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PNC Bank to sponsor Fifth Friday Networking Events Series Hosted by Volunteer Center of Bergen County

<u>North Jersey</u>--PNC Wealth Management has signed on as the 2015 lead sponsor for the Volunteer Center of Bergen County's Fifth Friday, a powerful networking and learning event that attracts leaders from every sector in Bergen County.

Fifth Friday luncheons will take place this year on January 30, May 29 and October 30 at the Stony Hill Inn in Hackensack - the perfect venue for stimulating conversation, a delicious lunch and high profile speakers.

"Fifth Friday is an excellent fit with our stated purpose of developing networks and exploring current issues," says Janet Sharma, CEO of the Volunteer Center. "Response to the event has been overwhelming, and we're very excited to have the support of PNC Wealth Management for the series this year."

"Extending PNC Wealth Management's sponsorship of the Bergen LEAD's Fifth Friday series into 2015 simply makes sense," says Theresa de Leon, senior vice president and director of PNC Wealth Management. "PNC is committed to leadership within Bergen County and there is no better way to demonstrate that than by supporting a premiere event that reaches hundreds of organizations and leaders in the community."

In addition to presenting Fifth Fridays, the Volunteer Center sponsors Bergen LEADS, the area's premier civic leadership program, which is currently accepting applications for its next class, beginning in September 2015. The online application form for the Class of 2016 can be accessed at <u>www.bergenleads.org</u> and is due by April 11. Each candidate must complete a simple individual profile form and provide essay answers to specific questions. Tuition for Bergen LEADS is \$2,000 per person; scholarship assistance is available for those with financial need.

For more information about the Fifth Friday events, or about Bergen LEADS, call 201-489-9454 Ext. 112.

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