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Asthma Free School Zone Newsletter

Asthma Prevention, Environmental Protection & Community Empowerment in a Neighborhood Setting

AFSZ Presentations

ASTHMA MONTH

South Bronx Asthma
Partnership (SOBRAP)
Mount Eden Mall
Bronx, NY.
May 3, 2005 ~ 1-5 PM

East Harlem Asthma
Working Group (EHAWG)
JHS 45 (1st & 120th St.)
May 7, 2005 ~ 9-4 PM

Bedford-Stuyvesant
Brklyn Children's Museum
St. Marks & Bryant Place
May 7, 2005 ~ 10-2 PM

SOBRAP - Healthy Homes,
Easy Breathing
PS 218 (1220 Gerard Ave.)
May 7, 2005 ~ 10-1 PM

Nos Quedamos
811 Courtlandt Avenue
May 12, 2005 ~ 6-7:30 PM

Marta Valle Health Fair
Stanton and Norfolk Sts.
May 17, 2005 ~ 11-5 PM

AFSZ Wins National US EPA Award

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Children's Health Protection recognized the Asthma Free School Zone as one of fifteen organizations nationwide to receive a Children's Environmental Health Excellence Award.



2005

Children's Environmental Health Excellence Award

A reception and special awards ceremony was held to honor the winners on April 21, 2005 at the Army and Navy Club in Washington, DC. The AFSZ received an Excellence Award for its accomplishments in protecting urban children – especially those with asthma – from environmental risks.

The Children's Environmental Awards program recognizes individuals, communities and organizations that are leaders in making our environment healthier for our children.

AFSZ Director Wins Regional US EPA Award

On April 21, 2005, in celebration of the 35th anniversary of Earth Day, the US Environmental Protection Agency Region 2 honored Rebecca Kalin, Founding Director of the Asthma Free School Zone, for her outstanding efforts to protect the environment. She was one of 25 Environmental Quality Award winners selected from non-profit, community and environmental groups, individual citizens, educators, business organizations and members of the news media. The honor is given to individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to improving the environment in EPA Region 2, which covers New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands and seven federally-recognized Indian Nations.

The ceremony, which was held in the Manhattan office of the EPA, featured a keynote address by New York City Parks Commissioner Adrian Benepe, who was also honored for his commitment to environmental protection. EPA Deputy Regional Administrator George Pavlou described the winners as "environmental trail blazers who make our world a better place."

AFSZ Teen Players Open in Central Park

Three teenagers from The Heritage School in East Harlem completed their semester-long AFSZ internship with a live performance of *Asthma World Turns* on April 23rd at the Earth Day Festival in Central Park. The interns were participants in the Citizens for NYC *Young Citizens Center* leadership program.

Working with Joanie Fritz Zosike and Lois Kagan Mingus of the Action Racket Theatre, Delvina Smith, Rosie Strachon and Dashana Adams (*below, L to R*) created the original ten-minute performance, which was later video-taped and included in a 1/2 hour asthma program due to air on MNN cable TV three times in June, 2005. Stay tuned!

