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Volunteers 55+ Help Low-Income New Yorkers Manage their Money in Times of Financial Stress

Did you know that more than half of low-income New Yorkers are insecure about their financial future? Now more than ever, there is a need for low-income families and individuals to improve their money management skills. Through the Financial Coaching Corps, you can volunteer to assist New Yorkers in developing the skills needed to manage money and gain financial stability.

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program's (RSVP) Financial Coaching Corps is recruiting adults age 55+ to work one-on-one with low-wage individuals and families on self-selected areas of financial literacy. Volunteers will attend a training beginning January 2010 that will cover topics such as: banking, credit basics, reading credit reports, debt collection, budgeting and saving, avoiding financial scams, public benefits and tax credits, and working with clients. Volunteers must have excellent communication and interpersonal skills. No previous experience is necessary.

A personal interview, successful completion of the training, and a commitment of 4 - 6 hours per week for one year of volunteer service is required. For more information on the Financial Coaching Corps, please call Mercedes Eustache at (212) 614-5500 or Yvette Rennie at (212) 614-5558.

The CSS/RSVP Financial Coaching Corps is part of RSVP of the Community Service Society. RSVP is a nationally-acclaimed program that enlists adults ages 55 and older to strengthen their communities by serving as volunteers. RSVP is part of the Community Service Society of New York, a nonprofit organization which draws on a 160-year history of excellence in addressing the root of economic disparity. For more information, please visit our website, <http://www.cssny.org>

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For 160 years, the Community Service Society of New York has been the leading voice on behalf of low-income New Yorkers and continues to advocate for the economic security of the working poor in the nation's largest city.