

# The Resident Voice

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## Food Summit

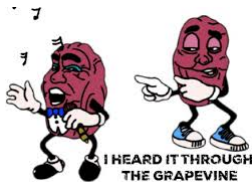
**Its official – CIAD will be hosting a Food Summit with the New York State Department of Health on Tuesday September 30, 2025, from 10:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the first floor Conference Center.**

Food has been a hot topic among residents and Resident Councils for years. Thanks to the hundreds of residents that have participated in the food survey and for your ongoing efforts to improve food quality and nutrition in your homes.

The Food Summit will:

- Present the findings of the food survey CIAD has been conducting across the city
- Provide the opportunity for resident testimony
- A nutrition panel to provide insights
- Planning for next steps with State officials

***There will be a link for residents to view the Summit online so keep a look out for that or call the Support Line after September 5 to get the link.***



***Thank You and Farewell –***

***Sherletta McCaskill, Training Director***

CIAD Executive Director, Theresa Young has announced Sherletta's retirement. For the past seven years, Sherletta has worked to train both Resident Councils and Staff members in many aspects of our advocacy work. We are grateful for her years of service and wish her all the best in her well-deserved retirement. We are currently interviewing candidates and hope to have an announcement soon of our new Staff member.

*"After decades of work with disadvantaged populations, I thought there would be no more surprises. Sadly, I discovered that this vulnerable population was sorely neglected and at risk for their health, safety and well-being. Thanks to the founding of CIAD, I could be a part of a team to shine the light on this just and worthy cause to empower people to have their voices heard and be treated with the respect and dignity they deserve. It has been an honor to serve and the Capstone of my career."* Sherletta McCaskill, Training Director

CIAD is a nonprofit advocacy organization run with and by persons with disabilities to support resident rights in Adult Care Homes. CIAD provides: Resident Council training and organizing, Independence Training, and individual advocacy.

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## ***In Memoriam***

The Staff of CIAD is saddened by the passing of two of our wonderful resident leaders this summer. We know these have been hard losses for their fellow residents and we stand in sympathy with you in these losses.

### **Thomas Dougherty - Mermaid Manor**

Thomas wanted to empower his fellow residents. He established a positive relationship with the State Senator's office and participated in the Adult Home Speak Out in Albany in March. He collaborated with fellow residents on creating by-laws. Thomas always put others' needs first, despite what medical issues he was dealing with, which he kept to himself. We never realized he'd be with us such a short time, and he is sorely missed. Mermaid Manor and CIAD want everyone who reads this to know that we lost someone very special.



### **Miller Kenner - New Haven Manor**

Miller was a fearless fighter for his peers at New Haven Manor. He was unafraid to speak up for the rights of residents for a better quality of life in their home. He was Floor Capt. for 3 years and represented New Haven Manor at the Albany Seak Out in March of 2025.

May they rest in peace and may their good efforts to empower and improve the lives of their fellow residents be carried on by all of us.

## **Voter Registration Information**

The General election in New York City is November 4, 2025!

Be sure you are registered to vote in your current neighborhood.

For full information on your election possibilities go to:

<https://elections.ny.gov/request-ballot>

You may register at your local board of elections or any state agency participating in the National Voter Registration Act or call 1-866-VOTE-NYC (1-866-868-3692) and ask for an application to be sent to you.

Your application must be received no later than October 25, 2025.