

# BROOKLYN BUREAU of COMMUNITY SERVICE

Internships for  
college and  
high school  
students

On-going  
activities for  
professionals  
and retirees

One-day  
projects for  
corporations  
and  
community  
organizations

# VOLUNTEER SERVICES

Fall 2006



## Make the school year great for a Brooklyn child

Erica and Maureen, students at Columbia and Fordham universities, respectively, make friends quickly in a pre-k class at Duffield Children's Center.

The three were part of a group of JP Morgan Chase interns who dedicated a day in August to teach, tutor and play with the children. The interns are receiving full scholarships from JP Morgan Chase.

With school back in session, the Brooklyn Bureau is looking for volunteers to help Brooklyn children learn. At the **Duffield Children's Center** and the **Waverly Child Care Center**, teachers and volunteers foster environments where children gain reading and math skills. Our day care centers, located in the Downtown and Fort Greene sections of Brooklyn, offer free or sliding-scale child care to low-income parents, providing educationally rich day care and after school programs to more than 425 children, ages 2 to 11. Last year, 45 volunteers helped children with snack time, nap time and homework. Volunteers read stories, assisted teachers in the classroom and playground, helped children walk safety from their nearby schools to the centers, and provided receptionist and clerical support.

Volunteers are helping Brooklyn children learn at our **Gary Klinsky Children's Centers (GKCC)**.

Located in the Crown Heights and East New York sections of Brooklyn, GKCC provides after-school learning opportunities to nearly 1,000 children, kindergarten through middle school, who are attend some of New York City's lowest performing schools. Volunteers assist teachers with hands-on lessons in history, sociology, ecology, science, geography, and technology. On Fridays, volunteers can work with small groups of students in a focused exploration into subjects including journalism, photography, poetry, entrepreneurship, and government.



Maureen gives computer tips to tots.



Above, Joel, a Columbia student and JP Morgan Chase Intern, plays educational game with two older children.

# Supporting disabled adults is a <sup>FUN!</sup>walk in the park

All of Brooklyn is invited to participate in the Brooklyn Bureau's first annual Fun Walk at Prospect Park on Sunday, October 22, from 8 am to 11 am. The one-mile walk will be an enjoyable way to show your support for disabled adults living in Brooklyn. Proceeds will help expand our recreation program. The Brooklyn Bureau started the recreation program in 1999 as a response to the need for recreational and social opportunities for the disabled adults in our job training program. The recreation program offers arts classes, a bowling league, summer softball and trips in the community. Come to raise awareness, raise funds or volunteer!



## We saw you at the 32nd Atlantic Antic!

I am glad you stopped by the Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service's table at the 32nd Annual Atlantic Antic on Sunday, September 17, to learn about our programs and services. Here are some volunteer opportunities to consider.



Volunteer in  
Brooklyn!

### Tutor children

- Duffield Children's Center in Downtown Brooklyn needs volunteers to help in the classroom, playground and reception area. Weekdays, between 8 am and 6 pm. **Great for individual adults and teens, as well as small groups (5 to 10) from corporations and high school.**
- The Gary Klinsky Children's Centers after school programs at PS 91 in Crown Heights, PS 306, PS 149 and PS 174 in East New York need volunteers to help children with homework and assist the teachers weekdays from 2:45 to 6:00 pm. **Great for adults.**

### Encourage disabled adults

On Sunday, Oct. 22, 8 to 11 am, the Brooklyn Bureau is holding its first Fun Walk to support our programs that provide services to developmentally disabled adults. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, photography, registration, refreshments and cheering. Prospect Park. **Great for individuals, families, corporate teams, high school clubs and community groups.**

### Coach at-risk teens in careers

- Career coaches meet and interact with at-risk teens on Wednesdays, 6 to 8 pm at the Bed-Stuy Family Center. Training is provided. All activities are supported, guided and supervised by our professional social work staff. Coaches participate with the same group of teens through the school year. **Great for professionals, entrepreneurs, artists, musicians and trades people.**
- One-time career speakers are needed throughout the school year to give presentations to the teens and career coaches and discuss related topics and issues. **Ditto.**

### Prepare a NYC community garden for fall

Our TLC Community Garden in the East New York Section of Brooklyn is an official quarter-acre NYC Community Garden that doubles as a therapeutic garden in which we provide therapy and rehabilitation services to help women with a severe mental illness residing in the adjacent women's homeless shelter. We need help the weeding, raking and various tasks that are essential for preparing the garden for a winter's sleep. Project length is 3 to 6 hours in length, depending upon the type of activity and the number of volunteers. As long as the weather is good, projects can be scheduled for most any day. **Great for PTA's, Girl and Boy Scout Troops, corporate teams and high school clubs.**



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