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**MAYOR BLOOMBERG RECOGNIZES NEW YORKERS WHO SERVE
CITY AND NONPROFIT AGENCIES AT ReSERVE RECEPTION**

The Honorable Michael R. Bloomberg will recognize the service of more than 400 retired professionals who serve New York City agencies and nonprofit organizations through ReServe at a Gracie Mansion reception today.

The retirees, also known as ReServists, are matched with part-time job assignments for a stipend. At the same time, ReServe is strengthening the public and nonprofit sectors by connecting agencies with talented retired professionals who can help them stay on mission during very difficult times at below market rates.

This is the first time the Mayor will be hosting the third annual ReServe recognition event. "Mayor Bloomberg has demonstrated extraordinary commitment to civic engagement and for the work we do at ReServe," said Mary S. Bleiberg, Executive Director of ReServe. "It means so much to us and our ReServists for him to recognize all they do."

The Mayor will speak at the reception during a brief program. Jack Rosenthal, one of the founders of ReServe, who currently serves as ReServe's Chairman of the Board of Directors, will also speak, along with Sheila Washington, a Reservist who joined ReServe in 2008 and is currently serving as a volunteer community coordinator for the AARP Foundation.

"I'm an experienced person and so I make projects work. I'm also having fun," said Ms. Washington of her work at AARP. "It's my type of work and I really enjoy it."

Currently, 143 ReServists are serving 12 City agencies and the City University of New York. Eighty-five private nonprofit organizations throughout the city are currently being served by 138 ReServists.

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ReServists are retired professionals who want to work in assignments that offer personal satisfaction, social impact and modest compensation. ReServe arranges a stipend of \$10.00 per hour for an average of 15 hours per week for each ReServist.

ReServe, was founded four years ago as a nonprofit organization and to date has connected more than 800 ReServists into high-value assignments with over 200 NYC nonprofit organizations and public agencies.

ReServe offers a new model of civic engagement, one that is changing options for retirement by changing the way employers think about and use retirees.

For more information about ReServe, please visit www.reserveinc.org.

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