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"Celebrate Volunteers" Event Set for April 2

Bergen County -- Volunteers are at the heart of any community. To honor them and bring recognition to the work that they do, the Volunteer Center of Bergen County will salute volunteers from all parts of the county at its annual **Celebrate Volunteers** event on Thursday, April 2 at Bergen Community College's Moses Meeting and Training Center, TEC 128, 400 Paramus Road in Paramus. Beginning with a 6:00 pm dessert reception, the evening will feature an inspiring program highlighting the many extraordinary ways in which volunteers enhance the community. A special presentation will made by the teens from the Volunteer Center's Ready, Set, Serve Leadership Initiative, highlighting their civic engagement during 2014-2015.

Public and private non-profit organizations, hospitals, libraries, religious organizations, schools and corporations in Bergen County are invited to bring volunteers they would like to honor, along with staff, to this non-competitive, community-wide event. Every volunteer will receive special gifts and certificates of commendation.

Each organization can choose to honor its top volunteers based on its own criteria for determining exemplary volunteer achievement, such as impact, dedication, hours served and loyalty. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis, and are due March 20, 2015. The cost is \$10.00 per person for Agency Members and \$12.00 per person for non-members. Call (201) 489-9454 ext. 127 to reserve tickets or for more information. Seating is limited. "This event is a great way for organizations to honor their volunteers," explains Janet Sharma, the Volunteer Center's Chief Executive Officer. "Hundreds of volunteers will be commended for their dedication, time and talent, and, at the same time, agencies save themselves the expense of hosting a separate event."

Dassault Falcon Jet is a sponsor of Celebrate Volunteers. Additional sponsorships are available. For information, contact Lauren Turiello, Director of Development, at (201) 489-9454, Ext. 130.

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

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