

Opening speaker at the half-day conference will be Arlene Lester, Public Affairs Specialist for conference sponsor State Farm Insurance, whose company has strong focus on supporting Service-Learning activities.

During the featured presentation of the morning, the team from *GenerationOn*, the youth division of the national volunteer organization Points of Light Institute, will describe the curriculum that was developed to provide educators, youth workers, students, parents and organizations with the necessary tools to implement Service-Learning in their classrooms.

The curriculum features more than 1,500 service and philanthropic education lesson plans for all grade levels, from the environment, to hunger and literacy, health, nutrition and animal welfare. A number of training options and styles are offered, from easy to use e-training and webinars, to more intensive in-person training tailored to individual needs.

Breakout sessions on topics related to Service-Learning will round out the agenda for the day. Opportunities will be available for participants to network with representatives from schools, community and faith-based organizations before, during and after the conference.

“The programs of *GenerationOn* represent the collective best practices created from more than 20 years of work in the youth and family service field,” says Janet Sharma, executive director of the Volunteer Center. “This conference will provide a wealth of information for those interested in developing or expanding Service-Learning, and will offer participants an opportunity to learn from schools and agencies that have well-established programs.”

For more information about registering to attend **the Fifth Annual Service-Learning Conference** on October 12, contact Debbie Emery at (201) 489-9454, ext. 118, or demery@bergenvolunteers.org.

Founded by the Junior League in 1966, the mission of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County is to strengthen 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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