

## FROM CITY HALL The City Helps to Keep New Yorkers Working

By Mayor Rudy Giuliani



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New Yorkers got some exciting employment news recently. According to the latest figures from the New York State Department of Labor, New York City has now gained 259,600 private sector jobs since January 1, 1994. And, according to the last monthly report, the City created 11,500 new jobs in July, bringing the total number of new private sector jobs created since January 1, 1998 to 73,500.

At this rate, the City is on track to experience the largest annual job growth since the State Labor Department began reporting these numbers. These figures also underscore that our business-friendly policies and tax-cutting strategies are working to produce more jobs for New Yorkers, including employment and restoring their independence and self-esteem.

Fortunately, help is available under the City's **Dislocated Worker Services** program. When a company plans to downsize or initiate a layoff,

Department of Employment (DOE) staff visits the company, informs its employees of available services, and assists them in securing appropriate resources to prepare for re-employment.

An important part of the program is its **Worker Career Centers** located throughout the five boroughs. The centers offer employment and training services for dislocated workers and provide access to agencies such as the **State Department of Labor's Community Service Centers**, which furnishes unemployment insurance and re-employment assistance; the **City's Administration for Children Services** for child care issues; the **New York City Housing Authority**, and the **City's Department for the Aging**.

A variety of re-employment services are offered at the **Worker Career Centers**, including labor market information, career counseling workshops, job preparation, resume writing, job search assistance, interviewing skills and networking, as well as job development. A tuition assistance program is also available for short-term course work leading to employment.

Another important feature of the program is **Retraining Services**. Approximately 30 community-based organizations, educational institutions, and for-profit schools offer short-term job training, career counseling, and job placement in such diverse fields as bookkeeping, computers, auto service technician, cable installation, pharmacy and electronics.

Included among the training programs are contracts with businesses offering on-the-job

training, which enable laid-off workers to immediately re-enter the workforce, train in a new field and earn a salary while learning new skills. Additional educational services include basic or remedial education to enhance employment prospects, and English-as-a-second language courses.

Last year, nearly 1,000 displaced workers benefitted educationally by receiving over \$2 million in tuition assistance, and another 3,000 individuals were placed in unsubsidized employment at an average starting salary of \$11-an-hour. Approximately 2,000 workers received retraining services from skills training organizations, and roughly 1,300 were placed in training-related jobs.

If you've lost a job, there is consolation in knowing that the City's **Dislocated Worker Services** program is here to help you. Applicants will receive immediate assistance by calling the nearest **Worker Career Center**: in Manhattan (212) 621-0727; Brooklyn (718) 694-9100; the Bronx (718) 402-1010; Queens (718) 544-5490; and in Staten Island (718) 390-8497.

The City is committed to helping its residents get back on the employment track and to keeping all of New York working, because a job is the very best social program that there is.

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## West Indian Labor Day Message

By Roy A. Hastick, Sr.

Monday, September 7, 1998, will mark the thirty-first anniversary of the Caribbean American Community's Labor Day celebration in Brooklyn, New York. The fun and splendor with multi-colored costumes that the parade brings along Eastern Parkway each year is the result of careful planning, strategizing, negotiat-

costume designers, dressmakers, printers, musicians, DJ's, truckers and movers, travel agents, hotels and small guest houses, bakeries, taxi and limousine services, caterers, vendors, tour operators and help to boost the sales of established small businesses in the surrounding areas. The larger business communities also benefit through increased sales and purchases from the



Mr. Roy Hastick, president of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry at the recent celebration of the 13th anniversary of the organization. (Photo Lesly Jn.-Philippe/H-O)

ing which help to make this grand occasion possible. These efforts, struggles and sacrifices are worthy of recognition, compliments and expressions of gratitude.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers and the 1,500 members of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry, (CACCI) I take this opportunity to salute Mr. Carlos Lezama and his hope for a festive and peaceful occasion. We will continue our close collaborative work year round through a variety of CACCI's business and community development programs.

Labor Day celebrations generate millions of dollars for the City and State of New York. These monies help to stimulate the economy by providing jobs for small businesses, such as

organizers, participants and visitors to this great metropolis.

These Annual Labor Day celebration's held throughout the United States showcase the Caribbean cultural institutions at home and abroad.

Once again, congratulations and have a peaceful and festive Labor Day.

We are sorry for not presenting the article on the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry as promised this week. We've been overwhelmed by an avalanche of urgent articles.



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