

# NEWS

## VOLUNTEER CENTER OF BERGEN COUNTY, INC.

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### Comedy Night Planned to Benefit Volunteer Center

BERGEN COUNTY – A Night of Comedy, headlined by comedian JJ Ramirez, will be held on Friday, February 5, at Banana’s Comedy Club, 283 Rt. 17 South, Hasbrouck Heights. Doors open at 8:30 pm for the 9:00 o’clock show; tickets are \$25.00 per person with a 1 item minimum.

Tickets can be obtained by calling (201) 489-9454 ext. 125 or on-line at [www.bergenvolunteers.org](http://www.bergenvolunteers.org).

Funds raised at this event will support the work of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County; its important work includes the following activities:

- Two **Mentoring Programs** are helping more than 100 abused or neglected children and over 50 overwhelmed mothers see and take steps to achieve a brighter future.
- The **Chore Volunteer Handyman Service** is keeping more than 1,500 seniors safe in their own homes.
- **Bergen LEADS**, with monthly seminars led by former County Executive William “Pat” Schuber, is developing a new generation of community leaders schooled in issues of critical importance to Bergen County.
- The **Business Volunteer Council** sponsors initiatives that benefit children and families in need.
- The **All Wrapped Up** holiday giving program generated well over \$440,000 in resources for people in need during the recent holiday season
- An expanded roster of **Trainings** is helping nonprofits increase their management capacity, and the **Neighbor Academy** is helping small, grassroots groups get organized.

- The **2010 Guide to Volunteering** and the searchable online database link thousands of prospective volunteers with 1,100 volunteer jobs at over 330 agencies
- The **youth service activities** are helping students, schools and groups become engaged in the community.

The stories of the volunteers and programs of the Volunteer Center are ones of commitment, caring and selfless giving. The stories of the recipients of these acts of kindness are ones of hope, love and gratitude.

“A movement is growing out of the current economic climate, an interest in civic engagement, an appetite by Americans to pull together to help their neighbors,” says Janet Sharma, the Volunteer Center’s executive director. “We are uniquely positioned to play an important role in shaping how Bergen County residents respond to needs in our community.”

Founded by the Junior League in 1966, the Volunteer Center of Bergen County strengthens the community by connecting people with opportunities to serve, operating model volunteer programs, building capacity for effective volunteering, and participating in strategic partnerships that meet community needs.

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