

# Rebecca Seawright



*Dear Friends and Neighbors,*

*At least 85 new coronavirus deaths and 10,257 new cases were unfortunately reported in New York on December 10. Over the past week, there has been an average of 10,048 cases per day, an increase of 72 percent from the average two weeks earlier. As of Monday, December 14, indoor dining is on a pause in New York City.*

*On Tuesday, we were joined by leaders in the field of higher education to discuss the changing college applications and admissions process in the era of COVID19. This week on Town Hall Tuesday we will host a virtual "Know Your Rights" training at 7:00pm on Facebook live. Join us to learn about your rights in public utilities, unemployment, and housing.*

*Roosevelt Islanders can get tested this weekend on Saturday, December 12th, and Sunday, December 13th at a free COVID-19 mobile test site! Testing will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis, from 8 AM - 7 PM at Good Shepherd Plaza at 543 Main Street.*

*This holiday season we are collecting new and unwrapped books, toys and board games for the families and children of the New York Center for Children serving the victims of child abuse. Consider dropping off a new and unwrapped gift to our community office at 1485 York Avenue (78/79 Streets) by Monday, December 14.*

*Stay safe, wash your hands frequently, keep your social distance, and wear your face-covering! Please don't hesitate to reach out to our community office if we can be of assistance.*

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*Sincerely,*

*Rebecca*



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### VIRTUAL TOWN HALL TUESDAY: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS TRAINING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 @ 7:00PM



**RICHARD BERKLEY**

*Executive Director*

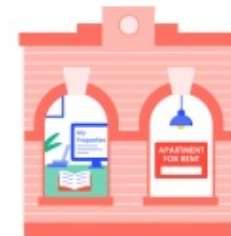


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In Case You Missed It:  
Applying for College in the COVID19 Era



## New UES “Super Market”-Style Food Pantry and Resource Center for Low-Income Manhattanites

### Cutting the Ribbon on a New Community Pantry



On Thursday, the Upper East Side welcomed a new Urban Outreach Center location dedicated to feeding and caring for the neighborhood’s residents most in need. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was attended by members of the Eastside Taskforce for Homeless Outreach and Services members, including Avenue Church NYC Senior Pastor the Rev. Beverly Dempsey, Urban Outreach Center Executive Director the Rev. Jordan Tarwater, and ETHOS taskforce members including Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Council Member Ben Kallos and Senator Liz Krueger.

The new site features a supermarket-style food pantry allowing individuals the comfort of being able to choose from available foods, just as if it were a regular supermarket. This was done intentionally to add dignity and a sense of normalcy for people receiving fresh produce and other healthy staples from the food pantry. The Urban Outreach Center is a new 501(c)3 nonprofit, created from the historic homeless services mission of Avenue Church NYC, formerly Jan Hus Presbyterian Church, which is now located at 1745 First Avenue.

*"As a member of the East Side Task Force for Homeless Outreach and Services, I am proud to welcome a new Urban Outreach Center location dedicated to helping our neighbors in need. As the weather gets colder, we all need a place to seek refuge for a hot meal and warm clothing. We are amidst a global pandemic and take for granted the common warning: "stay inside, stay at home." For some, they cannot yield that warning to protect themselves from this public health threat. We are so fortunate to be unveiling this resource for our neighbors with the most need,"* said Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright.

Both the Urban Outreach Center and Avenue Church are members of East Side Taskforce for Homeless Services, combining the efforts of the local faith-based and non-profit organizations, electeds, and city agencies to help homeless individuals off the street and to the services they require.



A student from East Side Middle School welcomes the new center at the ribbon cutting on Thursday morning.



Rebecca speaks to an East Side Middle School student reporter about the new Urban Outreach Center.



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## COVID19 Guidance and Resources

### Get Food NYC

Find resources across the city, including FREE food pantries and Grab & Go meals at NYC Schools, available for all children or adults in need, as well as grocery stores and farmer's markets locations. [nyc.gov/getfood](https://nyc.gov/getfood)

[Click here for an updated resource sheet.](#)

### ACCESS HRA Public Aid

City-wide portal for NYC residents to determine their eligibility for more than 30 economic programs and benefits including food, work, money, housing, rent assistance and more. [access.nyc.gov](https://access.nyc.gov)

### NYC WELL Mental Health Services

COVID-19 can be stressful for you, your loved ones and your friends. It is natural to feel overwhelmed, sad, anxious and afraid. [Get help here.](#)

### Indoor Dining

On Monday, December 14, indoor dining is on pause in New York City.

### TOWN CALL For Hospitality Workers

This panel will discuss the latest COVID-19 health and safety information; Gathering and performance regulations, labor law updates and City resources including support for food, employment, physical and mental health care, housing, unemployment insurance, rent mediation and other assistance services. [Click here to register for the town hall on December 15.](#)

### Outdoor Dining Winterization

The NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) has issued [additional guidance for Open Restaurants](#) to make all roadway seating areas as safe as possible this winter. Sandbags, reflector tape, snow sticks, and plastic barriers will be available to all participants, free of charge. Participating restaurants will be emailed with distribution and pickup detail. In addition, the City is ready to help program participants with any questions and is deploying a team of inspectors to help owners and managers understand new and existing requirements. Participants may submit questions to DOT at <https://on.nyc.gov/2DIH4sT> or call the SBS hotline at (888) SBS-4NYC.

### NYC Small Business Resource Network

To accelerate the recovery of small businesses, the [NYC Small Business Resource Network](#) offers free, personalized, one-on-one assistance for small business owners.

### Commercial Lease Program

If your business needs help with a commercial lease issue in New York City, you may be eligible for free legal services. [nyc.gov/commllease](https://nyc.gov/commllease)

### **Travel Advisory**

New York State's COVID-19 Travel Advisory outlines guidelines for anyone traveling into New York State. This includes New Yorkers who have traveled to other states or countries, as well as people visiting New York. Non-essential travel is strongly discouraged. For more information, and for rules applicable to first responders and essential workers, visit the New York State website at: [coronavirus.health.ny.gov/](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/) or call the New York State hotline at 888-364-3065.

### **Private residences**

Indoor and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to no more than 10 people under NY State Executive Order 202.74. Social distancing, face covering, and cleaning and disinfecting protocols are *required by the NYS Department of Health*.

### **Holiday Season**

[\*Click here for a tip sheet on how to stay safe this holiday season.\*](#)

### **Toy Drive**

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced New York's annual statewide holiday donation drive to benefit families in need and will now accept shipped donations of new unwrapped toys, coats and school supplies at two locations to assist community-based organizations during the holiday giving season. The drive has been extended through [December 18](#). Packages ordered online should be ordered with a delivery date on or before [December 18](#) and can be shipped to the following locations:

NYS Holiday Drive  
655 West 34th St.  
New York, New York 10001

NYS Holiday Drive  
Empire State Plaza  
P1 South Dock J  
Albany, New York 12242

The Office of General Services will continue to accept donations at drop-off locations across the state through [December 18](#). COVID-19 protocols will be in place to ensure the safety of those dropping off donations including social distancing, and access to hand sanitizer. Masks are required.

The drop-off locations are as follows:

- Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building, 163 West 125th St., New York City
- Shirley A. Chisholm State Office Building, 55 Hanson Place, Brooklyn

### **Not-for-profits**

Guidance for Conducting Virtual Meetings of Members of New York not-for-profit corporations. [\*Click here for the information from the Office of the New York State Attorney General regarding annual meetings.\*](#)

### **Healthcare enrollment**

The deadline to enroll in a 2021 New York Marketplace plan is December 15. [\*Visit the New York State of Health website for more information.\*](#)

### **NYC Health+Hospitals Testing Sites**

<https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/covid-19-testing-sites/>

### **Test & Trace Corps Dashboard**

<https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/test-and-trace/?notification>

### **COVID Data Dashboard**

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-data.page>

### **NYC Public School Data on COVID**

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-year-20-21/return-to-school-2020/health-and-safety/daily-covid-case-map>

### **Covid Zone Lookup**

<https://nycgov.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/lookup/index.html?appid=021940a41da04314827e2782d3d1986f>

### **Testing Guidance**

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/covid-19-testing-recommendations.pdf>

### **Safely Separating at Home/in a Hotel**

<https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/11/How-to-Separate-Safely-at-Home-English.pdf>

### **Take Care to Protect Yourself and Others from COVID-19**

<https://hhinternet.blob.core.windows.net/uploads/2020/11/take-care-flyer.pdf>

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Free Mobile COVID-19 tests  
Protect Your Health, Family & Community!

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# *Get tested on Roosevelt Island this weekend*

Sat.- Sun. December 12 - 13, 2020

8 am - 7 pm

Good Sheperd Plaza

543 Main Street

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*Bring your insurance card if you have one—  
but if not, don't worry, this is not required.  
Results usually take 24- 48 hours*

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# Roosevelt Island Youth Center & Public Safety Department

in partnership with the NYPD 114th Precinct

# HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE


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## Drop-off Locations

Sportspark (250 Main St.) 8:30 AM - 6 PM

PSD (550 Main St.) 24/7

## Donation Guidelines



Accepting brand new children's toys for any age  
until Monday, December 21st

We will be adhering to COVID-19 safety guidelines

For more information, email: [RIYouthCenter@rioc.ny.gov](mailto:RIYouthCenter@rioc.ny.gov)



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## Covid-19 Memorial Program

Thursday, December 17, 2020 - 4:00 PM

This event will be conducted via Zoom

For access to the Zoom meeting, sign in by clicking [this link](#).

< <https://forms.gle/Ga5ZqrJqGxCczgRH9> >

In remembrance of those we've lost to COVID-19, CB8 will host a Memorial Program. Neighborhood clergy and CB8 will share remembrances, poetry, prayer, quotes and statements.

If you would like us to read a name of a loved one, please email the name to [camp@cb8m.com](mailto:camp@cb8m.com).

All are welcome to watch via ZOOM or live-streamed on YouTube.

If you would like to include a statement, remembrance, name, or even photo or drawing in a PDF that CB8 will create after the program, please send those to [info@cb8m.com](mailto:info@cb8m.com) and [camp@cb8m.com](mailto:camp@cb8m.com).



Please visit [www.cb8m.com](http://www.cb8m.com), or scan the QR code on the left, for additional details.

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The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan  
Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee  
Joint Meeting with Community Board 11 Manhattan  
Tuesday, December 15, 2020 - 6:30 PM  
This meeting will be conducted via Zoom

For access to the Zoom meeting, sign in by clicking [this link](#).  
< <https://forms.gle/CptL3S75GqjFpCBx9> >

## AGENDA: Effects of COVID on Senior Mental Health

- What are the effects of COVID on mental health, especially for seniors?
- What additional services are being provided during this period?

### Panelists

- Dr. Ronnie Swift - Chief of Psychiatry & Associate medical Director at Metropolitan Hospital
- Robin Strashun - Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator at Search and Care



Please visit [www.cb8m.com](http://www.cb8m.com), or scan the QR code on the left, for additional meeting details.

Anyone with an interest in this matter is encouraged to attend.

Rebecca Dangoor and Barbara Rudder, Co-Chairs

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