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**Rotary Club of Englewood Partners to Support
Bergen Volunteers' Mentoring Program**

Hackensack, New Jersey - Bergen Volunteers announced today a new partnership with the Rotary Club of Englewood. The Rotary Club will support Bergen Volunteers and the Mentoring Program. The Mentoring Program meets the needs of individuals living on the edge of stability due to unemployment, poverty, language barriers, and life's circumstances. With the involvement of a mentor, mentees have the personal support and encouragement needed to take important steps toward self-sufficiency and stability.

"The Rotary Club of Englewood is delighted to support the Mentoring Program to meet the needs of individuals who do not have the support, education, or resources to become self-advocates," shared Dr. Lisa Wisotsky, Rotary Club President.

The Mentoring program is open to the public and serves youth ages 8-18+, first generation college students, caregivers, and senior citizens.

"We are thrilled to have the Rotary Club of Englewood as a new partner," shared Nina Bachrach, CEO of Bergen Volunteers. "This collaboration will allow us to serve a wider demographic and provide well-trained support for those who need a little extra help during these trying times. Perhaps you are having challenges with isolation or loneliness. Or you are seeking resources. Even if you aren't in crisis, we are here for you."

Bergen Volunteers helps mentees find and utilize resources and establish a life that provides structure and security. When mentees experience stability they reap significant benefits in all areas of their lives - socially, emotionally, and academically. Moreover, the greater community benefits from an increase in healthy, strong, self-sufficient individuals.



“We are collaborating with many agencies within Englewood and value having the Rotary Club available to us as a new connection,” added Bachrach. “These partnerships help us to identify and refer those in need of extra support to the Mentoring Program.”

Bergen Volunteers utilizes partnerships as a means to expand the scope of services offered and to make a larger impact in the community.

“The Mentoring Program benefits Englewood residents specifically through targeted strategies, including educational support, workforce development, coaching, and mental health check-ins. Our goal is to combat the challenges that our community members are facing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are grateful that the Rotary Club of Englewood is helping us to accomplish this,” concluded Bachrach.

If you are interested in being matched with a mentor or supporting the program please reach out to Lisa Tredici at ltredici@bergenvolunteers.org or (201) 489-9454 x208.

About Bergen Volunteers:

Founded in 1966, Bergen Volunteers turns caring into meaningful action by engaging volunteers to improve lives and strengthen the community via a three pronged approach: Our own and external community programs, community engagement, and civic leadership.

We recruit volunteers to provide critical services to youth, families, veterans, seniors, and those who are economically disadvantaged, through our own programs and by supporting the nonprofit community. We offer individuals and businesses volunteer, networking, service, and training opportunities that address community needs. We also provide leadership and professional development opportunities for individuals living and working in Bergen County, educating people about our community and training them to be civically active.

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