

Camba Opens Client Choice Food Pantry

CAMBA opened a new Client Choice Food Pantry with a ceremony honoring the primary funder, New York State Assemblymember Rhoda Jacobs. The Client Choice Food Pantry, located at its new location at 2241 Church Avenue is designed as a supermarket pantry.

The regular schedule for the pantry will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 am-1:00 pm.

According to the Food Bank for New York City, the City's emergency food programs (EFPs) provided food to approximately 1.3 million New Yorkers in 2007. This represents an in-

crease of 24% since 2004. Thirty-one percent of EFP beneficiaries are children under the age of 17, an increase of 20% since 2004.

CAMBA's food pantry provides over 5,000 food packages a year to hungry adults and children. The Client Choice pantry is modeled after a regular grocery store, allowing people coming for emergency food to choose what food they need instead of receiving pre-packed bags of food. Only the fourth Client Choice Pantry in New York City, this marks the first Client Choice model at CAMBA.