



Habitat-NYC's Loan Rangers Public Awareness Campaign: Fighting Foreclosure Rescue Scams & Predatory Lending!

Sponsor a Free Workshop and Help Your Community Members Save Thousands of Hard-earned Dollars!

Habitat-NYC provides free workshops for New York City consumers on alternatives to high-cost fringe financial products and dangerous property scams. We'll tell members of your congregation, school or community group about how they can hang onto thousands of their hard-earned dollars – by simple means, such as:

- *Escaping and avoiding excessive credit card debt by taking advantage of free or low-cost financial planning programs;*
- *Using layaway or lease arrangements to buy furniture and appliances, as an alternative to rent-to-own stores;*
- *Using free tax preparation resources sponsored by the city and avoiding expensive rapid tax loans offered by storefront tax preparers;*
- *Avoiding illegal and dangerous foreclosure rescue scams and other property scams;*
- *Taking simple and easy steps to improve their credit score, which can reduce their cost of borrowing.*

Habitat-NYC Loan Rangers provide:

- *A short presentation on how a range of scams and fringe financial products work;*
- *Fact sheets and flyers that explain the dangers of scams and high-cost loans;*
- *Details on free and low-cost alternatives available to all New Yorkers.*

This is a free service for congregations, schools and community groups that can provide space and weeknight or weekend meetings of 30 people or more.

All inquiries are welcome. For more information or to schedule a presentation for your group, please contact Paul Benecki at pbenecki@habitatnyc.org or at 212-991-4000 x338.

For additional materials, or to learn more about common scams and high-cost loans, please visit: <http://www.habitatnyc.org/advocate>.

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