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Northern New Jersey Business Volunteer Council

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New Members Welcome at Business Volunteer Council Meeting Network with Social Service Agencies

North Jersey: The next meeting of the Northern New Jersey Business Volunteer Council (BVC) will be Wednesday, September 16, 2009 from 8:30 am to 10:00 am at The Hilton, Woodcliff Lake, 200 Tice Boulevard. Call (201) 489-9454 Ext. 114 to reserve a space at this free presentation.

This will be a hands-on meeting in which attendees will participate in a “Leadership Speed Networking” session with local social service agencies. There is a tremendous need to fill leadership roles at non-profits. Corporate volunteers can use their professional and life skills as board members, project leaders or committee chairs at northern New Jersey organizations that support children and senior citizens, develop and maintain affordable housing, maintain area food pantries, promote literacy and more.

The BVC, which is sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, is a group of 32 companies whose mission is to provide leadership in meeting community needs by mobilizing employee volunteers.

Founded in 2000, the BVC gives more than 35,000 employee volunteers the opportunity to impact the lives of low-income children and families by addressing the issues of literacy, hunger and education and the needs of foster children. In nine years, the BVC has raised and distributed more than \$1 million in resources to families in need.

Corporate community service is becoming a critical element in affecting a company's bottom line. Employees, investors, consumers and the public in general are placing more emphasis on how a company demonstrates ethical business practices, safety of products, treatment of employees, and commitment to improving community conditions, and they are offering their loyalty and dollars to those companies who do make a difference. The successful companies will be those who can communicate their commitment to community service and effectively engage their employees in projects that will have significant impact on the communities where they live and work.

Membership in the BVC can allow companies to achieve this goal by providing turnkey, easy to implement projects; networking; the opportunity to share best practices in community involvement with other members; information on a wide variety of options for corporate involvement including local and national initiatives, group volunteer projects, and calls to action for critical, emergency needs.

The BVC provides members with the tools necessary to succeed in community involvement, thereby positioning them as community leaders and good corporate citizens.

The Northern New Jersey Business Volunteer Council welcomes new members and encourages interested companies to attend this September 16th meeting. Pre-registration for the meeting is necessary. To reserve a space, or to find out more about the BVC, contact Tess Tomasi, BVC manager, at ttomasi@bergenvolunteers.org, or call (201) 489-9454, Ext 114. To learn more about the BVC, visit www.nnjbvc.org.

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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