

## Community Organizer Intern—

**Come work with an Award Winning Organizing Project to learn how to build power, affect change and ensure that NYC is a place where all of us can live.**

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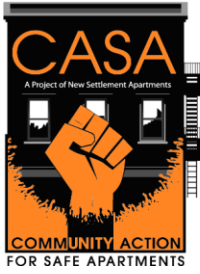
**PROGRAM OVERVIEW:** Community Action for Safe Apartments (CASA) is New Settlement Apartments' housing organizing initiative. Our work at CASA is grounded in the belief that everyone has a basic right to a safe, healthy, affordable and stable home. We are made up of community residents who work together to improve the living conditions in our neighborhood and maintain affordable housing through collective action. Our ultimate goal is to build a unified and powerful local community. CASA works to ensure that safe and affordable housing is available to everyone in the community. We achieve this by protecting rent stabilization, organizing against predatory landlords, fighting against landlord harassment, working to reform the Bronx Housing Court which evicts more people than any housing court in the US, educating tenants about their rights, building a critical mass of residents involved in housing work, and developing leaders to lead these important fights. Our work is based in the Bronx but many of our initiatives benefit tenants throughout NYC. In March of 2013, we received an award from the Association of Neighborhood and Housing Development for *Excellence in Neighborhood Organizing*.

### **Responsibilities will include:**

- Help tenants fight illegal overcharges
- Conduct Research to identify distressed buildings in our area and help form tenants associations
- Outreach and recruit members from buildings through door knocking, flyering, etc.
- Call Members to remind them about meetings, workshops, etc.
- Maintain our resource Library, update the database, etc.
- Increase our visibility on the web
- And much more!

**EXPERIENCE, EDUCATION & SKILLS REQUIRED:** A passion for social justice and social change; willingness to meet new people and develop diverse relationships; willingness to participate in community outreach, research and project development; willingness to learn; work well individually and as a group; dynamic, honest, hard-working and fun! English/Spanish bilingual skills are a plus. Experience with twitter/facebook/instagram is a plus! Hours are flexible and can easily be worked around students' schedule.

**OVERVIEW OF NEW SETTLEMENT APARTMENTS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES:** New Settlement Apartments is a non-profit, mixed-income housing and community-service organization based in the Mt. Eden community of the Southwest Bronx, with a 23-year track record of active commitment to neighborhood revitalization, community building, and positive youth development. New Settlement currently provides year-round educational, cultural and recreational programs and social services to



# CASA Community Action for Safe Apartments

A Project of New Settlement Apartments

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more than 4,100 children, youth and adults who live in the surrounding community. For more information, see [www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org), "new settlement apartments."

Find CASA on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/New-Settlement-Apartments-Community-Action-for-Safe-Apartments-CASA>.

