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Volunteer Center Received Grant From TD Bank Charitable Foundation

Bergen County: The TD Bank Charitable Foundation recently awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Volunteer Center of Bergen County to support its **Mentoring Moms** program, which matches overwhelmed mothers, many of whom are single parents, with women mentors who help them with parenting issues, financial issues and generally act as confidants and friends, to help the women provide for their families.

The funds will be used to provide outings and trips for these families, many of whom have suffered from poverty, homelessness or isolation.

“We are so grateful to TD Charitable Foundation for helping us to provide the mothers and children in our programs some magic moments, hours, and days of incredible experiences that will be part of them for the rest of their lives,” says Cindy Andrade, Program Director for Mentoring Moms. “Time spent with their mentors is free time. Free of the many things that have been hard for them to face daily in their environment. What a gift to have this respite and safe zone with a giving friend.”

More women are needed to become mentors—there is an especially great need for bi-lingual Spanish speaking mentors.

To find out how to become a mentor, or to pledge a donation to support the Mentoring Moms program, call (201) 489-9454, or visit www.bergenvolunteers.org and click on mentoring programs.

Founded by the Junior League in 1966, the Volunteer Center of Bergen County strengthens the community by connecting people with opportunities to serve, operating

direct service volunteer programs, building capacity for effective volunteering, and participating in strategic partnerships that meet community needs.

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CAPTION:



TD Charitable Foundation presented the Mentoring Moms Program of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County with a \$10,000 donation, to be used to support the families in the program.

L to R: Tom Hewitt, Asst. VP Field Marketing and JoAnne Westphal, VP/Retail Market Manager of TD Bank, with Janet Sharma, executive director, and Cindy Andrade, Mentoring Moms Program Director, of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County