

# NEWS

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### **Chore Service Receives Community Development Funds**

Bergen County: The Chore Volunteer Handyman Service, a program of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, recently received \$7,600 from the Bergen County Division of Community Development.

The Division provides a comprehensive and flexible source of funding for municipalities, businesses, organizations and families to address community, housing and economic development needs.

The Chore Service provides crews of dedicated volunteers who perform minor household repairs that help Bergen County's elderly and disabled persons remain safe in their own homes, thereby avoiding costly and often unwanted institutionalization.

Chore volunteers, who are seniors themselves, perform repairs that clients can neither perform themselves nor find anyone else to do for them. The service is free of charge; the client pays only for the materials necessary to complete the repair.

For over 30 years, Chore has served Bergen County residents age 60+, as well as those who are permanently disabled. In many cases, the Chore crews are the client's only visitors, bringing a bit of the outside world into the homes of lonely, isolated people.

For more information about Chore or the other programs of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, call (201) 489-9454, or visit [www.bergenvolunteers.org](http://www.bergenvolunteers.org).

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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**CAPTION:**

The Chore Volunteer Handyman Service of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County recently received a \$7,600 grant from the Bergen County Division of Community Development. Chore provides minor home repairs to senior citizens and disabled homeowners to keep them safe in their own homes. For more information about Chore, call 201-489-9454.

L to R: Volunteers Joe Cutolo of Demarest, Carl Nelson of North Haledon, Joe Madonna of Dumont, Freeholder Julie O'Brien, County Executive Dennis McNerney, Chore Program Director Maureen McCormick, volunteers Ed Morandi of Fair Lawn, Al Ott of Waldwick and Joe Popadich of Garfield