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## Community Action Heroes Needed Call for Kids and Teens to Volunteer this Summer

The Volunteer Center of Bergen County has teamed up with generationOn and Hasbro, to give kids, teens and families the opportunity to be heroes this summer.

As the youth division of Points of Light Network, generationOn is a global youth service movement that gives kids the opportunity to see issues in their communities and the tools and resources they need to respond and become part of the solution.

<u>The World Needs More Community Action Heroes</u>, a service and volunteerism campaign, kicks off July  $2^{nd}$  and continues throughout the entire summer.

Young people can visit <u>www.generationon.org</u> and click on "Action Heroes Needed" to pick a cause, choose from 80 simple, fun project ideas (or create their own) and report on it for a chance to be selected for one of several \$500 micro grants. Additionally, the first 2,000 kids or teens to report on their projects will be sent a special gift from Hasbro and generationOn.

"What a wonderful way for our youth to focus on activities that improve their education, keep them busy and help them contribute as meaningful community citizens", says Janet Sharman, executive director of the Volunteer Center. "It is a chance for families to come together in service, as well. Don't let the summer pass you by. Inspire your family to be heroes."

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