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Workshop on Fundamentals of Grant Writing

North Jersey--The Non Profit Training and Resource Center of the Volunteer Center of Bergen County will present a workshop, **Fundamentals of Grant Writing**, on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Volunteer Center's offices at 64 Passaic Street in Hackensack. The cost is \$35, which includes continental breakfast and all course materials.

Last year, charitable giving reached an all time high of \$306 billion. Foundation grants accounted for 12%, or over \$38 billion of that total. With the significant loss of wealth recently in the stock market, and the general downturn of the economy, non-profits will experience more competition to acquire fewer dollars.

"During these hard economic times, funders will be taking a closer look at where and how the money they grant will be used", says Janet Sharma, Executive Director of the Volunteer Center. "Organizations will need to write proposals that meet stricter criteria, and can demonstrate the impact their programs have on the community."

This workshop is a beginning level course, an introduction to foundation research and grant writing. Participants will learn to navigate tricky grant guidelines and organize information into clear, concise proposals.

Fundamentals of Grant Writing is part of a series designed specifically for staff and volunteers in non-profit agencies. It is highly interactive and hands-on, providing both an enjoyable and meaningful learning experience.

Pre-registration and pre-payment of the \$35 fee is required; the deadline for registration is January 9, 2009. For more information or to register, e-mail training@bergenvolunteers.org, or call (201) 489-9454, ext.114.

The mission of the Volunteer Center 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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