



Nutrition. Education. Financial Empowerment.

2004 BY THE NUMBERS

The results of our work to *improve lives through nutrition, education and financial empowerment.*

- 1 FoodChange is the #1 civilian free tax preparer in the U.S, with the three busiest tax sites in the country—Harlem, Bronx (Fordham Road), and Brooklyn (Downtown).
- 2 Schools were launched in partnership with the Board of Education—Food and Finance High School and High School of Hospitality Management.
- 6 Agencies received FoodChange training and year-round assistance to assess the eligibility of 33,600 people for the federal Food Stamp Program.
- 22 Students attended our first Tax Academy class, a workforce development initiative.
- 25 Community-based organizations allowed us to conduct our Vegetable of the Month™ hands-on cooking workshops at their sites.
- 30 New York City public schools have incorporated plant-based, whole-food SchoolFood Plus recipes in their menus in collaboration with FoodChange.
- 55 Families participated in our Community Supported Agriculture initiative, which entitles them to pick up a 10-14 pound basket containing 7-10 different fresh vegetables and fruits each week during the 25-week harvest season.
- 56 People graduated from our Culinary Training program.
- 75 Percent of all free EITC returns completed in the New York City metropolitan area were done by FoodChange (which had a mere 13% of all errors).
- 105 Elementary school classrooms participated in the CookShop® hands-on curriculum on how to prepare and enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables
- 936 Families used the services of our Entitlements Clinic, which addressed 3,842 separate problems.
- 2,009 Elementary school children attending our CookShop® sessions on how to prepare and enjoy fresh fruits and vegetables.
- 2,600 Low-income adults were reached at our Vegetable of the Month™ hands-on cooking workshops.
- 13,000 People were screened directly by FoodChange for Food Stamp eligibility.
- 31,990 Meals were served to seniors through our Senior Meals program.
- 33,400 Meals were delivered to homebound people, primarily seniors and HIV/AIDS patients.
- 37,000 Tax returns were prepared free of charge for low-income people.
- 42,800 Meals were picked up by low-income families for consumption at home.
- 52,000 People obtained information on food stamps via our special phone lines.
- 115,900 Dinners were served to hungry children, adults and seniors at our Community Kitchen.
- 153,100 Meals were picked up from our Food Pantry in Harlem.
- 377,100 Total emergency meals provided by FoodChange to hungry New Yorkers.
- 37,000,000 Dollar amount of Earned Income Tax Credit secured for the working poor we serve.
- 70,000,000 Tax dollars refunded to our free tax preparation clients.

The tax figures (returns & refunds) pertain to tax year 2004, but were achieved during the 2005 tax season