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October is:

- Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Women's Small Business Month

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City of Gonaives After Hurricanes

Clarke Stands Up for Haiti

On Friday, September 12, 2008 Congresswomen Yvette D. Clarke along with her colleagues Rep. Donna Edwards (MD) and trip host Rep. Kendrick Meek (FL), travelled to Haiti to survey first hand the damage and destruction caused by hurricanes Gustav, Hanna and Ike that have recently torn through the already infirm land of Haiti. This was Congresswomen Clarke's second visit to Haiti in the past four months

Prior to her departure Congresswomen Clarke released a statement urging the Speaker of the House to provide an appropriation of at least \$300 million in disaster assistance for Haiti in the supplemental appropriations bill or another legislative vehicle that will be passed before Congress adjourns. The Congresswoman also applauded the resiliency of the people of Haiti that have endured so much.

Currently, 850,000 people have been affected by the storms (442,000 women/24,000 pregnant women and 306,000 children).

Over 500 citizens have been killed and over 151,000 people are internally displaced and

about 111,391 are in shelters. More than 10,000 houses were destroyed and 35,125 were damaged.

Haiti is the poorest country on the western hemisphere and is located 736 miles from Key West, FL and only 710 miles from Miami, FL.

According to the 2000 Census, there are over 47,000 Haitians living in Brooklyn's 11th Congressional District.

Congresswoman Clarke recently participated in a meeting with New York Governor Pateron to coordinate relief efforts through out New York. Governor Paterson has designated the Brooklyn Army as a drop-off site for relief items

Congresswoman Clarke is committed to continuing the fight for increased aid from the U.S. [end]

Voter Registration Deadline is

October 8th.

More...

Clarke Fights for Postal Services

Congresswomen Yvette D. Clarke, concerned about the proposed cuts in mobile units of the United States Postal Service (USPS) and the need for a postal facility in Carroll Gardens, met with key postal officials, including Brooklyn's Post Master, in July.

Rep. Yvette D. Clarke worked with local officials to have the USPS return to the Eileen Dugan Senior Center once a month for four hours on a specified day.

The launch of this initiative will begin on Friday, October 3, 2008 from 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM where a Postal Clerk will be on hand at the Senior Center to provide services. If revenue increases and necessitates more time, the USPS has pledged to work with the office of Congresswoman Yvette Clarke to increase hours and times at this location.

This is one example of Congresswoman Yvette Clarke working to improve the quality of life for all.

Clarke Host Townhalls on Rebates



Thousands of residents are eligible to receive economic stimulus rebate checks and have not yet filed.

To help residents get the rebate they are entitled to, Rep. Clarke will host workshops in collaboration with the Internal Revenue Service. Those attending any of the three workshops are asked to bring the following:

Social Security number, annual amount of social security, railroad retirement or veterans benefits, W-2 (if you work).

Brownsville:

Monday, October 6, 2007, 10am – 2pm

Van Dyck Community Center

392 Blake Ave.—

(btwn Mother Gaston & Powell)

Flatbush

Thursday, October 9, 2008

10am – 2pm

Brooklyn Public Library

22 Linden Blvd. –

(btwn Flatbush and Bedford)

Crown Heights

Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 10am – 2pm

Crown Heights Community Mediation Ctr

256 Kingston Ave.

(btwn Lincoln Pl & St.

Johns Pl)

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