

JASA to Host Legislative Forum on Civic Engagement and Healthy Aging

JASA will host *Answering the Call: A Community Forum on Healthy Aging and Civic Engagement* on June 12, 2009 at UJA-Federation of New York. The event will engage older adults, senior care providers, community organizers, and legislators in discussions about healthy aging and civic engagement and will feature experts from city and state government, aging services, social services, and policy, nonprofit and philanthropic organizations. The forum will highlight work being done in New York City, New York State and across the country involving older adults and civic engagement, volunteerism and advocacy.

Confirmed panelists include: Michael Burgess, Director, New York State Office for the Aging (NYSOFA); Stacey Easterling, Programme Executive, The Atlantic Philanthropies; Thomas Endres, Vice President of Civic Engagement, National Council on Aging; Hon. Liz Krueger, New York State Senator; Greg Olsen, Deputy Director, Division of Policy, Research and Legislative Affairs, NYSOFA; Caryn Resnick, Deputy Commissioner, New York City Department for the Aging (NYCDFTA); Donna M. Smith, State Program Director, Corporation for National & Community Service; and Susan Stern, Chair, New York State Commission on National and Community Service.

The event will also feature a poster session, to be held immediately following the panel presentation, which will showcase the work of organizations and professionals in one of three categories: Best Practices, Research and Policy, and Program Models for Civic Engagement and Healthy Aging.

JASA is a leader in the field of civic engagement and healthy aging. The agency's Joint Public Affairs Committee (JPAC) has provided education and advocacy opportunities for older adults since 1977, and its volunteer program offers tools to help older adults find appropriate and meaningful volunteer opportunities within their communities.

Tickets are \$25 for professionals and \$10 (suggested donation) for older adults. A continental breakfast will be served. For more information, please call JASA Volunteer Services at (212) 273-5228 or email volunteer@jasa.org.