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BERGEN LEADS TO PRESENT NON-PROFIT BOARD WORKSHOP Panel of Speakers Announced

North Jersey: Bergen LEADS, Bergen County's premier civic leadership program that is sponsored by the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, will present an evening workshop on board service for individuals who wish to serve on a non-profit board or for those already engaged as a board member.

BoardLink will be presented on Wednesday, January 23, 2013, from 3 pm to 9 pm at IKEA, 100 Ikea Drive in Paramus. Cost to attend is \$100 per person, which includes dinner and all course materials. A group rate of 3 registrations for \$175 is also available to agencies that are members of the Volunteer Center. Pre-registration is required for this limited-seating program. Register on-line at www.bergenvolunteers.org or call 201-489-9454 Ext. 119.

Amanda Missey, Director of Bergen LEADS, will give a general overview of the roles and responsibilities of a non-profit Board of Directors. Ron Matan and Bridget Hartnett of CPA firm Sobel & Company, will speak about board fiduciary responsibilities, including audits and reading financial statements. Linda Czipo from the Center for Non-Profits will lead a discussion on ethics, risk management, lobbying and advocacy for agencies. Kim Caesar from Hackensack University Medical Center's Sanzari Children's Hospital, will join Jane He from the Volunteer Center to talk about a Board's role in fund-raising.

"Serving on a non-profit board can provide recognition, visibility, networking, career enhancement and the ability to effect change by addressing important social needs," says Amanda Missey. "But along with the benefits comes responsibility to help the organization accomplish its mission and achieve its goals."

Upon completion of the workshop, the Volunteer Center will help match participants to a board that is in need of their particular skills, talents and interests.

For more information about Bergen LEADS, or the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, visit www.bergenvolunteers.org, or call 201-489-9454.

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 direct service volunteer programs, building capacity for effective volunteering, and participating in strategic partnerships that meet community needs

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