

# NEWS

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### **Volunteer Management Workshop Planned**

North Jersey--The Volunteer Center of Bergen County is offering a comprehensive, one-day course on Volunteer Management on Thursday, October 1, 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Center's offices at 64 Passaic Street in Hackensack. The registration fee is \$75.00 which includes continental breakfast, lunch and all course materials. The workshop is designed to help non-profit and government organizations recruit, train and manage volunteers to aid in fulfillment of their organizations' goals.

The average monetary value of time donated by volunteers was \$20.25 per hour in 2008, according to a study by Independent Sector, a Washington coalition of major charities and foundations. Coupled with the figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, that nearly 64 million people volunteer an average of 52 hours over a 12 month period, the economic benefits of an efficiently run volunteer program are evident.

“By implementing the practical solutions offered in this workshop, volunteer coordinators can professional skills and learn to manage people who are eager to give their time and talent to help our community,” says Janet Sharma, executive director of the Volunteer Center. “We know that volunteers must be engaged to be effective,” continues

Sharma. “Ensuring that those who manage volunteers have the necessary skills is critical to the success of non-profit organizations.”

Topics include understanding volunteering, program planning, recruitment and placement, orientation and training, supervision, recognition and evaluating your volunteer program.

Class size is limited; registration deadline is September 25<sup>th</sup>. Participants will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or to register, send an e-mail to:  
[training@bergenvolunteers.org](mailto:training@bergenvolunteers.org), or call Tess Tomasi at (201) 489-9454 Ext. 114.

Funded by the Junior League in 1966, the mission of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County is to strengthen 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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