

## Announcements for Month of February

1. Don't Miss the 5th Annual CSA Conference
2. February Workshop- CSA Outreach
3. Thanks and Goodbye to Ellen Huang
4. Comments needed on proposed New York State Council on Food Policy
5. FREE Translation Services

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### 1. Don't Miss Just Food's Annual CSA Conference All CSA members are invited to attend! Save the Date

**When: Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Where: Teachers College, Columbia University**

**Time: 11:30am - 4:30pm**

**Followed by the City Fair from 4:30-6:30pm**

Come explore the thriving CSA in NYC network! In 2007, the number of New York CSAs will climb to nearly 50. That's up from less than 5 ten years ago. Come meet fellow CSA members and Core Groups from across the city, learn how to grow your CSA, and take advantage of the latest funding and training resources. More information about workshop topics and registration information will be available soon on our website.

**2. Effective Strategies to Sign Up Members for your CSA-** Come join us at the February monthly workshop to hear about effective outreach strategies and ideas, talk about flyer/brochure development, and learn from experienced CSA coordinators. The workshop is **Monday February 12th from 6:00-8:00 pm here at Just Food's offices- 210 East 51<sup>st</sup> Street between 2nd and 3rd Aves. (closer to 3rd)**. We encourage everyone- new site members, new core group members of existing sites and experienced core group members- to attend. See you Monday!

**3. Thanks and Goodbye to Ellen Huang** Sadly Ellen Huang, who has been our Low-Income Outreach Associate for the past year, has completed her VISTA year with Just Food. We would like to thank Ellen for all of the wonderful work that she has done and wish her the best of luck. If you would like to see Ellen again you can catch her teaching yoga classes at Yoga To The People (12 Saint Marks Place).

**4. Comments needed on proposed New York State Council on Food Policy** It may seem obvious that if people in New York City need food, they should be able to get it from farmers upstate who sell food. But too often this isn't the case. Legislation proposed by Assemblyman Felix Ortiz would create a New York State Council on Food Policy to better coordinate the various federal, state and local agencies involved with hunger, health and agriculture in order to reduce hunger, promote better nutrition and support New York farmers.

-To read the proposed legislation, visit <http://assembly.state.ny.us/leg/?bn=A04368>

-Please contact your assemblyman to weigh in on this issue.

-Need your assemblyman's name and contact info? Search by name or zip code at <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/>

-For simple ways to impact this and other policy issues related to food justice in New York, call or email Molly Norton, our Food Justice Coordinator, at [molly@justfood.org](mailto:molly@justfood.org); 212.645.9881 x237.

**5. FREE Translation Services** Just a reminder as you are developing your outreach materials for 2007 that the Asian/American Center at Queens College will provide FREE translation services from English to Spanish, Korean, and Chinese. Call them at 718-997-3050 and request a translation from to be faxed or mailed to you. It takes about 4 weeks for your materials to be returned. (The free translation services are available to all not-for-profit organizations serving either Queens or the entire city. CSAs qualify but are not guaranteed translation services due to their targeted geographic scope.)

