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NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS IN THE COMMUNITY

North Jersey: The Volunteer Center of Bergen County has been the local source for connecting people with meaningful service opportunities that address serious social needs for over 40 years.

Make 2010 the year to find out how to support the community in a myriad of ways through the Volunteer Center's programs and services.

Volunteers are needed for the Center's direct service programs:

- **Chore Service**—Volunteers perform minor home repairs to keep seniors and disabled persons safe in their own homes
- **Mentoring Moms**—Women volunteer as mentors and friends to support isolated and overwhelmed mothers and their families
- **Volunteers in Protective Services (VIPS)**—Men and women are mentors and positive role models for abused, neglected and isolated children

Additional volunteer opportunities are available through the many Volunteer Center sponsored services:

- **Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)**—Offers a variety of volunteer opportunities in which those over age 55 can apply their skills and life experiences.
- **Community Referral Services** --Connects thousands of adults and teens with volunteer opportunities at more than 600 public and private agencies in and near Bergen County, through its comprehensive publication, *Guide to Volunteering*, or through its searchable database on the web: www.bergenvolunteers.org
- **NJ Business Volunteer Council (BVC)**—Employee volunteers improve the lives of low income children and families, addressing issues of literacy, well being and hunger
- **Bergen LEADS**— a year-long community leadership and learning experience for adults who live and/or work in Bergen County. The interactive and experiential curriculum addresses critical issues facing the Bergen County

community, while offering participants the opportunity to understand and develop their leadership style.

For more information about the Volunteer Center, and how to join thousands of volunteers already working to make the community a better place to live and work, call (201) 489-9454 or email info@bergenvolunteers.org.

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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