

# NEWS

## VOLUNTEER CENTER OF BERGEN COUNTY, INC.

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### Give the Gift of “Good” for the Holidays

Northern New Jersey--The good intentions and good work of volunteers have made a tremendous difference to people all over the region whose lives were changed by Superstorm Sandy. Volunteers touch the lives of people in many ways, giving a priceless gift of caring and kindness for those in need.

The Volunteer Center has been in the forefront of volunteer mobilization in response to Sandy, as well as coordinating volunteers who reach out into the community to address serious social needs throughout the entire year.

As another holiday season begins, the Volunteer Center is offering an alternative to conventional gift giving. **Do Good. Feel Good. Give Good** is a program in which a person can make a donation in another’s name, allowing the good intentions and good works of volunteers to make the community a better place.

The tribute donations can be made for all kinds of occasions: births, marriages, anniversaries, as well as the holidays, and are a great way to honor a deserving individual such as an outstanding parent, teacher or boss. The donations will be used to support the Volunteer Center programs and services of the giver’s choice and will be acknowledged with an elegant, customized card sent to the receiver, along with a description of the Volunteer Center.

- For \$100, donors can give kindness to others by supporting volunteer activities for Superstorm Sandy recovery and rebuilding, as well as for other volunteer initiatives through the year.

- For \$75, donors give hope to a child who has suffered from abuse or neglect by helping to sponsor the recruitment and training of a caring mentor.
- A \$50 donation will give knowledge by sponsoring a financial literacy class for low-income, single mothers who are struggling to provide for their families.
- A gift of \$25 will help give care to a person who is elderly or disabled by sponsoring a service call to install a safety grab bar in their home.
- A gift of \$20 will provide a gift card for clothing, toys and necessities for a needy family through the Volunteer Center's "All Wrapped Up" holiday giving program.

Gift donations can be made on-line at [www.bergenvolunteers.org](http://www.bergenvolunteers.org). Gift donations purchased on-line by noon on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> will be delivered by December 25<sup>th</sup>.

"Making a gift to charity in someone's name is a way to honor that person while making your dollars do good. The donations collected through the **Do Good. Feel Good. Give Good** program stay in the community—they go to help our neighbors recovering from Sandy, and to people who face economic, social and health-related challenges all year long," says Janet Sharma, executive director of the Volunteer Center.

Visit [www.bergenvolunteers.org](http://www.bergenvolunteers.org), or call 201-489-9454 Ext. 125 for more information.

Founded by the Junior League in 1966, the Volunteer Center strengthens the community by connecting people with opportunities to serve, operating model volunteer programs, building capacity for effective volunteering, and participating in strategic partnerships that meet community needs.

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