

Janet Sharma is Named “Woman of Achievement”



Janet Sharma, Executive Director of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, is designated as a “2006 Woman of Achievement” by the Girl Scout Council of Bergen County. She is one of four women so selected to receive this honor for their outstanding community leadership. The award was presented at a dinner in March, 2006, at Seasons in Washington Township, NJ.

Mrs. Sharma has been in her current position at the Volunteer Center since 1993. Prior to that, she held management positions in development and communications at Dwight-Englewood School, Holy Name Hospital and Columbia University.

She recently served two years as chair of the Volunteer Center National Network Council, which leads the efforts of 350 Volunteer Centers across the country. In that capacity she also served on the Board of Directors of the Points of Light Foundation and the America's Promise Advisory Board. She chaired the N.J. Association of Volunteer Centers for four years.

She served on the Bergen County Human Service Advisory Council for six years and is currently on the Board of the N.J. 2-1-1 Partnership. She has served in volunteer leadership roles with the Girl Scout Council of Bergen County, Junior League of Bergen County as well as numerous school and civic associations.

The Points of Light Foundation named the Volunteer Center of Bergen County the George L. Romney Volunteer Center of Excellence for 2004 for exemplary service in four areas of competency: connecting people with opportunities to serve, building capacity for effective volunteering, promoting volunteering, and participating in strategic initiatives that meet community needs..

Mrs. Sharma is the recipient of awards from the N.J. Governor's Office of Volunteerism; Junior League of Bergen County; and Girl Scout Council of Bergen County. She is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis and has resided in Cresskill, NJ, for 31 years. Her husband, Sansar, is a professor at New York Medical College; her son David is a professional percussionist, and her daughter, Nina, is a development officer at a major nonprofit in New York City.