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## **BREWER ASKS WEST SIDERS: 'ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE CELL PHONE?'**

**WHAT:** Free SafeLink Wireless Program Screening

**WHO:** Council Member Gale A. Brewer, Chair, Technology in Government Committee; Rosalba Rodriguez, Director of District Office, Office of Council Member Gale A. Brewer; and Margarita Curet, Amsterdam Houses Tenant Association President

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

**WHERE:** Tenant Room at Amsterdam Houses, 218 West 64<sup>th</sup> Street between Amsterdam and West End Avenue, Manhattan

Tomorrow, on Saturday April 18, between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM, in the Amsterdam Houses Tenant Room, 218 West 64 Street, Council Member Gale A. Brewer and Amsterdam Houses TA President, Margarita Curet, are hosting a screening for residents to apply for the federal government's SafeLink Wireless service. Brewer hopes to increase community awareness of this opportunity, noting that signing up for SafeLink is relatively easy and can be done from any computer with internet access. Staff from the office of Council Member Brewer will provide computers on site for those without home access and assistance in determining eligibility. This event is open to the entire community.

SafeLink Wireless service is a U.S. government supported program for income eligible households provided by TracFone Wireless, Inc. In order to participate in the SafeLink Wireless service, a person must meet certain eligibility requirements set by the individual states where the service is provided. These requirements are based on a person's participation in state or Federal support programs or by meeting the Income Poverty Guidelines as defined by the U.S. Government. SafeLink Wireless service is limited to one person per household.

On April 25, 2009, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, a SafeLink Wireless Service screening will be held in conjunction with Victor Gonzalez, President of the Wise Towers Tenants Association, at Wise Towers. Wise Towers is located at 133 West 90 Street, between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenue.

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