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Volunteer Center Offers Training for Community Groups

North Jersey – The Volunteer Center of Bergen County is offering a free **Neighbor Academy** training course, “Finding Funding for your Cause”, on Monday, September 14, 2009 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Volunteer Center’s offices at 64 Passaic Street in Hackensack.

The workshop will focus on developing a fundraising plan, including how to build a donor base, an introduction to the grant application process, and incorporating special events to position an organization to attract funders.

“It’s more important than ever for small and start-up non-profit organizations to have strong fundraising skills,” says Janet Sharma, Volunteer Center Executive Director. “Agencies will find it useful to start with a comprehensive fundraising plan.”

The Neighbor Academy is a series of free introductory courses covering the basics of non-profit administration. The workshops are targeted specifically to community groups including newly-incorporated or yet-to-be incorporated non-profits, neighborhood associations, faith-based groups, and grassroots organizations.

There is no fee for **Neighbor Academy** courses. Pre-registration is required, and can be done by calling (201) 489-9454 Ext. 114 or e-mail training@bergenvolunteers.org at least three business days in advance of each class. More information on the Volunteer Center’s Training Program can be found online at http://www.bergenvolunteers.org/agency_services.htm.

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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