

# THE UWHC VISION

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## Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

The United Way of Hudson County tax site is now open Tuesday 4pm-8pm and Saturday 10am-2pm until April 17th. As of March 30, 2012 United Way of Hudson County's VITA site has provided tax preparation services to 175 taxpayers. We are also providing additional mobile sites at New Jersey City University (NJCU) and Jersey City Public Libraries. The NJCU mobile VITA site will be held again on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, from 10am-2pm at NJCU's campus library computer lab on 2039 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07305.

The partnership between the United Way, IRS, AARP and Newark Now has been very

helpful in making the tax site run smoothly. The United Way of Hudson County plays the most important role of connecting members of the local community to the services of other organizations like Newark Now and AARP Tax Aide. While Newark Now and AARP Tax Aide provide excellent tax preparation services, it is the United Way that has the local connections in Hudson County. UWHC has also reached out to big corporations like Fed EX and UPS so that their employees could take advantage of our free tax service. In addition, UWHC has set up mobile sites at New Jersey City University and Secaucus Recreation Center.

VITA has a very promising future in Hudson County. Many of our clients often say they went to a paid preparer the year before and wish they had heard about our free VITA site before.

Here is what our clients have written about our service:

*"I Love United Way, they really do a lot of good for those who need it. I'm disabled and find myself struggling at times, this is my second year and on both occasions my experience has been the same. The volunteers are patient and very helpful...."* ~Rosemary

## Spelling Bee of Hudson County!

On February 11, 2012, Keneth Gonzalez won the Jersey Journal's 53rd annual Hudson County Spelling Bee, earning him a trip to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. Kenneth Gonzales is a sixth grader from St. Francis Acad-

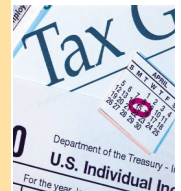
emy in Union City. Students from all over Hudson County from fourth to eighth grades participated in the spelling bee which was held at the Margaret Williams Theatre at New Jersey City University. Benjamin Dineen, UWHC Director of Resources and Marketing, was one of the four spelling bee judges representing the United Way of Hudson County. "The United Way of Hudson County has supported the spelling bee for three years now. This event lines up nicely with our educa-

tional goals and objectives", said Dineen.

"One of the wonderful things about our program is that it gives students the opportunity to shine in front of key Hudson County movers and shakers! This helps our young people to understand that their academic success is valued by professionals within our community, and it encourages them to continue striving for excellence", said Kay O' Malley, Director, The Jersey Journal NIE Program.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH  
 @ UWHC Retail Quality Resale Store



Catherine Mangi

This is a wonderful store. People are so nice. I tell everyone about it – my neighbors, family – everyone. When I leave my house in the morning, people ask me “Are you going to the store? The store is helping me. It makes a difference that I know they are helping others, too. All the customers tell my how nice the store is kept and how they enjoy coming in to browse or shop. I am happy here! I will continue to come as long as I can.

— Catherine Mangi

We at the United Way have found a gem. When a local thrift shop closed its doors, Catherine was looking for a new place to volunteer. She had been with the thrift store over nine years. She was looking for a new place to hang her hat. Word of mouth spread and she found out we had just opened our resale store. She came and asked if she could help and has been with the store ever since. She makes such a difference .

—Francisco Guzmán, Store Manager

## BBH Cares....

On March 22nd, 13 Brown Brothers Harriman employees from the Jersey City office volunteered at the United Way of Hudson County Resale Store warehouse in Kearney, New Jersey. Brown Brothers Harriman has a 35 year history of involvement with the United Way and view these volunteer days as a way for staff to support local programs as well as a way to bond with each other over the experience of sharing and caring for their greater community. The volunteers donated their time in organizing clothing donations for the United Way Retail Quality Resale Store. Located at 6401 Bergenline Avenue in West New York, the newly opened store is filled with many quality items including furniture, art prints and household goods. The United Way has received thousands of donated items for the resale store which are inventoried at the Kearney warehouse.

The Brown Brothers Harriman volunteers accessed, sorted, sized and packed donated clothing that will then be transported and old at the store in West New York. “This is a HUGE help to the United Way of Hudson County. The donated items sold at the

resale store help fund UWHC programs and important homeless initiatives” says UWHC President Dan Altilio.



Volunteers and UWHC at resale store warehouse in Kearny, NJ.