



**Weekly Report from Assemblyman Charles D. Fall  
November 24, 2021**

**District 61 News**

**Happy Thanksgiving**

[I wanted to share a brief message with you before the holiday.](#) Wishing you and yours a happy, safe & healthy Thanksgiving.



**Announcing our Baseball Team's New Name**

I had a great time celebrating the announcement of our baseball team's new name, the Ferry Hawks. I'm excited to continue to support them building year-round community focused entertainment for all.



### **Food Giveaway with Hunts Point Produce Market**

I was grateful to give back to the community with Hunts Point Produce Market as part of their Staten Island stop during their "Week of Giving" leading up to Thanksgiving.



### **Advocating for our Special Needs Community**

As someone who had a close family member with special needs, I know how important it is that our schools that serve them have all the resources that they need to support their students. I was proud to stand with my colleagues and the Eden II family to advocate for parity funding and for Governor Hochul to sign the legislation that I cosponsored, A.8013, into law.



### **Sunday Service at St. Philips and Reach Out & Touch Ministries**

This Sunday I was honored to join St. Philips and Reach Out & Touch Ministries for their Sunday service. Our houses of worship are the bedrock of our community and I greatly appreciate the continued guidance and support from our faith leaders on the North Shore.







### **Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway**

Last night, I partnered with COJO, Project Hospitality, Governor Hochul, Senator Savino, Assemblyman Cusick, and the NYPD to give away over 100 turkeys. I am thankful for all of our community partners that always show up to help those in need.



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### **Updates from Albany**

Both Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie and Senate Democratic Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins formally requested an additional \$996 million from the Federal Reserve for the

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). These funds would help New York meet the demands of constituents still in need of aid due to COVID-19 hardships.

- New York has already distributed \$1.02 billion in direct rental arrears payments to over 81,000 landlords to date and approved an additional \$1.09 billion to another 86,000 landlords while the State awaits final application verification.
- While the State's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) has been instrumental in providing relief to New York renters and their landlords to date, the scope of need across the State will exhaust the original \$2.6 billion federal allocation.
- Many New Yorkers who would otherwise be eligible for federal assistance will not receive financial relief unless additional funds are authorized.
- New York State has the highest percentage of residential tenant households of any state in the country, with nearly half of New Yorker households living in rental units.
- Similarly, with monthly rents well exceeding the national average, nearly half of New York's rental households meet the Department of Housing and Urban Development's definition of being "rent burdened".
- At least half a million tenants in New York City alone were or are in rent arrears due to the financial challenges caused by the pandemic.
- While federal COVID-19 relief has lifted many tenants out of crisis, hundreds of thousands of tenants continue to face significant rent debt across the state. Those households are at high risk of housing instability.
- ERAP has been an instrumental and highly successful tool for the timely and responsible distribution of federal funding, with over \$2.1 billion allocated or committed to date. Since the program's launch in June of this year, the State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) has received over 278,000 ERAP applications, far exceeding the current program's financial limitations.
- Without additional federal assistance in the form of reallocated Emergency Rental Assistance funding, our State program will be unable to fulfill unresolved, yet qualified applications.





“I commend Speaker Heastie and Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins for taking additional steps to assist our renters and landlords. I look forward to continuing my work with my colleagues and leadership to address the many concerns facing all New Yorkers during the pandemic recovery process.”

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## **Critical Updates, New Policies, and Testing Locations to Protect You and Your Community**

1. **Governor Kathy Hochul Signed Legislation Codifying the Nourish New York Program into Law.** Governor Hochul signed this legislation into law before Thanksgiving to reaffirm New York's commitment to providing support to those facing food insecurity across the state. The Nourish New York initiative reroutes New York's surplus agricultural products to the populations who need them most through the state's food banks. The program also provides much-needed support for the food producers and farmers who have lost markets as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic because the state's food banks are buying agricultural products from New York farmers and food processors.
2. **Eligible individuals can schedule vaccine appointments by contacting:**
  - **The NYC Vaccine hotline at 877-829-4692 or clicking here**
  - **The NYS hotline at 888-364-3065 or clicking here**
  - **SOMOS, a community health provider at 833-766-6769**
  - **Eligible individuals will have to fill out a screening form and attest to being in an eligible category.** Anyone who is NOT eligible for vaccination, should not sign up for an appointment. **Click here to find updated vaccine eligibility lists, vaccine locations near you, and schedule a vaccine appointment when eligible.**
  - **Click here for a COVID-19 vaccine fact sheet.**
6. **Review the State guidelines for travelers arriving in New York State.**
  - View the Test-and-Trace Corps **COVID-19 Wait Times Dashboard** for estimated wait times for NYC Health + Hospitals COVID-19 testing locations. This wait time information is updated by site staff every two hours.
    - **Use the DOH map to find all State-run testing sites.**
    - **Click here for a full list of NYC Health + Hospitals walk-in testing sites available at no cost to you on the North Shore.**
    - Use the Phone-a-Clinician program with Health + Hospitals, by calling (844) NYC-4NYC. Call to connect with a medical provider free of charge seven days a week from 9 AM - 9 PM.
    - Individuals that are unable to safely isolate themselves at home may be afforded a free temporary hotel room. **Click here to learn more** or call (844) 692-4692. **Please click here if you have any further questions.**



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## Crucial Resources to Support and Aid Your Everyday Needs

1. **Our children have faced many challenges throughout the pandemic. Now they're back at school and being asked to return to normalcy, but this school year is anything but normal. That's why the UFT's Positive Learning Collaborative (PLC) is offering free, confidential mental health sessions to students and to parents calling on their children's behalf. Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 12 P.M. Saturday: 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Call 212-709-3222 or Text "PLC" to 43961**
2. **[The 2021-2022 Regular HEAP Benefit opened October 1, 2021](#)**  
**What is HEAP?** The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) helps low-income people pay the cost of heating their homes. **How does it work?** If you are eligible, you may receive one regular HEAP benefit per season and could also be eligible for an emergency HEAP benefit if you are in impending danger of running out of fuel or having your utility service shut off. **Are HEAP benefits available year-round?** No, the application period normally begins in early to mid-November and continues into the winter, until funding for the program runs out.

3. Free SNAP Assistance - See the flyer below



## Free SNAP (Food Stamps) Assistance

### ASISTENCIA GRATUITA DE SNAP (Cupones de alimentos)

**MetroPlus Health  
Staten Island Community Office**  
238A Port Richmond Ave.  
Staten Island, NY 10302

SNAP enroller is on site **2 DAYS a week**.  
Check below for our hours!

*Los especialistas de SNAP estan disponible los  
**2 días a la semana**. ¡Revisa a continuación  
nuestros horarios y ubicaciones!*

Day & Time <i>Día y Hora</i>	Location <i>Ubicación</i>	SNAP Enroller <i>Especialista de SNAP</i>	How to Schedule <i>Como Programar</i>
<b>Tues, Wed</b> <i>Martes, Miércoles</i> 9:00am – 4:30pm	In Office <i>En la Oficina</i>	Florence Lanipekun	Walk-in or call <i>Orden de llegada o</i> Llamar al <b>929-270-2181</b>
<b>Mon, Thurs, Fri</b> <i>Lunes, Jueves, Viernes</i> 9:00am – 4:30pm	Virtual Services (Remote) <i>Servicios Virtuales (Remoto)</i>	Florence Lanipekun	Call <i>Llamar al</i> <b>929-270-2181</b>

Sponsored by New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance.  
SNAP... *Putting Healthy Food Within Reach*. Visit [www.mybenefits.ny.gov](http://www.mybenefits.ny.gov) to check your eligibility. This material was funded by  
USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP.  
This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



You can also scan to contact us from our website.

4. It's important to submit an SBA Loan Application - After you apply for disaster assistance from FEMA, you may be referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration. If you are referred to SBA, you should complete and submit the application. If your application is approved, you are not obligated to accept the SBA disaster loan but failure to submit the application may disqualify you from other possible FEMA assistance, such as disaster-related car repairs, essential household items and other expenses. SBA disaster loans are the largest source of federal disaster recovery funds for survivors. In planning your recovery, give yourself the widest possible set of options. Submitting the application makes it possible for homeowners and renters to be considered for additional FEMA grants. Applicants may apply online using SBA's secure website at [DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov](http://DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov) or they may email [DisasterCustomerService@SBA.gov](mailto:DisasterCustomerService@SBA.gov) for more information on SBA's disaster assistance program. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at **800-659-2955** or email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov) for more information on SBA disaster assistance.
6. If you're a renter having trouble paying your rent, utilities, or other housing costs – or if you're a landlord trying to stay afloat with tenants in this situation – help may be available. State and local programs are distributing billions of dollars in rental assistance to help renters stay housed during the pandemic. [Visit the CFPB's Rental Assistance Finder](#) to find out what this means for you and what you can do. The CFPB's site also includes resources to help renters and landlords

understand other resources to help navigate various financial hardships related to the pandemic.

7. **Staten Island Legal Services wants to help you.** If you need **free legal help** during the COVID-19 crisis, for matters of immigration, foreclosure, small business advice, and more, **call them at 718-233-6480.**



**DO YOU NEED  
FREE LEGAL HELP  
DURING THE  
COVID-19 CRISIS?**

Staten Island Legal Services is here to help you and your family get through this together.

- Unemployment Benefits & Employment Issues
- Food Stamps (SNAP), Public Assistance, Medicaid
- Eviction/Illegal Lockouts
- Mortgage Relief & Foreclosure Prevention
- Small Business Advice
- Immigration
- Bankruptcy and Consumer Help
- Student Loan and Debt Collection
- Domestic Violence, Orders of Protection, & Child Support
- Education
- LGBTQ/HIV+

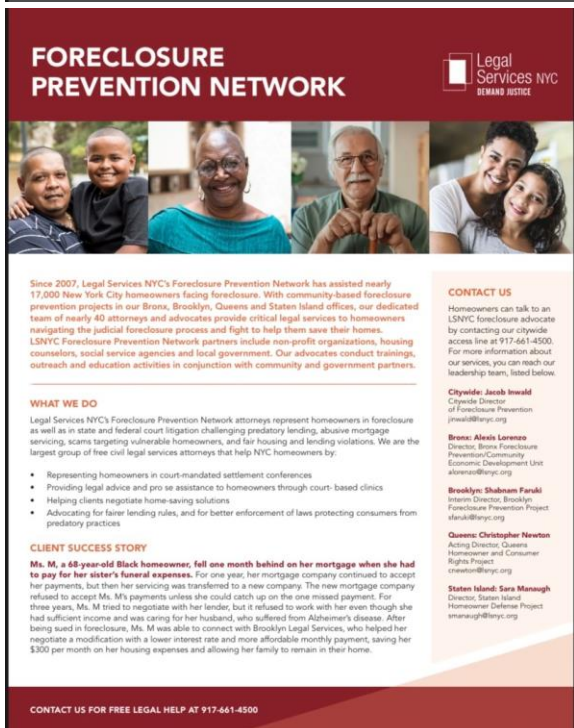
**CALL STATEN ISLAND LEGAL SERVICES**

Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
We speak your language and serve all 5 boroughs of NYC.

**718-233-6480**

Legal Services NYC  
Demand Justice

legalservicesnyc.org



**FORECLOSURE PREVENTION NETWORK**

Legal Services NYC  
Demand Justice

Since 2007, Legal Services NYC's Foreclosure Prevention Network has assisted nearly 17,000 New York City homeowners facing foreclosure. With community-based foreclosure prevention projects in our Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island offices, our dedicated team of nearly 40 attorneys and advocates provide critical legal services to homeowners navigating the judicial foreclosure process and fight to help them save their homes. LSNYC Foreclosure Prevention Network partners include non-profit organizations, housing counselors, social service agencies and local government. Our advocates conduct trainings, outreach and education activities in conjunction with community and government partners.

**WHAT WE DO**

Legal Services NYC's Foreclosure Prevention Network attorneys represent homeowners in foreclosure as well as in state and federal court litigation challenging predatory lending, abusive mortgage servicing, scams targeting vulnerable homeowners, and fair housing and lending violations. We are the largest group of free civil legal services attorneys that help NYC homeowners by:

- Representing homeowners in court-mandated settlement conferences
- Providing legal advice and pro se assistance to homeowners through court-based clinics
- Helping clients negotiate home-saving solutions
- Advocating for fairer lending rules, and for better enforcement of laws protecting consumers from predatory practices

**CLIENT SUCCESS STORY**

**Ms. M, a 68-year-old Black homeowner, fell one month behind on her mortgage when she had to pay for her sister's funeral expenses.** For one year, her mortgage company continued to accept her payments, but then her servicing was transferred to a new company. The new mortgage company refused to accept Ms. M's payments unless she could catch up on the one missed payment. For three years, Ms. M tried to negotiate with her lender, but it refused to work with her even though she had sufficient income and was caring for her husband, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease. After being sued in foreclosure, Ms. M was able to connect with Brooklyn Legal Services, who helped her negotiate a modification with a lower interest rate and more affordable monthly payment, saving her \$300 per month on her housing expenses and allowing her family to remain in their home.

**CONTACT US**

Homeowners can talk to an LSNYC foreclosure advocate by contacting our citywide access line at 917-661-4500. For more information about our services, you can reach our leadership team, listed below.

**Citywide: Jacob Inwald**  
Citywide Director of Foreclosure Prevention  
jinwald@lsnyc.org

**Bronx: Alexis Lorenzo**  
Director, Bronx Foreclosure Prevention/Community Economic Development Unit  
alorenzo@lsnyc.org

**Brooklyn: Shabnam Faruki**  
Intern Director, Brooklyn Foreclosure Prevention Project  
shfaruki@lsnyc.org

**Queens: Christopher Newton**  
Acting Director, Queens Homeowner and Consumer Rights Project  
cnewton@lsnyc.org

**Staten Island: Sara Manough**  
Director, Staten Island Homeowner Defense Project  
smanough@lsnyc.org

CONTACT US FOR FREE LEGAL HELP AT 917-661-4500



8. Project Hospitality provides a wide range of services to our communities. From vaccinations to mental health guidance to help applying for rental assistance. See flyers below for more information.

Need to talk?



NY Project Hope  
Coping with COVID

Feeling uncertain, overwhelmed, anxious during COVID?

Here to talk | Here to listen | Here to support

We provide . . .

- Information
- Education
- Emotional support
- Links to resources

We can provide virtual presentations on:

- Recognizing common reactions to COVID
- Building coping skills for the recovery process
- Managing COVID-related stress
- Identifying and meeting children's needs

Contact Us!  
(718)608-7900  
HOPE@ProjectHospitality.org

We are here for YOU.

Free, anonymous & confidential

A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health  
Funded by FEMA



Necesitas hablar?



NY Project Hope  
Coping with COVID

Te sientes incierto, agobiado, ansioso durante COVID?

Aquí para hablar | Aquí para escuchar | Aquí para apoyar

Nosotros Proporcionamos...

- Información
- Educación
- Apoyo emocional
- Enlaces a recursos

Proporcionamos presentaciones virtuales sobre:

- Reconociendo las reacciones comunes de COVID
- Desarrollando habilidades de afrontamiento para el proceso de recuperación
- Manejando estrés relacionada con COVID
- Identificando y satisfaciendo las necesidades de los niños

¡Contáctanos Hoy!  
718-608-7900  
HOPE@ProjectHospitality.org

Estamos aquí para USTED.

Gratis, anónimo y confidencial

A program of the NYS Office of Mental Health  
Funded by FEMA

# New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program assists households behind on their rent that have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability. In addition, the program can provide temporary rental assistance and assistance with unpaid utility bills.

**DO I QUALIFY?**  
Eligible residents must meet the following criteria:

- Household gross income at or below 80 percent of area median income, which varies by county and household size.
- A member of the household received unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant costs or experienced financial hardship, directly or indirectly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The applicant owes past due rent at their current residence.

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**  
This assistance can pay up to 12 months of past due rent and for some households, pay up to 3 months for future rent. The program can also pay for up to 12 months of overdue electric or gas bills. Please note, payments will always be issued directly to the landlord or utility provider.

**HOW CAN I APPLY?**  
Applications can be submitted online beginning June 1.

For more information, visit [otda.ny.gov/ERAP](http://otda.ny.gov/ERAP) or call 844-NY1RENT (844-691-7368)

Local Community Organization Information:  
Call 929-724-5360 or email [erap@projecthospitality.org](mailto:erap@projecthospitality.org) for assistance submitting your application from one of Project Hospitality's ERAP enrollers.

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# New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program

El Programa de Asistencia para Alquileres de Emergencia ayuda a las familias atrasadas en el pago del alquiler que han sufrido dificultades financieras debido a la COVID-19 y están en riesgo de quedarse en la calle o de padecer inestabilidad por la falta de vivienda. Además, el programa puede proporcionar asistencia de alquiler temporal y asistencia para el pago de facturas de servicios públicos vencidas.

**¿CALIFICO?**  
Los residentes aptos para solicitar la asistencia deben cumplir con los siguientes criterios:

- Los ingresos brutos de la familia son iguales o inferiores al 80% del ingreso promedio del área, que varía según el tamaño del condado y de la familia.
- Un miembro de la familia recibió subsidios de desempleo o experimentó una reducción en los ingresos, incurrió en costos significativos o sufrió dificultades financieras, directa o indirectamente, debido a la pandemia de COVID-19.
- El solicitante adeuda alquileres en su residencia actual.

**¿CÓMO FUNCIONA?**  
Esta asistencia puede pagar hasta 12 meses de renta vencida y, para algunas familias, pagar hasta 3 meses de alquileres futuros. El programa también puede pagar hasta 12 meses de facturas de electricidad o gas vencidas. Tenga en cuenta que los pagos siempre se emitirán directamente al propietario o al proveedor de servicios públicos.

**¿CÓMO PUEDO SOLICITARLA?**  
Las solicitudes se pueden enviar en línea a partir del 1 de junio.

Para más información, visite [otda.ny.gov/ERAP](http://otda.ny.gov/ERAP) o llame al 844-NY1RENT (844-691-7368)

Información de la organización comunitaria local:  
Llame al 929-724-5360 o envíe un correo electrónico a [erap@projecthospitality.org](mailto:erap@projecthospitality.org) para recibir asistencia con la solicitud de un Enrolador de Project Hospitality.

Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance  
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**Project Hospitality**  
Help Center Services  
Are All Available By Phone!

CALL NOW AND LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER AND WE WILL RETURN YOUR CALL.  
REACH US AT **718-420-6466** OR **718-448-3470**  
FOR HELP WITH SNAP, CALL **347-410-3657**

<b>Apply for SNAP</b>	<b>Apply for WIC and Cash Assistance</b>	<b>Apply for Health Insurance or NYC Care</b>
<b>Legal Services</b>	<b>Domestic Violence Services</b>	<b>Mental Health Services</b>
<b>Apply for Unemployment</b>	<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>Immigration Help</b>

221 HEBERTON AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10302  
514 BAY ST. STATEN ISLAND, NY 10304

**Los servicios del**  
Centro de Ayuda están  
disponibles por vía Telefónica!

LLAME AHORA Y DEJE UN MENSAJE CON SU NOMBRE Y NÚMERO DE TELÉFONO Y LE DEVOLVEREMOS LA LLAMADA. COMUNIQUESE CON NOSOTROS A LOS NÚMEROS DE TELÉFONO **718-420-6466** O AL **718-448-3470**. PARA OBTENER AYUDA CON SNAP (PROGRAMA DE ASISTENCIA NUTRICIONAL) LLAME AL **347-410-3657**

<b>Solicitar para SNAP (programa de asistencia nutricional)</b>	<b>Solicitar WIC y Asistencia en efectivo</b>	<b>Solicitar un Seguro Médico o NYC Care</b>
<b>Servicios Legales</b>	<b>Servicios de Violencia Doméstica</b>	<b>Servicios de Salud Mental</b>
<b>Solicitud de desempleo</b>	<b>Dispensa de alimentos</b>	<b>Ayuda en casos de Inmigración</b>

221 HEBERTON AVENUE, STATEN ISLAND NY 10302  
514 BAY STREET STATEN ISLAND NY 10304

9. State parks and historic sites are staffed by a core of permanent employees who work year-round to maintain these precious resources. During the peak of our operating season (May through September) the permanent staff is supplemented by several thousand seasonal employees who work to ensure that our patrons have a positive and safe experience when visiting our sites.

- Be a part of the premier park system in the United States - with more than 250 state parks, historic sites, golf courses, swimming pools, beaches, campgrounds, marinas, trails, and museums and nature centers.
- Work in some of the most beautiful, scenic, and historic places New York State has to offer.
- Make a tangible impact on your community. Parks are for everyone, and **all are welcome here**: People of every age, ability, color, or creed belong here – without exceptions – yourself included! People of every kind come visit us in order to have *experiences* – and at OPRHP, *we get to be part* of these special times in truly meaningful ways. See how you can make a difference as a part of Team OPRHP!  
**To learn more about seasonal or permanent employment click here.**

## Join Our Team



10. Snow season is coming! Become a paid emergency Snow Laborer to help us clear snow from steps, streets, crosswalks and fire hydrants after winter storms. **Earn \$15/hour.** **Must make an appointment and be at least 18 years old. Click here for more details.**





**Now Hiring!**

**Emergency Snow Laborers Needed**

Pay starts at \$15/hour  
Apply/Info: [nyc.gov/snow](http://nyc.gov/snow)



11. The Central Family Life Center is now accepting applications for their free Career Training Programs. **Call (718) 273-8414 ext.8** and see the flyer below for more information.



THE CENTRAL FAMILY LIFE CENTER  
**YOUTHBUILD**

**IMPACT**

Now Accepting Applications for our **FREE** Career Training Programs  
Please Call (718) 273-8414 ext. 8

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

17-24 years old, No HS diploma, Out of School, Not Working During the Day,  
and Live on Staten Island

***Let's Get It!!***

***Get Paid, Get your High School Equivalency Diploma, Get Certified and Get a Job!***

For more info visit us at [www.centralfamilylifecenter.org/youthbuild-impact](http://www.centralfamilylifecenter.org/youthbuild-impact)

**117 WRIGHT STREET, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10304**

The Central Family Life Center is an equal opportunity employer and Youthbuild is an equal opportunity program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. Youthbuild IMPACT receives funding support from the U.S. Dept of Labor and the NYC Dept. of Youth & Community Development.

- 12. Staten Island University Hospital's Executive Healthcare Internship (EHI) program provides a unique opportunity to serve your community and immerse yourself in the growing field of healthcare. Explore the EHI program where you will develop the skills, knowledge, and experience to become a leader in the healthcare industry.**

[Click here to apply today](#)

## Become a Leader in the Healthcare Industry

### ▼ Careers Well Cared For

#### Executive Healthcare Internship

Staten Island University Hospital

Internship dates: June 6th - August 19th 2022

Staten Island University Hospital's Executive Healthcare Internship (EHI) program provides a unique opportunity to serve your community and immerse yourself in the growing field of healthcare. Explore the EHI program where you will develop the skills, knowledge, and experience to become a leader in the healthcare industry.

This 9-week paid summer internship is open to current college undergraduate Junior and Senior students, and graduate students, with ties to the Staten Island community, who are looking to gain first-hand experience from New York State's largest healthcare provider and private employer.

In the EHI program, you will work directly with a director-level mentor on comprehensive projects related to process improvement in the hospital, attend executive and hospital-wide/departmental meetings, partake in learning sessions, and present a final project.

Get moving today to learn more about our internships at:

[NorthwellCareers.com](https://www.northwellcareers.com)

and search for **Job Identification #30417**

Apply today: [bit.ly/3oxZH2r](https://bit.ly/3oxZH2r)



Executive Healthcare Interns will be exposed to a wide range of hospital functions, and be matched to a specific department within the hospital based on interest. Hospital departments may include:

- Human Resources
- Community Health
- Quality
- Facilities Management
- Change Management & Data Analytics



#### About Staten Island University Hospital:

Staten Island University Hospital is a 668-bed specialized teaching hospital that occupies two main campuses and numerous community-based health centers and laboratories. Our 17-acre

campus on Seaview Avenue in Ocean Breeze features the Island's most advanced emergency department, a state-of-the-art education center and our renowned Heart Institute. Our sister campus on Segulne Avenue in Prince's Bay also houses an exceptional emergency department including a new Pediatric Emergency Center, and boasts specialized care in orthopedics, behavioral health, and robotic gynecologic surgery cases.

Our hospital is named among the Best Regional Hospitals and ranked as High Performing in heart bypass surgery, heart failure and COPD on U.S. News & World Report's 2020-21 list. We've also been recognized for innovative care in cardiology, electrophysiology, robotic surgery, stroke and cancer.

### 13. Small Business Resources:

- [For counseling and help services through SBS click here.](#)
- [Procurement Center Representatives \(PCRs\)](#) help small businesses win federal contracts. PCRs view many federal acquisition and procurement strategies before they're announced. This enables them to influence opportunities that should be set aside for small businesses. PCRs also conduct market research, assist small businesses with payment issues, provide counseling on the contracting process, and more.
- [Subcontracting Program Assistance \(SPA\)](#) can help you with subcontracting questions after a contract is awarded. SPA can help you with tools to match prime contractors and subcontractors, help small businesses market their services to prime contractors, and more.



- SBA Learning Center. The SBA offers free online courses to help small businesses understand government contracting. You can find these video classes in the [SBA Learning Center](#).

### Useful Events and Opportunities

1. Beginning Nov. 26th through the 28th you can visit 18 Waverly Place for Big Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Super Savings Sunday. See the flyer below for more information.

**PRESENTS**

**Big Friday**  
12pm—9pm  
Nov. 26

7PM PERFORMANCE BY  
**BLURREDNOIZE**

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT BY LOCAL ARTIST  
sponsored by  
**BLURREDNOIZE**

SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES & ENTREPRENEURS WHILE SHOPPING UNIQUE GIFTS

SHOP SMALL BUSINESS

**Small Business Saturday**  
12pm—8pm  
Nov. 27

2PM PERFORMANCE BY  
**Jah Jah Beats**

SHOP LOCAL THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!!

4PM - 5PM PERFORMANCE BY  
MORRISANIA BAND PROJECT

**Super Savings Sunday**  
12pm—8pm  
Nov. 28

2PM PERFORMANCE BY  
**BLURREDNOIZE**

**18 Waverly Place, SINY 10304**  
(rear entrance)

COVID restrictions and socially distancing will be adhered.

2. MSSI'S 4th Annual Winter Warmth Drive - In partnership with MetroPlus Health Jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, and hygiene essentials. December 4th, 2021 12 PM to 3

PM at 1625 Forest Ave



**MSSI'S 4th Annual**  
**WINTER WARMTH DRIVE**

In partnership with MetroPlus Health

December 4th, 2021

12pm to 3pm

1625 Forest Ave, Staten Island, NY 10302



**Winter Jackets**

New Jackets for men, women and children



**Hygiene essentials**

hygiene essentials for men, women and babies



**Hats, scarves, gloves**

Items for men, women and children

**AND DISASTER RELIEF**

Disaster Recovery information and more

For more information contact us @  
muslimsistersofsi@gmail.com or 718 6151365

3. Metro Community Health Centers invites all to their Holiday Health Fair. Saturday, December 11th from 11 AM - 3 PM. See the flyer below for more information.



4. The Forest Ave. Comeunity Fridge is a group from Mariners Harbor looking to help out our community with Food Insecurity.

**@FORESTAVECOMEUNITYFRIDGE**

**WHO ARE WE?**

We are a collaborative group, born and raised on the North Shore, who are passionate about addressing the health food disparity in our neighborhood of Mariners Harbor. The foundation of our initiative is "take what you need, leave what you don't" and "we keep us fed and healthy!" - in hopes of **creating a culture of unity, interdependence, community restoration and empowerment** in Mariners Harbor.

**WHAT IS A COMMUNITY FRIDGE?**

A Community Fridge is a fridge that provides **free and healthy food** for community members. The fridges offer access to fresh produce, healthy grains and perishable items to communities that do not have a lot of access to healthy food options.



**HOW CAN MY BUSINESS HELP?**

Your business can help by donating surplus food to our fridge or allowing us to purchase food at reduced costs.

**WHY SHOULD MY BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION CARE ABOUT A COMMUNITY FRIDGE?**

In recent political and racial events, many businesses and organizations are looking for ways to fight against racial inequity. Community fridges represent mutual aid - the idea that solidarity not charity is what communities need in order to become fairer and stronger. By donating food to our fridge, your business will be taking part in our ongoing movement for creating justice - first within our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' followed by the name 'Charles' written above a horizontal line, and 'Fall' written below the line.

Charles D. Fall  
Member of Assembly

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