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Volunteer Center Receives Grant From TD Charitable Foundation

Bergen County: The TD Charitable Foundation, the charitable giving arm of TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank<sup>®</sup>, recently awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Volunteer Center of Bergen County. Funds will support the Volunteer Center's **Mentoring Moms** program, which matches overwhelmed mothers, many of whom are single parents, with caring mentors who provide emotional and practical support by helping them with everyday parenting challenges, including financial issues and other struggles.

The funds will be used to provide support financial workshops as well as other programs for these families, many of whom have limited resources.

"We are so grateful to TD Charitable Foundation for supporting the mothers and families in our program," says Cindy Andrake, Program Director for Mentoring Moms. "Funding for workshops and events allow us to provide valuable learning opportunities which not only impacts mothers, but their children as well."

More women are needed to become mentors—there is an especially great need for bi-lingual, Spanish-speaking mentors.

To find out how to become a mentor, or to pledge a donation to support the Mentoring Moms program, call (201) 489-9454 or visit <a href="www.bergenvolunteers.org">www.bergenvolunteers.org</a> and click on mentoring programs.

Founded by the Junior League in 1966, the Volunteer Center of Bergen County 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.

A staunch commitment to active involvement in the local community is a vital element of the TD Bank philosophy. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank<sup>®</sup> and the TD Charitable Foundation provide support to affordable housing, financial literacy and education, and environmental initiatives, many of which focus on improving the welfare of children and families.

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