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FOODCHANGE RECEIVES \$20,000 GRANT FROM THE ALLSTATE FOUNDATION
Funds To Support Financial Literacy Initiatives

February, 2006 – Recently, The Allstate Foundation awarded *FoodChange* with a \$20000 grant. This money will help low income New Yorkers acquire a basic understanding of finance, budgetary discipline and savings principles, as well as put the working poor on the path to greater economic independence and self-sufficiency.

“Through the *FoodChange* programs, New Yorkers are able to develop the foundation for long-term financial success,” says Allstate Foundation Chairperson Inez Birbiglia. “This partnership will help promote financial literacy, and teach New Yorkers the economic skills that will help them achieve their financial goals. “

The mission of *FoodChange* is to improve lives through nutrition, education and financial empowerment. Their work includes increasing people’s income and purchasing power through access to resources and vocational skill building. *FoodChange* is the largest free civilian tax preparer in the United States securing \$70,000,000 in tax refunds last year for Harlem, Bronx, and Brooklyn residents.

“With the help from The Allstate Foundation, low income individuals will be introduced into the economic mainstream by helping them achieve the necessary financial knowledge,” says *FoodChange* Senior Director of Development Benoit J. Jadoul. “We are grateful that the Allstate Foundation is helping us to make a positive difference in many New Yorkers lives.”

The Allstate Foundation

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Allstate Agent Jonathan Ziegel presented a \$20,000 Allstate Foundation check to FoodChange Executive Director Richard Murphy and Director Income Policy Steve Lee.