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TD Bank is Diamond Sponsor of Bergen Bike Tour

North Jersey For the third year in a row, TD Bank has generously contributed \$5,000 as Diamond Sponsor of the Bergen Bike Tour, to be held on Sunday September 27, 2009 at Darlington County Park in Mahwah, NJ. The proceeds from event will benefit Tomorrows Children's Fund at Hackensack University Medical Center and the Volunteer Center of Bergen County, both of which have been the beneficiaries of this event for the past fourteen years.

"TD Bank remains dedicated to making a meaningful and positive contribution to the communities where we do business," said Dennis McSherry, regional vice president, TD Bank. "We are proud to fund like-minded partners like the Volunteer Center of Bergen County that supports the community and promotes a healthy lifestyle through the Bike Tour. We believe that giving back in ways that create stronger communities makes sense."

"This is the fourth year that TD Bank has been involved with the Bike Tour and the third year as a Diamond Sponsor," says Phil Murphy, chairman of the event. "TD Bank's involvement will help to make this year's event the biggest success ever."

Tomorrows Children's Fund was established by loving parents seeking help and relief for their desperately ill children, in association with physicians committed to providing the best possible care. The Fund addresses the critical needs of families facing the anguish of childhood cancer by providing a warm, healthy and loving atmosphere for children in treatment; a wide range of services to relieve emotional and financial stress;

state-of-the-art medical care; and funding for research on childhood cancer and serious blood disorders.

The Volunteer Center of Bergen County works with more than 600 public and private non-profit agencies in and near Bergen County that value and need the services of volunteers. The Volunteer Center links individuals, groups, organizations and corporations with rewarding volunteer opportunities that fit their interests, abilities, schedules and locations, while allowing them to make a difference in the community by addressing serious social concerns such as hunger, literacy, poverty, and the needs of children, the elderly and disabled. The Volunteer Center operates a home repair service for the elderly and disabled as well as sponsoring two mentoring programs in which caring adults are friends, role models and mentors to abused children, and parents and families in need of guidance and support.

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The Bergen Bike Tour will feature 50-, 25- and 10- mile routes for cyclists of every level. A separate Kid's Ride is held on a special course, where the youngsters ride their Big Wheels, tricycles, and training wheel bikes in a safe and entertaining environment. The day is capped off with a fun-filled barbeque, DJ music and other entertainment, which is typically enjoyed by more than 300 participants every year.

“Each year, the Bike Tour turns over an average of over 80% of the event’s proceeds to the Volunteer Center and Tomorrow’s Children. This is a rate that far surpasses many events of this kind, and we are very proud of our philanthropic efficiency. We are optimistic that with corporate and community help and participation, we can exceed that in 2009,” continues Murphy. “Mark your calendars for Sunday September 27th. Check www.bergenbiketour.org for more details on registration. For further information about becoming a corporate sponsor, or organizing a group to participate in the Bike Tour call 1-877-BER-BIKE, or visit the website at www.bergenbiketour.org and register on-line.

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