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Comedy Night Planned to Benefit Volunteer Center

BERGEN COUNTY – A Night of Comedy to benefit the Volunteer Center of Bergen County will be held on Friday, March 22, at Banana’s Comedy Club, 283 Rt. 17 South, Hasbrouck Heights. Doors open at 7:00 pm for the 8:00 o’clock show; tickets are \$30.00 per person with one drink or food purchase minimum.

Tickets can be obtained by calling (201) 489-9454 before March 12th, or purchase on-line at www.bergenvolunteers.org.

Adam Ferrera will be headlining. Adam’s popularity as a stand-up has brought him two American comedy Award Nominations for Best Stand-up and three comedy Central Specials. He was Chief “Needles” on the FX Network’s *Rescue Me* for six years and can now be seen on the History Channel’s *Top Gear* as one of the hosts.

Funds raised at this event will support the work of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County; its important work includes the following activities:

- Two **Mentoring Programs** are helping more than 100 abused or neglected children and over 50 overwhelmed mothers see and take steps to achieve a brighter future.
- The **Chore Volunteer Handyman Service** is keeping more than 1,800 seniors safe in their own homes.
- **Bergen LEADS**, with monthly seminars led by former County Executive William “Pat” Schuber, is developing a new generation of community leaders schooled in issues of critical importance to Bergen County.
- The **Business Volunteer Council** sponsors initiatives that benefit children and families in need.

- The **All Wrapped Up** holiday giving program generated well over \$400,000 in resources for people in need during the recent holiday season
- An expanded roster of **Trainings** is helping nonprofits increase their management capacity.
- The **2013 Guide to Volunteering** and the searchable online database link thousands of prospective volunteers with volunteer jobs at over 100 agencies
- The **Youth Service activities** are helping students, schools and groups become engaged in the community.

The stories of the volunteers and programs of the Volunteer Center are ones of commitment, caring and selfless giving. The stories of the recipients of these acts of kindness are ones of hope, love and gratitude.

“A movement is growing out of the current economic climate, an interest in civic engagement, an appetite by Americans to pull together to help their neighbors,” says Janet Sharma, the Volunteer Center’s executive director. “The Volunteer Center plays a key role in helping Bergen County residents respond to needs in our community.”

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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