



Thomas White Jr. Foundation, Inc. *162-04 Tuskegee Airmen Way,*

Founders' Quote: "Black Ink on White Paper means more than word of mouth" -Hon. Thomas White Jr.

The Lion Newsletter Fall 2016

NYC SMALL BUSINESS FORUM: GETTING CERTIFIED AS MWBE'S (Minority-Women owned Business Enterprise)

On October 18th, the Thomas White Jr. Foundation hosted their first, "NYC Department of Small Business Forum", with our guest speaker **Mr. Walter Maxwell, Executive Director for External Affairs within the Division of Economic and Financial Opportunity (DEFO)** at the NYC Dept. of Small Business and Southeast Queens native. Mr. Maxwell spoke on valuable information that focused on getting small business from

South Jamaica to get certified as WMBE's (Minority-Women owned Business Enterprise). He strongly encouraged small businesses to get certified a since the City of New York is committed to awarding \$16 Billion in city contracts to MWBE's over the next decade. Getting certified a.s a WMBE, gives small businesses access to exclusive programs that will



help grow and compete in today's economy. WE send a huge Thank You to Mr. Walter Maxwell and the other speakers for presenting at our facility and we will be having more forums in the near future.



President's Message:

Happy New Year to all! This past fall the Thomas White Jr. Foundation open its' computer lab and conference center with great anticipation and reception. It is our hope that its' accessibility to Southeast Queens would be realized as an added resource to technology and utilized effectively. We are thankful for the many collaborations and partnership events we held to inform, support and uplift the community. We look forward to continued growth in our mission.

Please visit our website www.thomawhitejr.org for more information and DONATE to a our organization. Help us make a difference.

The White Computer Lab & Conference Center is NOW OPEN to the Public



The Thomas White Jr. Foundation opened its' doors to "**The White Computer Lab & Conference Center**". We created an environment that provides state-of-the-art technology assistance. Access is available to students, seniors, local businesses, churches and community organizations. We provide assistance those that want to improve themselves thru computer workshops and training, build or upgrade their resumes, search for jobs, get tutoring and homework assistance. It's available to hold meetings, community forums, support groups and conferencing. We thank Assemblywoman Vivian E. Cook and the SUNY Equal Opportunity Center of Queens for making this possible.

Power Up: Health Insurance Info. Fair @ the Foundation

On November 9th and 16th, 2016, we held our first ever ***“Power Up: Health Insurance Info. Fair”*** to encourage the Southeast Queens community to know their health insurance options. Too many people are under insured or not insured at all. We wanted to bring information to people so they can have on site enrollment assistance into getting a health plan that best fits their



needs. We would like to send a huge THANK YOU, to all those who came out to our fair and the supporting health insurance providers for participating and helping make a difference in getting people insured.

A Special Thanks to our providers:
NY State of Health-Humana-Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield- MetroPlus-HealthFirst-Fidelis Care-Affinity Health-Wellcare

GO! Godian Operation of Outreach & CORAWI Celebration 2016 Thanksgiving Day Dinner

On November 24th, 2016, Godian Operation of Outreach & CORAWI hosted their ***“Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner”*** at the Thomas White Jr. Foundation Building. The mission of this event was to serve Thanksgiving meals to those who may have been less fortunate this Thanksgiving day, in Southeast Queens. The result of this event was a success. People throughout the Southeast Queens community had a place to eat their Thanksgiving meals. The elderly and shut-in had meals delivered by program volunteers. This event was a collaborative effort by other non-profit organizations that contributed to the festivities. In recognition our a great partnership and appreciation are: Thomas White Jr. Foundation Inc., Connective Strategies, Inc., Misunderstood Youth Development Center, and B. A. S. I.C .S International.



In recognition of his sponsorship, we thank City Councilman Ruben Wills, 28th Council District. This will be an annual event, where all are welcome to come and volunteer. We hope you come join us next year in helping us make an even bigger impact.

MYDC Misunderstood Youth Development Center (MYDC) and Precious Lives: 2nd Annual Christmas Cares Day

For the second year, the Thomas White Jr. Foundation contributed to the MYDC and Precious Lives ***“2nd Annual Christmas Cares”***. Both organizations help the youth stay out of the criminal justice system. During the holiday season these youth prepare and provide care packages and meals to the homeless throughout the New York City subways and communities. Their goal for 2016, was 400 packages. On Behalf of the Thomas White Jr. Foundation, we encourage and give support to these two groups in their amazing efforts to help those who are in need, during the holidays. God Bless!

