

# Back to School Supply Drive



As the summer comes to a close, many families need extra support preparing their children for the school year ahead. That's why my office is highlighting the needs of a few organizations in the 136th Assembly District, including Mary's Place, Brighton Food Pantry, and Irondequoit Food Cupboard to collect school supplies for families with school-age children. Please see the included list of items we are collecting for our Back to School Supply Drive. All donations can be brought to my district office located at 1800 Hudson Avenue, Suite 4, Rochester, NY 14617 between the hours of 9AM-5PM, from August 1st-31st.

## DONATIONS NEEDED (Only accept new items)

- Pencils
- Paper
- Backpacks for ages 4 to 17
- Multi-color paper folders (2 pockets w/ prongs) (purple, blue, yellow, green, orange, red, and white)
- 1" & 1/2" binders
- Index cards
- Crayola fat and skinny markers
- Pens
- Colored pencils
- Crayon cases (or boxes)
- Highlighters
- Dividers
- 5 subject spiral notebooks
- 3 subject spiral notebooks
- 1 subject spiral notebooks
- Glue sticks

## Donations are also accepted at the following addresses

Mary's Place  
August 15th to 19th, from 11AM - 4PM  
414 Lexington Ave  
Rochester, NY 14613

Irondequoit Community Cupboard  
Tuesdays and Saturdays, 9AM to 11AM  
4275 Culver Rd  
Rochester, NY 14622

Brighton Food Cupboard  
Wednesdays 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
220 Idlewood Rd  
Rochester, NY 14618

*Sarah Clark*



Take a look inside."

Investing in programs to support businesses, youth, clean energy, veterans and our local economy is so important. As inflation and the cost of living continue to soar, there are some new tax credits and programs that may be helpful.

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# Assemblywoman Clark: New or expanded programs for residents and small businesses

In our state budget this year, we have created various opportunities and programs to support residents, families and businesses across the state. If you have any questions or are looking for more information, please call my office at 585-467-0410.

## **Historic Tax Credit (Maplewood Neighborhood residents)**

The Historic Homeownership Rehabilitation Credit is available for New Yorkers who rehabilitate a historic home in NYS or purchase a rehabilitated qualified historic home in NYS.

This tax credit expands the rehabilitation of historic properties tax credit for small projects (a small project is defined as one where qualified rehabilitation expenditures are no greater than \$2.5 million) and is effective for tax year 2022. It will be claimed when filing in 2023. Small projects receive a credit amount equal to 150% of the credit for qualified rehabilitation expenses. Existing forms and instructions IT-238 and CT-238 and the landing page for this credit on the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance website will be updated in time for next filing season.

## **Geo-Thermal Tax Credit for Individuals and Businesses**

The Geothermal tax credit is a nonrefundable tax credit for individual taxpayers who purchase and install geothermal energy systems for their residence. This credit will be equal to 25% of costs related to the installation of a qualified geothermal energy system, capped at \$5k. Multiple taxpayers may claim a prorated share of their costs for installing the system and any unused credit may be carried forward up to 5 years. Also, small businesses outside of NYC that convert their heating systems from grade 6 fuel oil to biodiesel or geothermal heating systems are eligible. This new credit is effective for tax year 2022 and will be claimed when filing in 2023. More information about this tax credit will be available for the tax filing season next year.

## **COVID-19 Tax Credit for Small Businesses**

The COVID-19 tax credit is available for small businesses that make \$2.5 million or less of gross receipts that incurred expenses in 2021 and 2022 to comply with public health or other emergency orders to keep their businesses safe. The credit is 50% of qualifying COVID-19 capital costs, capped at \$25,000.

## **Hire-A-Vet Tax Credit**

The Hire-A-Vet tax credit has been extended through 2025, for veterans who begin employment before January 1, 2025. It also expands credit eligibility by adding Space Force veterans and veterans discharged prior to September 1, 2001. This credit also increases from 10% to 15% of wages paid to non-disabled veterans (20% for disabled veterans) and the credit maximum from \$5,000 to \$15,000 for full-time (1,820 hours over 12 months) non-disabled (20,000 for disabled) veterans. And establishes a credit of up to \$7,500 for the employment of veterans non-disabled (\$10,000 for disabled) working part-time (1,040 hours over 12 months).

## **New York Youth Jobs Program Tax Credit**

The New York Youth Jobs Program tax credit extends the credit program for employers in New York State that hire and employ at-risk youth on a full-time or part-time basis, through 2027. It also allocates \$40 million in tax credits for the extended years in a similar manner to the expiring program (\$20 million for qualified employees residing in targeted areas, and \$20 million for qualified employees residing anywhere in New York.)

## **Increased Child Care Subsidy Eligibility**

Starting August 1, 2022, more families than ever can qualify for support to help pay for child care costs. Eligibility increases to 300% of the federal poverty line, this means families of four up to \$83,250.

## **Electric and Gas Utility Bill Credits**

Need help with past due utility bills? Under this bill credit program, utilities will provide a one-time credit to customers enrolled in the Energy Affordability Program that will eliminate unpaid utility bills that have accrued through May 1, 2022. The program also authorizes the same relief for any eligible low-income customers that enroll in EAP by December 31, 2022.