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## Bergen Volunteers Announces First Friday Forum of 2021

**Hackensack NJ** - Bergen Volunteers announces their first Friday Forum of 2021 to take place virtually on Friday, April 23, at 11am. The Friday Forum is a powerful networking and learning event that attracts 200+ leaders from every sector of Bergen County for high-profile speakers, networking, and stimulating conversation.

"As the state of this public health emergency changes from day to day, we are planning our first Friday Forum of the year to be in a virtual setting delivered via Zoom," shared Elizabeth Reich, Development and Communications Manager. "We plan to make this Friday Forum as authentic as possible, including influential speakers, stimulating conversation, and the opportunity for attendees to engage directly with the panel of speakers."

The Friday Forum entitled, "Mission Possible: Getting Your Covid-19 Vaccine" will feature Deborah Visconi, President and CEO of New Bridge Medical Center and Michele Duran, Community Volunteer, who has helped over 50 individuals schedule their vaccines over social media. The event will inform attendees about how vaccines are being disseminated throughout the State of New Jersey and teach attendees about how they can locate their vaccine.

"In true Friday Forum fashion there will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions and interact with the speakers," Reich said. "This event will transcend beyond a typical online seminar. We will open the Zoom room a half hour before the speakers begin and leave it open afterwards so individuals can connect with each other similarly to an in-person Friday Forum event."

Sponsorship opportunities are available that give individuals, businesses and corporations exposure before, during, and after the event. If you are interested in attending the Friday Forum or sponsoring the event please visit: <a href="https://www.bergenvolunteers.org/events">www.bergenvolunteers.org/events</a> or contact Elizabeth at ereich@bergenvolunteers.org.



## <u>About Bergen Volunteers:</u>

Founded in 1966, Bergen Volunteers turns caring into meaningful action by engaging volunteers to improve lives and strengthen the community via a three pronged approach: Our own and external community programs, community engagement, and civic leadership.

We recruit volunteers to provide critical services to youth, families, veterans, seniors, and those who are economically disadvantaged, through our own programs and by supporting the nonprofit community. We offer individuals and businesses volunteer, networking, service, and training opportunities that address community needs. We also provide leadership and professional development opportunities for individuals living and working in Bergen County, educating people about our community and training them to be civically active.

To learn more, visit <a href="www.bergenvolunteers.org">www.bergenvolunteers.org</a> and follow us on social media, including Bloggr, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter <a href="@BergenVolunteers">@BergenVolunteers</a>. Bergen Volunteers is a not-for-profit 501 (c)3 organization.

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