Bergen Volunteers is Seeking A Chief Executive Officer

Bergen Volunteers seeks an accomplished and dynamic leader with the following attributes to be its next CEO:

- Demonstrated fundraising expertise.
- Strong marketing and executive skills, including financial management knowledge and strategic planning experience.
- Excellent communication skills; the ability to develop and manage relationships with diverse audiences.
- Extensive network of professional and philanthropic relationships particularly at the local level.
- A minimum of ten years experience as a senior manager in a non-profit human services organization, or equivalent private-sector or government experience.
- Commitment to development and maintenance of a culture of respect, learning, and integrity.
- Evidence of a strong mission commitment.

About Bergen Volunteers
Bergen Volunteers’ (BV) mission is to transform caring into meaningful action by engaging volunteers to improve lives and strengthen the community. BV is served by 13 dedicated employees, an active 14-member Board of Directors, and an annual budget of approximately $1.1 million. More than 7,000 individuals throughout Bergen County annually participate in or are served by programs conducted by Bergen Volunteers.

BV was founded in 1966 to recruit, train, and match volunteers with nonprofit agencies and manage direct service programs helping at risk seniors, disabled individuals, veterans, and families. Bergen Volunteers is positioned today at the hub of Bergen County’s multi-sector (nonprofit, business, government, education) effort to address community issues and pursues two major initiatives:

Improving Lives:
Programs in this area are structured, direct-service initiatives in which BV professional staff recruits, trains, supervises, and supports volunteers for long-term engagements serving clients. These initiatives include:

- Mentoring Moms & Dads
- Mentoring Youth
- Chore Home Repair Service
- Cheer Home Companions

Funding for these programs is provided by State and County grants, foundation support, and individual contributions.
Strengthening the Community:

Bergen LEADS, our signature civic engagement program, each year brings together a diverse multi-sector cohort for a ten-month leadership development training program and a deep immersion in public policy issues affecting Bergen County and its communities. The LEADS concept is also offered to college audiences through College LEADS at Bergen Community College and to youth through Teen LEADS at selected area high schools. BV’s objective is to build a “network of networks” across the county to address social and policy issues. The network currently includes the more than 300 alumni of this exciting program.

The Friday Forums organized by BV are powerful networking and learning events that attract 200+ leaders from every sector of Bergen County for high profile speakers and stimulating conversation.

Strengthening Community efforts also include BV leadership of county-wide collaborations in times of crisis. The agency led a coalition of more than 50 organizations responding to Super Storm Sandy in Bergen County, and is currently bringing organizations and volunteers together in response to the Covid-19 pandemic by identifying gaps in the community social safety net and bringing resources together to fill them.

Strengthening Community initiatives also include seasonal activities, such as All Wrapped Up holiday gift program for children and families served by area social services agencies, and the VITA tax preparation program, which trains volunteers to provide free tax service to economically challenged community residents.

Our online data base serves the nonprofit community’s need to identify and place volunteers in agencies across the spectrum of need.

For more information, please access the Bergen Volunteers website at www.bergenvolunteers.org.

Bergen Volunteers is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

If you wish to be considered by the Executive Search Committee, please send a letter expressing your interest and a resume to BoardPresident@BergenVolunteers.org. Only email contacts will be acknowledged.