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Families Volunteer to Build Farm in Bergen County

Bergen County--The Volunteer Center of Bergen County, in partnership with MEVO (Mahwah Environmental Volunteers Organization) held Family Volunteer Day on Saturday, April 18th at a sunny plot of land at Campgaw Mountain in Mahwah. On one of the first warm days this spring, families of all sizes and ages worked together to create a farm that will provide fresh produce to supplement local food pantries, providing long-lasting impact to help hungry neighbors in Bergen County. Families built and prepared garden beds, planted early seeds and prepared bee-hives. The farm will always serve as a teaching site for families, groups, schools, and many other interested organizations interested in organic and sustainable gardening.

This project was one of the Volunteer Center's activities to recognize National Volunteer Week, April 12th-18th.

Family Volunteer Day was sponsored by Boiling Springs Savings Bank, with refreshments for volunteers provided by Whole Foods, Stop and Shop and Dunkin' Donuts of Ramsey.

The Volunteer Center of Bergen County strengthens the community by connecting people through service and developing civic leaders.

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