

# NEWS

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### Workshop Offered: Finding a Job in the Non-Profit Sector

North Jersey--From Wall Street to Main Street, the current economic crisis has affected a record number of individuals and industries. With the closing of banks, retail stores and other for-profit companies, many people with diverse qualifications are in need of jobs.

America's non profit sector can provide opportunities for individuals seeking employment—whether they are recent college graduates, professionals wishing to change careers, even recently retired baby boomers who are considering a second career serving causes they believe in.

The Volunteer Center of Bergen County is offering a free **Neighbor Academy** training course, “Be the Change: Finding a Job in the Non Profit Sector,” on Monday, March 30, 2009, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Volunteer Center's offices at 64 Passaic Street in Hackensack.

Course leader Becky Livingston will start the workshop with an introduction to non-profits including an overview of the industry, job search resources, tailoring a resume and networking techniques specific to the non-profit sector.

**The Neighbor Academy** is part of the Volunteer Center's long-running Non-Profit Training and Resource Center, a program geared toward non-profit professionals. “The Volunteer Center has been offering professional-level trainings for several years,” said Janet Sharma, Volunteer Center Executive Director, “But the Neighbor Academy grew out of our understanding that grassroots groups needed support in developing their

efforts, that they needed those fundamental tools that will turn their ideas into action and that can grow their charitable efforts into formal organizations.”

There is no fee for **Neighbor Academy** courses. Pre-registration for “Be the Change—Finding a Job in the Non-Profit Sector” is required, and can be done by calling (201) 489-9454 Ext. 114 or e-mail [training@bergenvolunteers.org](mailto:training@bergenvolunteers.org). Deadline for registration is March 27. More information on the Volunteer Center’s Training Program can be found online at [http://www.bergenvolunteers.org/agency\\_services.htm](http://www.bergenvolunteers.org/agency_services.htm).

The Volunteer Center of Bergen County strengthens 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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