



CASA Internship

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OVERVIEW OF NEW SETTLEMENT APARTMENTS: 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 nearly 30-year track record of active commitment to neighborhood revitalization, community building, and positive youth development. New Settlement currently provides year-around educational, cultural and recreational programs and social services to more than 4,500 children, youth and adults who live in the surrounding community.

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. We work in the Southwest Bronx, one of the poorest areas in the country. While the Bronx has the lowest rents in the city, it is the most unaffordable borough in the city, with more than 40% of Bronx residents paying over 50% of their income in rent. It is an area plagued by poor housing conditions and unaffordable rents. To address this issue, we organize and work with the residents in the community, those directly affected by these issues, to develop campaigns around affordability and safe housing. Our multi-faceted work combines building-specific tenant organizing, neighborhood-based campaigns, tenants' rights workshops, legal clinics, monthly community meetings and a leadership development program. Our ultimate goal is to build a unified and powerful local community. <http://www.casapower.org>

Interns at CASA:

Interns are of a great importance to CASA. They support the organization by using base building tools in order reach out to the community and keep members engaged. Interns will be a part a number of activities and responsible for a variety of tasks including...

1. Community Outreach:
 - a. Door knocking, flyering, and phone banking to tenants about their rights, to invite them to CASA events and lastly to ask if they are interested in a Tenant Association for their building.
 - b. Taking notes during outreach and gathering contact information from tenants
2. Clerical duties:
 - a. Creating content such as informational one-pagers, flyers, posters, banners, and making copies
 - b. Data entry
3. Support in meetings and events
 - a. Supporting in CASA meetings and events by doing registration, welcoming members, handing out material, and observing meetings or events.