

## SHARE PROVIDES ENERGY EDUCATION & AWARENESS SEMINAR TO THE CHILDREN OF UNION SETTLEMENT ASSOCIATION



SHARE representatives Yonel Letellier Sosa and Frank T. Fraley are joined with Steven Portericker (Dir. Youth Program) and the children of the Union Settlement Association

On November 18, 2011, SHARE hosted an Energy Education & Awareness seminar event at the Union Settlement Association to educate and enlighten children within the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. The event provided information about energy consumption in the New York City area. Utilizing an age appropriate presentation, the children were able to understand some of the more reliable and safer sources of energy. SHARE representative, Frank T. Fraley, stated, “When speaking to children about such an important and complex topic, we need to be able to break it down to them in basic terms. For today’s seminar, I was able to relate energy and its use as a form of ‘magic’ so that the children could better understand this complex topic.”

The Union Settlement Association works with and for the predominantly immigrant community of East Harlem. A community mainstay since 1895, they foster leadership and self-sufficiency by assisting neighbors in building better lives for themselves and their families. Each year, they serve more than 13,000 people with effective programs in education, childcare, youth development, senior services, job training, the arts, nutrition, counseling and community development.

The seminar continued explaining the basic ideas behind the creation of energy, the different sources of energy, and how it is used in our daily lives. Mr. Fraley went on to explain what would happen if energy was not readily available.

To the children’s delight, they were treated to specially made SHARE cupcakes from a local bakery, and were given a host of goodies to take home that included: pens, stickers and emergency flashlights. SHARE representative, Yonel Letellier Sosa, concluded, “It sure is great SHARE-ing this wonderful moment with the children of Union Settlement Association. SHARE was established to ensure that air quality, especially for children, was not compromised by the various sources of energy that provide electricity to New York City. Asthma rates affect inner city minority groups disproportionately and SHARE is here to advocate for clean, safe and healthy sources of energy.”

