

# GETTING YOUR TAXES DONE FOR FREE IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD



# THE DIRECTORY

This directory will help you find a free tax preparation site at a New York City location near you.

If you worked, even part-time in 2005, and earned less than \$37,300, you may be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). This credit can be worth almost \$6,000, depending on how much you earned during the year. Filing your taxes is the only way to claim this important credit.

If you think you are eligible, you may not need to pay to get your taxes done!

Going to a commercial tax preparer can cost you \$100 or more. And getting a "rapid refund," which is really a high-interest loan, will cost you even more! You can avoid these costs by going to one of the many free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites listed in this directory.

Each VITA site listed is certified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to provide free, high-quality tax preparation services. Most sites open in middle to late January and operate through April. To qualify for assistance at a VITA site, your income must be less than \$40,000 if you have dependent children or less than \$20,000 if you do not have dependent children.

When you go to a free tax preparation site, please bring the following with you:

- A copy of last year's tax return, if available;
- picture identification;
- social security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) cards/letters for you, members of your household, dependents and anyone who provided childcare;
- W-2s, 1099s, or any other wage, salary and income statements including unemployment compensation; and
- your bank account and routing information, if available (a voided check will provide this information).
- If you are filing your taxes with a spouse, you must both be present.

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These are only some of the many sites in New York. For other IRS-sponsored VITA sites, call the IRS at 800-829-1040 or in New York City, call the city information line at 311.

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# BRONX

## FORDHAM:

### **FoodChange at 1199 SEIU Training Center (FoodChange was formerly the Community Food Research Center)**

2514 Creston Ave. (Fordham Road & Grand Concourse)  
866-WAGE PLUS (866-924-3758)

Opens 1/18

Subway: 4, B, D to Fordham Rd.

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: Mon.-Thu. 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Fri. 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sun. (through February) 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

## HIGHBRIDGE/MORRISANIA:

### **ARIVA Bronx Tax Center**

69 E. 167th St., 2nd Fl. (Corner of Gerard Ave.)  
718-292-2983

Opens 1/24

Subway: 4 to 167th St. or B/D to 167th St.

Languages: English, Spanish, French

Hours: Tue.-Thu. 4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; Fri. by appt. only; Sat. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## SOUNDVIEW:

### **ACORN at Soundview Community in Action**

1217 Stratford Ave., 2nd Fl.  
(Between E. 172nd St. & Westchester Ave.)  
718-246-7900

Opens 1/15

Subway: 6 to Morrison-Soundview

Bus: B4, B27

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: Tue.-Fri. 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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## **SOUTH BRONX (THE HUB):**

### **FoodChange at SOBRO**

555 Bergen Ave., 3rd Fl.  
(Between E. 149th St. & Westchester Ave.)  
866-WAGE PLUS (866-924-3758)

Opens 1/23

Subway: 2, 5 to 149th St.-3rd Avenue

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: Mon.-Thu. 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Fri. (through February) 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

# **BROOKLYN**

## **BEDFORD-STUYVESANT:**

### **FoodChange at Bed-Stuy Restoration**

1368 Fulton St. (Inside courtyard of Bed-Stuy Restoration)  
866-WAGE PLUS (866-924-3758)

Opens 1/23

Subway: A, C to Nostrand Ave.

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: Mon-Thu. 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Fri. (through February) 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## **BUSHWICK:**

### **Brooklyn Cooperative Federal Credit Union (formerly Bushwick Federal Credit Union)**

1474 Myrtle Ave.  
917-345-0431 (appointments preferred)

Opens 1/17

Subway: L to Myrtle Ave.

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: Tue. 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.; Wed. & Thu. 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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## **CONEY ISLAND/ BRIGHTON BEACH:**

### **ACORN at You Gotta Believe! (NEW!)**

1728 Mermaid Ave. (Off Stillwell Ave.)

718-246-7900

Opens 1/15

Subway: Q, F, D or N to Stillwell Ave./Coney Island

Bus: B64 to Stillwell Ave./Mermaid Ave.

Languages: English (please call about additional languages)

Hours: Thu. & Fri. 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Sat. 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sun. 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

## **CROWN HEIGHTS:**

### **ACORN at Visibility Consulting Services, Inc. (NEW!)**

1626A Bedford Ave.

718-246-7900

Opens 1/15

Subway: 2, 3, 4 to Franklin Ave.

Bus: B45 to Sterling Pl./Bedford Ave.

Languages: English (please call about additional languages)

Hours: Thu. & Fri. 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

## **DOWNTOWN:**

### **FoodChange at Independence Community Bank**

195 Montague St./Independence Bank Building, 4th Fl.

(Between Court & Clinton Sts.)

866-WAGE PLUS (866-924-3758)

Opens 1/19

Subway: M, N, R to Court St. 2, 3, 4, 5 to Borough Hall

Languages: English, Spanish, Chinese

Hours: Mon.-Thu. 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Fri. 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sun. (through February) 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

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## **EAST NEW YORK:**

### **ACORN at MHANY Storefront (NEW!)**

447 New Lots Ave.

718-246-7900

Opens 1/15

Subway: L to New Lots Ave.

Bus: B15 to New Lots/Pennsylvania Ave.

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: Tue.-Fri. 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

## **FLATBUSH:**

### **ACORN at NY State Senator Kevin Parker's Campaign HQ (NEW!)**

2917 Glenwood Road (Between Nostrand and Flatbush Aves)

718-246-7900

Opens 1/15

Subway: 2 to Flatbush Ave.-Brooklyn College

Bus: B41 to Flatbush Ave.-East 29th St.

Languages: English (please call about additional languages)

Hours: Thu. & Fri. 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

## **SUNSET PARK:**

### **FoodChange at Center for Family and Life**

5505 Fourth Ave. (Between 55th and 56th Sts)

866-WAGE PLUS (866-924-3758)

Opens 1/23

Subway: R to 53rd St., N to 59th St.

Languages: English, Spanish, Chinese

Hours: Mon.-Thu. 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Fri. (through February) 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## **WILLIAMSBURG:**

### **ACORN at El Puente (NEW!)**

289 Grand St.

718-246-7900

Opens 1/15

Subway: J/M to Marcy Ave. or L to Bedford Ave.

Bus: B61 to Division Ave./Bedford Ave.

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: Thu. & Fri. 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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# MANHATTAN

## EAST HARLEM:

### **Union Settlement Federal Credit Union**

237 E. 104th St. (Between 2nd & 3rd Aves)

212-828-6060 (appointments optional)

Opens 1/17

Subway: 6 to 103rd St.

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: Mon. 4:30-8:00 p.m. (1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 4/3 & 4/10 only)

Tue.-Thu. 4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Sat. 10:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

### **SCAN/ LaGuardia House**

307 E. 116th St. (Between 1st and 2nd Aves)

212-534-7800 (appointments optional)

Opens 1/17

Subway: 6 to 116th St.

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: Tue., Wed. & Thu. 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (except 2/13-3/31; Tue., Thu. 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.)

### **ARIVA Tax Center at Association of Hispanic Arts**

161 E. 106th St. (Between Lexington and 3rd Aves)

888-876-1240

Opens 1/24

Subway: 6 to 103rd St.

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: Mon.-Wed. 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.; Fri. by appt. only;

Sat. 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## HARLEM:

### **FoodChange Food and Finance Center**

284 St. Nicholas Ave. (Between 124th & 125th St.)

866-WAGE PLUS (866-924-3758)

Opens 1/18

Subway: 2, 3, A, B, C, D to 125th St.

Languages: English, Spanish, Chinese

Hours: Mon.-Thu. 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Fri. & Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Sun. (through February) 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

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## **LOWER EAST SIDE:**

### **Lower East Side People's Federal Credit Union (LESPFCU) - People's Center for Economic Independence Tax Site**

37 Avenue B (At 3rd St.)

212-529-8197 Ext. 30

Subway: F to 2nd Ave. (& Houston) or 1, 2, 3, 9, 4, 5, 6 to 14th St. and transfer to L to First Ave.

Languages: English, Spanish, Mandarin

Hours: Mon. 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; Tue., Wed. & Fri. 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Sat. 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

### **LESPFCU at Grand Street Settlement**

80 Pitt St.

212-529-8197 Ext. 30

Subway: F to 2nd Ave. (& Houston)

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: Tue. & Thu. 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

## **MIDTOWN:**

### **FoodChange at 1199 SEIU NBF**

330 W 42nd St., 9th Fl. (Between 8th and 9th Aves.)

866-WAGE PLUS (866-924-3758)

Opens 1/23

Subway: 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, A, B, C, D, N, R, W to Times Square

Languages: English, Spanish, Chinese

Hours: Mon.-Thu. 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Fri. (through February) 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Sat. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## **WASHINGTON HEIGHTS:**

### **FoodChange at Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp.**

76 Wadsworth Ave., 2nd Fl. (Between 176th & 177th Sts.)

866-WAGE PLUS (866-924-3758)

Opens 1/23

Subway: 1, 9 to 181st St. or A to 175th St.

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: Mon.-Thu. 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Fri. 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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# QUEENS

## **CORONA:**

### **ACORN at Councilmember Monserrate's Campaign HQ**

40-53 99th St.

718-246-7900

Opens 1/15

Subway: 7 to Junction Blvd or to 103rd St./Corona Plaza

Bus: Q58 to Corona Ave./Junction Blvd.

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: Tue.-Fri. 2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

## **FLUSHING:**

### **ACORN at Young Korean American Services & Education Center**

136-19 41st Ave., 3rd Fl. (Off Main St.)

718-246-7900

Opens 1/16

Subway: 7 to Main St.

Bus: Q58 to Main St./41st Ave.

Languages: English, Korean

Hours: Mon., Wed. & Fri. 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

### **ACORN at Assemblyman Jimmy Meng's Campaign HQ**

135-29 Roosevelt Ave., 3rd Fl. (Off Main St.)

718-246-7900

Opens 1/15

Subway: 7 to Main St.

Bus: Q58 to Main St./41st Ave.

Languages: English, Chinese

Hours: Tue.-Fri. 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 12:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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## **JACKSON HEIGHTS:**

### **FoodChange**

40-04 73rd St., 3rd Fl. (Corner of Roosevelt Ave.)

866-WAGE PLUS (866-924-3758)

Opens 1/23

Subway: 7, E, F, G, R, V to Jackson Heights/Roosevelt Ave.

Languages: English, Spanish, Chinese

Hours: Mon.-Thu. 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Fri. (through February) 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

## **JAMAICA:**

### **FoodChange at First Presbyterian Church**

89-60 164th St. (Between Jamaica and 89th Aves)

866-WAGE PLUS (866-924-3758)

Opens 1/23

Subway: E, J, Z to Jamaica Center or F to 169th St.

Languages: English, Spanish, Chinese

Hours: Mon.-Thu. 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Fri. (through February) 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

# **STATEN ISLAND**

## **SAINT GEORGE:**

### **FoodChange at SI Bank & Trust**

15 Hyatt St. (Between Central Avenue & Stuyvesant Place)

866-WAGE PLUS (866-924-3758)

Opens 1/23

Subway: Staten Island Railway to St. George station.

Languages: English, Spanish

Hours: Mon.-Thu. 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Fri. (through February) 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.; Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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