8pm; Saturday 3pm-8pm Languages: English, French, Spanish, limited help in Chinese Train: JMZ to Essex St Income Limits: Accepting clients who earn less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children. Notes: This site will also prepare Schedule C-EZ forms (self-employed workers). Beginning in March, this site will complete amended returns and back-vear returns.

Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union – Chinatown Manpower Project

70 Mulberry St, 3rd Floor New York, NY 10013 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-571-1690 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 21 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Wednesday, Friday 5pm-8pm; Saturday 12pm-6pm <u>Languages</u>: English, Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish <u>Train</u>: 6, JMZ, NRQW to Canal St <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who earn less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

<u>Notes</u>: This site will also prepare Schedule C-EZ forms (self-employed workers). Beginning in March, this site will complete amended returns and back-year returns.

Marble Collegiate Church

3 W 29th St. New York, NY 10001 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-686-2770 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 -April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Wednesday 9:30am-2pm <u>Languages:</u> English

Money Up- UWNYC – The Financial Planning Clinic – Chinese American Planning Council

165 Eldridge St New York, NY 10002 <u>Telephone</u>: 646-515-2174 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 26 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointment Only; Monday, Wednesday 10am-7pm; Saturday 10am-2pm <u>Train</u>: J to Bowery; B,D to Grand St <u>Languages</u>: English, Mandarin, Cantonese <u>Notes</u>: Accepting clients who earn less than \$40,000 with children and under \$20,000

*Morningside Heights Library

without children.

2900 Broadway New York, NY 10025 <u>Telephone: 212-666-5099</u> <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 2 -April 13, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday 11am-3pm; Saturday 10:30am-2:30pm <u>Languages</u>: English

Muhlenberg Branch NYPL

209 W. 23^{rd⁻}St New York, NY 10011 <u>Telephone: (</u>646)-230-6784 <u>Opening/Closing dates:</u> February 1- April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours:</u> Friday 10:30am-2:30pm Languages: English

Nazareth Housing

206 E 4th St. New York, NY 10009 <u>Telephone:</u> (646)-492-2417 <u>Opening/Closing dates:</u> January 26 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Call for Appointment; Monday, Wednesday 12pm-8pm; Tuesday, Thursday 10am-5pm; Saturday 9am-5pm <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$40,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children. <u>Notes</u>: Assistance is also available at Nazareth Housing 2 at 509 E 11th St.

*New York University

40 West 4th St. (Tisch Hall at Greene Street) New York, NY 10012-1106 <u>Telephone</u>: # not available <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 17 - April 14, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday-Wednesday 9:30am-5pm; Thursday 9:30am-1pm <u>Train</u>: N,R,W to 8th Street; A,B,C,D,E, F,V to West 4th <u>Bus</u>: M1, M5, M6, M8 <u>Languages</u>: English, Korean, Mandarin <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make \$40,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

* Norman Thomas High School

111 East 33rd St., Room 414 New York NY 10016 <u>Telephone</u>: 212- 576-0500 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 2 – April 10, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: By Appointment <u>Languages</u>: English, Chinese, Spanish <u>Notes</u>: E-file available

*Pace University - Beta Alpha Psi VITA

One Pace Plaza, 4th Floor New York, NY 10038

<u>Telephone</u>: 212-618-6598 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 10 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesday 9am-3pm; Wednesday 10am-4pm; Saturday 10am-7pm <u>Languages</u>: English, Chinese <u>Train</u>: 4,5,6,J,M,Z to Brooklyn Bridge; A,C,2,3 to Fulton Street; R,W to City Hall <u>Income Limits</u>: Income limit is \$50,000 for all filers as long as they do not have pensions or capital gains and losses.

Penn South Program for Seniors

290 9th Ave 27th Št New York, NY 10001 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-243-3670 or 212-799-7205, ext. 17 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 16 - April 6, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointment Only; Monday 10am-2pm. <u>Languages</u>: English

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Hamilton Senior Center

141 West 73rd St New York, NY 10023 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-787-7710 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Wednesday 9:30am-1:30pm <u>Languages</u>: English

Riverside Library

127 Amsterdam Ave New York, NY 10023 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-870-1810 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Thursday 12-4pm <u>Languages</u>: English

Roosevelt Island Senior Center

546 Main St. Roosevelt Island, NY 10044 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-980-1888 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2007 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesday 9am-1pm <u>Languages</u>: English

RSVP HQ

105 E 22nd St., 4th FL. New York, NY 10010 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-614-5553 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 11 - April 11, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointment Only; Monday-Thursday 10am-2pm <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income</u>: Less than \$56,000 per year.

St. Margaret's House

49 Fulton St. New York, NY 10038 <u>Telephone</u>: 646-367-0523 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Thursday 10am-2:00pm <u>Languages</u>: English

SEEDCO - Gay Men's Health Crisis

119 West 24th St. New York, NY 10011 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-367-1015 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 26 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointment Only; Monday-Friday: 9:30am-6pm <u>Train</u>: F, 1 to 23rd Street <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

SEEDCO - Henry Street Settlement

99 Essex St., 3rd Fl. New York, NY 10002 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-478-5400, ext. 228 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 22 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointment Only; Monday, Tuesday 9am-6pm; Wednesday 9am-5pm <u>Train</u>: F to Delancey St; JMZ to Essex St <u>Languages</u>: English, Mandarin, Cantonese <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who earn less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children. <u>Notes</u>: They are only accepting new clients on Saturday's from 9am-1pm and only

on Saturday's from 9am–1pm and only serve first 20 people that arrive. Clients who have previously had their taxes completed at this location can make an appointment.

SEEDCO - Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement

2821 Frederick Douglass Blvd. New York, NY 10039 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-491-5280 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: March 12 - April 4, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: By Appointment; Tuesday -Friday <u>Train</u>: 3 to 148th Street; D to 155th Street <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who earn up to \$40,000 with children and up to \$20,000 without children. <u>Notes</u>: Accept self-employed workers filing Schedule C-EZ forms.

SEEDCO – Upper Manhattan Workforce 1

215 W 125th St, 6th Floor New York, NY 10027 <u>Telephone:</u> (917)-493-7013 <u>Opening/Closing dates:</u> February 16 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site hours:</u> Call for Appointment <u>Languages:</u> English

Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center

415 E 93rd St New York, NY 10128 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Friday 12:30pm-4:30pm <u>Languages</u>: English

Stein Senior Center

340 E 24th St, 2nd Fl. New York, NY 10010 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Thursday: 9:30am-3pm Languages: English

UBA Manhattanville Senior Center

3333 Broadway (East Tower Basement) New York, NY 10031 <u>Telephone</u>: 212-862-5562 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 5 - April 9, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Thursday 10am-1pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Accepting seniors only.

*Union Settlement Credit Union

218 East 104 St. (Between 2nd and 3rd Ave) New York, NY 10029 Telephone: 917-671-1000 Opening/Closing Dates: January 16 - April 17,2007 Site Hours: Monday, Wednesday 12pm-8pm; Tuesday, Thursday 12pm-5pm; Saturday 10am-6pm. Languages: English, Spanish Income limits: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children. Notes: Starting February 16, this site will help with Schedule C-EZ forms (selfemployed workers), amended returns, backyear returns, and applications for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number.

*Union Settlement Federal Credit Union -SCAN LaGuardia House

307 E 116th St New York, NY 10029 Telephone: 917-671-1000 Opening/Closing Dates: January 16 - April 15.2009 Site Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-5pm; Friday 10am-2pm Languages: English, Spanish Train: F, 1 to 23rd Street Languages: English Income Limits: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children. Notes: Starting February 16, this site will help with Schedule C-EZ forms (selfemployed workers), amended returns, backvear returns, and applications for an Individual Taxpayer Identification Number.

*Union Settlement Credit Union -Yorkville Common Pantry

8 E 109 St. New York, NY 10029 <u>Telephone</u>: (212) 505-3482 <u>Opening/Closing dates:</u> Every other Saturday. <u>Site Hours:</u> Appointment Only <u>Languages:</u> English <u>Income limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children. <u>Notes</u>: Accepting self-employed workers filing Schedule C-EZ forms.

Webster Library 1465 York Ave. 3rd Floor New York, NY 10075 Telephone: 212-288-5049 Opening/Closing Dates: February 7 – April 15, 2009 Site Hours: Tuesdays 1pm-4pm Languages: English

West Side Campaign Against Hunger

263 West 86th St. New York, NY 10024-3103 Telephone: 212-362-3662 Opening/Closing Dates: February 1 - April 15, 2009 Site Hours: Tuesda: 10am-12pm, 1pm-3pm Languages: English Notes: Handicapped Accessible

YM - YWHA of Washington Heights

54 Nagle Ave., 3rd Fl. New York, NY 10040 Telephone: 212-569-6200 x 231 Opening/Closing Dates: February 1 – April 15,2009 Site Hours: Appointment Only; Tuesdays and Fridays Languages: English, Spanish

<u>Queens</u>

Baruch College- FOCUS Community Access Center

136-20 38th Ave, Suite 10J Flushing, NY 11354 <u>Telephone</u>: (646) 312-4600 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 7 – April 12, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Saturday, Sunday 10am-5pm; Closed 2/9 and 2/10 <u>Languages</u>: English, Mandarin, Chinese <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

Bayside Library

21420 Northern Blvd Bayside, NY 11361 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-229-1834 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesday 1pm-5pm <u>Languages:</u> English

Bellrose Library

25006 Hillside Ave Bellerose, NY 11426 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-831-8644 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1- April 15, 2007 <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday: 1pm-5pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Income Limits</u>: Low-income older adults given priority

*Benevolent Tax Professional Community Outreach Program

112-36 Francis Lewis Blvd Queens Village, NY 11429 <u>Telephone</u>: # not available <u>Opening/Closing dates:</u> January 26 – April 15, 2009; Closed 2/16. <u>Site Hours:</u> Monday, Tuesday 10am-5pm; Thursday 12pm-8pm; Saturday 10am-6pm <u>Languages:</u> English Income limits: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000.

Broad Channel Branch Library

1626 Cross Bay Blvd Broad Channel, NY 11693 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-318-4943 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1- April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Wednesday 1pm-5pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Income limits</u>: Low-income seniors

Community Tax Aid - Office of Assemblyman Jeff Aubry

98-09 Northern Blvd (at 98th Street) Corona, NY 11368 Telephone: 718-457-3615 Opening/Closing Dates: February 14 - April 11,2009 Site Hours: Saturday 8am and only serve first 25 people that arrive. Train: - #7 to Junction Blvd, then take bus Q72 or to 103 St.-Corona Plaza, then take bus Q23; G, R, V to Northern Blvd., then take bus Q66. Bus: Q66, Q72, Q23 Languages: English, Spanish, French, Hindi Urdu Income Limits: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$25,000 without children.

Florence E Smith Senior Center

102-19 34th Ave. Corona, NY 11368 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-899-0553 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesday: 1pm-4pm, first come first serve. <u>Languages:</u> English <u>Notes:</u> Accepting low-income seniors.

Food Bank - East River Development Association

1303B 40th Ave Long Island City, NY 11101 <u>Telephone:</u> (718)-784-0877 <u>Opening/Closing dates:</u> January 27 – February 28, March 7, and April 8-10, 2009 <u>Site Hours:</u> Appointment Only <u>Languages:</u> English, Spanish <u>Income limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

Food Bank - Jackson Heights

37-22 82nd St., Suite 223 Jackson Heights, NY 11372 <u>Opening/Closing Dates:</u> January 31, February 15 and 28, March 14 and 28, and April 4, 2009; Closed 2/16 <u>Site Hours:</u> Monday-Thursday 12pm-7pm; Friday 12pm-5pm; and Saturday 9am-5pm <u>Languages:</u> English, Korean, Spanish <u>Income limits:</u> Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

Forest Hills Center

10825 62nd Dr. Forest Hills, NY 11375 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-699-1010 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointment Only, Wednesday 12pm-3pm <u>Languages:</u> English

*Fresh Meadows Library

19320 Horace Harding Expressway Fresh Meadows, NY 11365 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-454-7272 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Thursday 1pm-5pm <u>Languages:</u> English

Glen Oaks Library

25604 Union Turnpike Glen Oaks, NY 11004 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-831-8636 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Wed 10am-2pm Languages: English

Hillcrest Library

18705 Union Turnpike Flushing, NY 11366 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-454-2786 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday 1pm-5pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Low-income seniors are given priority.

Hillcrest Senior Center

16801 Hillside Ave Jamaica, NY 11432 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-297-7171 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1- April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesday 10am-2pm <u>Languages:</u> English <u>Notes</u>: Low-income seniors are given priority.

Jackson Heights Library

35-51 81st St. Jackson Heights, NY 11372 Telephone: 718-899-2500 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Thursday 10am-2pm <u>Languages:</u> English, Spanish <u>Notes</u>: Low-income seniors are given priority.

Laurelton Library

134-26 225th St. Laurelton, NY 11413 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-528-2822 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 18 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Wednesday 10am-2pm <u>Languages:</u> English <u>Notes</u>: Low-income seniors are given priority.

*Lexington Vocational Services Center

30th Ave and 75th St Jackson Heights, NY 11370 Telephone: 718-350-3110 Videophone: 718-350-3031 Opening/Closing Dates: February 2 - April 15.2009 Site Hours: Appointment Only; Monday-Friday 9am-5pm Train: 7 to 74th St then Q47 bus to 77th St and 30th Ave Languages: English, Spanish Income Limits: Serving deaf and hearing impaired clients earning less than \$45,000. Notes: Must request any special accommodations a minimum of two weeks prior to your scheduled appointment.

National Association of Black Accountants, Inc - Langston Hughes Library

100-01 Northern Blvd. Corona, NY 11368 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-651-1100 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 7 - April 11, 2009; Closed 2/14. <u>Site Hours</u>: Saturday 10:30am-4 pm <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children. <u>Notes</u>: Only accepting the first 25 people that arrive.

North Forest Park Library

9827 Metropolitan Ave. Forest Hills, NY 11375 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-261-5512 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Thursday 1pm-5pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Low-income seniors are given priority.

NYC Housing Authority - Queens

158-29 Archer Ave Queens, NY 11433 <u>Telephone:</u> (646)-312-4600 <u>Opening/Closing dates:</u> February 2 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours:</u> Sunday 10am-5pm <u>Languages:</u> English, Chinese, Spanish <u>Notes:</u> Call before coming.

Ocean Bay Community Development Corporation

443 Beach 54th St. Arverne, NY 11692 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-945-8640; 718-345-3642 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 26 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday, Wednesday, Fri 9am-2:15pm; Saturday 9am-3pm <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

Pomonok Library

15821 Jewel Ave. Flushing, NY 11365 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-591-4343 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 14, 2009 <u>Site Hours:</u> Tuesday 1pm-5pm <u>Languages:</u> English <u>Notes</u>: Low-income seniors are given priority.

Queensboro Hill Library

6005 Main St. Flushing, NY 11355 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-359-8332 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesday 1pm-5pm <u>Languages:</u> English <u>Notes</u>: Low-income seniors are given priority.

Queensboro Pub Hollis Branch

20205 Hillside Ave. Hollis, NY 11423 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-465-7355 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesday 1pm-5pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Clients are accepted on a first come first serve basis.

Robert Couche Senior Center

137-57 Farmers Blvd. Jamaica, NY 11434 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-978-8352 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointment Only; Wednesday 9:30am-2pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Senior citizens only (60 years old and up).

Saint Albans Hospital

Linden Blvd and 179 St. St Albans, NY 11425 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-526-1000 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Wednesday 10am-2pm <u>Languages:</u> English <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible.

Samuel Field YMHA Senior Center

5820 Little Neck Pkwy Little Neck, NY 11362 <u>Telephone:</u> (718)-784-0877 <u>Opening/Closing dates:</u> February 1 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Wednesday 10am-2pm <u>Languages</u>: English

SEEDCO - Safe Space

1931 Mott Ave, 4th floor Far Rockaway, NY 11691 <u>Telephone</u>: (718)-471-6818 <u>Opening/Closing dates:</u> January 27 – April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours:</u> Call for Appointment; Monday-Friday 9am-5pm <u>Languages:</u> English <u>Income Limits:</u> Accepting clients who make \$45,000 with children and \$20,000 without children.

Snap Senior Center

80-45 Winchester Blvd. CBU 29 Bldg 4 Queens Village, NY 11427 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-454-2100 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 – April 9, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Appointment Only; Wednesday 9am-2pm <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make \$45,000 with children and \$20,000 without children.

Sunnyside Branch Library

4306 Greenpoint Ave. Sunnyside, NY 11104-2606 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-784-3033 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday 1pm-5pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Low-income seniors are given priority.

Sunnyside Community Services

43-31 39th St. Sunnyside NY 11104 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-392-6944 <u>Opening/Closing Dates:</u> January 25th – April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday 9am-1pm; Wednesday 10am-2pm <u>Languages</u>: English

Vleigh Library

72-33 Vleigh Pl Flushing, NY 11367 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-261-6654 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Friday 10am-2pm <u>Languages:</u> English Notes: Senior citizens are given priority.

*York College Accounting Society

94-20 Guy Brewer Blvd Jamaica, NY 11451 <u>Telephone</u>: # not available <u>Opening/Closing dates:</u> January 31 – April 15, 2009; Closed 2/16. <u>Site Hours:</u> Monday-Thursday 6pm-10pm; Saturday 10am-4pm; Sunday 11am-3pm; <u>Languages:</u> English, Spanish

Staten Island

Arrochar Friendship Club

85 Jerome Ave. New York, NY 10305-3601 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-720-6110 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Select Tuesdays: 2/17, 3/17, 4/13 9am-1:30pm <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible <u>Languages</u>: English

Food Bank

Staten Island Bank and Trust

15 Hyatt St. Staten Island, NY 10301 <u>Telephone</u>: # not available <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 27 - April 15, 2007, Closed on 2/16 and Mondays and Fridays in March. <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday-Thursday 12pm-7pm; Saturday: 9am-5pm <u>Train</u>: Staten Island Railway to Saint George Station <u>Languages</u>: English, Spanish <u>Income Limits</u>: Accepting clients who make less than \$45,000 with children and under \$20,000 without children.

Mt Loretto Friendship Club

6581 Hylan Blvd. Staten Island NY 10309 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-984-8589 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 24, March 9, April 6, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Select Tuesday 9:30am-2:30pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible

New York Public Library Dongan Hills

1617 Richmond Rd. Staten Island, NY 10304 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-351-1444 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 5 - April 9, 2007 <u>Site Hours</u>: Thursday 12pm-4pm Languages: English

New York Public Library / AARP West New Brighton

976 Castleton Ave. Staten Island, NY 10310 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-442-1416 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 3 - April 14, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 12:30pm-4:30pm <u>Languages</u>: English

Northfield Savings Bank

2706 Hylan Blvd. (Pergament Shopping Plaza) Staten Island, NY 10306 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-667-4500 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: January 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Wednesday 10am-2pm; <u>Thursday 10am-2pm</u> <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible

Oakwood Heights Community Church

345 Guyon Ave. Staten Island, NY 10306 <u>Telephone</u>: 718-448-1755 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 14, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Tuesday 11:30am-2:30pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible

Richmond County Savings Bank

3879 Amboy Rd. Staten Island, NY 10308 <u>Telephone</u>: 888-227-7669 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Wednesday, Friday 10am- 2pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible

Richmondtown Library

200 Clark St Staten Island, NY 10306 <u>Telephone</u>: 888-227-7669 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1 - April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday: 11am-3pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible

Todt Hill Westerleigh Library

2550 Victory Blvd. Staten Island, NY 10314 <u>Telephone</u>: 888-227-7669 <u>Opening/Closing Dates</u>: February 1- April 15, 2009 <u>Site Hours</u>: Monday 11am-3pm <u>Languages</u>: English <u>Notes</u>: Handicapped Accessible

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