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## **Downtown Alliance Beautifies Wall Street Park on Community Planting Day 2010**



Downtown Hospital's Cora Fung (l) and New York City Council Member Margaret Chin (r) at the Downtown Alliance's Spring Community Planting Day

New York, NY (May 3, 2010) - More than one hundred Lower Manhattan residents turned out this weekend to take part in the [Alliance for Downtown New York](#)'s third annual Spring Community Planting Day to spruce up Wall Street Park.

"It was great to see so many Lower Manhattan residents and workers out Saturday to help beautify Wall Street Park," said Elizabeth H. Berger, president of the Downtown Alliance. "And

we were so glad that the Parks Department and elected officials could come get their hands dirty with us.”

The Spring Community Planting Day took place on Saturday in the park, which is located between Water and South streets. New York City Council Member [Margaret Chin](#) and downtown residents and workers alike showed up to volunteer and plant.

“I am delighted to join the Alliance for Downtown and my neighbors from across lower Manhattan at today’s Spring Community Planting Day” said Council Member Chin. “On such a beautiful day, it’s wonderful to be outside and enjoying gardening with the downtown community. We have to make the most of our green space here in District 1, and I will keep working to improve our parks for all New Yorkers.”



To see pictures from the event, go to the Downtown Alliance's [Flickr page](#). (link)

Participants in the third-annual Spring Community Planting Day cleaned, raised and improved the existing soil in planting areas and planted annuals throughout the park. The annuals planted included coleus, wax begonias, petunias, marigolds, impatiens and dusty millers – selected because they provide for a long flowering season while remaining hardy and easy to care for throughout the year.

The event was part of the Downtown Alliance's [Going Green Downtown](#) initiative, which is dedicated to advancing Lower Manhattan as a new kind of sustainable central business district. Besides Council Member Chin, it was co-sponsored by: [Glenwood Properties](#); Manhattan

Borough President [Scott Stringer](#); [New York City Department of Parks and Recreation](#); [Community Board 1](#); and [Earth Day New York](#).

The Downtown Alliance and Community Board 1 also provided a dedicated space for children to plant seeds in individual pots to take home. For more information, visit <http://www.downtownny.com/goinggreen>.



*The mission of the Alliance for Downtown New York is to be the principal organization that provides Lower Manhattan's historic financial district with a premier physical and economic environment, advocates for businesses and property owners and promotes the area as a world-class destination for companies, workers, residents and visitors. The Downtown Alliance manages the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Business Improvement District (BID), serving an area roughly from City Hall to the Battery, from the East River to West Street.*

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