

National Pro Bono Week Begins October 25, 2010

FACT: In order for a child to be eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch, a **family of four** would have an **annual income of \$40,792.50** or less. **Three-quarters of NYC public school children** are eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch.

FACT: Last year, Lawyers Alliance assisted more than **300** nonprofit agencies that serve NYC low-income children and youth through afterschool, health, educational, sports and arts programming. **745** pro bono attorneys worked with Lawyers Alliance on **464** different legal matters for these clients.

CASE EXAMPLES: A Bedford-Stuyvesant Head Start program needed help implementing policies and ensuring compliance with federal regulations. **Nia Brown** from **DLA Piper** took this on through Lawyers Alliance, thereby enabling the program to serve 55 children ages 3-5.

In preparing for its 2009 opening, a new charter school in Coney Island needed help with drafting bylaws and hire letters and negotiating its lease with the New York City Housing Authority. **Jessica Hoppe, Elizabeth Mandell** and a **legal team from Cleary Gottlieb** provided legal assistance, and now the school is serving 180 5th and 6th grade students.

The work pro bono attorneys are doing is critical in improving the lives of our City's children and youth.

In honor of National Pro Bono Week, Lawyers Alliance sincerely thanks its network of **1,400 volunteer attorneys**. Our annual Cornerstone Awards on **October 27th** honors outstanding volunteerism.

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