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THE RUN FOR THE ROSES COMES TO BERGEN - DERBY DAY PARTY MAY 4th

BERGEN COUNTY – *And they're off!* One of the area's most beloved and anticipated events is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th at Apple Ridge Country Club at 269 East Crescent Avenue in Mahwah, New Jersey.

The Volunteer Center of Bergen County's 21st annual Derby Day party promises a winning combination of savory southern food, authentic mint juleps, wine tasting, great live music from The Stuff Brothers, cigar rolling from Maxum Cigars, and of course, the viewing of the Kentucky Derby! The party runs from 3:30 pm to 7:00 pm, and features a silent and live auction in which guests can bid on unique items such as fantastic experiences, gift certificates, vacations, tickets to events and more.

Guests have the opportunity to preview some of the auction items, which are on display online at the Derby Day webpage at <u>www.bergenvolunteers.org</u>. Guests can also view photos from last year's Derby Day as well as purchase their tickets, which are \$100 per person, and available online now or can be reserved by phone at 201-489-9454.

Guests are encouraged to dress in festive, casual-elegant attire. In the spirit of the Kentucky Derby, awards will be given for the "Most Elegant Hat" for the ladies and "Most Outrageous Tie" for the gentlemen.

Sponsors of the Volunteer Center's Derby Day party include: TD Bank, Compensation Solutions, 201 Magazine/Bergen.com, Inserra Shop Rite, OritaniBank Charitable Foundation, Synetek Solutions, United Water, Atlantic, Tomorrows Office and numerous benefactors of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County.

"The Volunteer Center's Derby Day party is a great way to spend an afternoon - good food, good music, good fun – all to support an outstanding organization that does good work in the Bergen County community" says Katherine Norian, Volunteer Center Board member and chair of the Derby Day committee. "Reserve your tickets now and get ready to enjoy all things Derby!"

All proceeds will benefit Volunteer Center programs and services, including two Mentoring programs, the Chore Handyman Service for senior citizens and Bergen LEADS, an exciting leadership development program.

The Volunteer Center strengthens the community by connecting people with opportunities to serve, operating direct service volunteer programs, building capacity for effective volunteering, and participating in strategic partnerships that meet community needs.