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Volunteer Center Honors Arc Gloucester

Deptford Twp. – The Arc Gloucester will receive the “2011 Bob Shryock Community Service Award” from the Volunteer Center of Gloucester County for its continued commitment to volunteerism and the community. The Arc Gloucester is a non-profit organization dedicated to being the leading force for improving the quality of life of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families for the past 54 years.

The Arc Gloucester offers residential programs (group homes, supervised apartments, and supportive living), adult training programs, supported employment services, a Crew Labor program, in and out-of-home respite, Saturday Drop-Off, an After School Program, Life Long Learning classes, a Family Intervention Program (FIP) and day/residential camping at Camp Sun ‘N Fun. Hundreds of volunteers contribute to The Arc Gloucester each year, through efforts in fundraisers, special events, and projects. These events include Arc Walkathon, ‘Day of Caring’ at Camp Sun ‘N Fun, and the annual Bill Dalton Memorial Golf Tournament. Individual volunteers assist with projects such as childcare duties at FIP while the parents participate in monthly educational workshops, provide individual support to group home residents and assist with organizing donations at The Arc Thrift Shop in Paulsboro.

The Arc Gloucester will be honored and the award will be announced at the 13th Annual “*A Taste of Gloucester County*” fundraiser on Monday, April 4, 2011 from 6-9 pm at Auletto Caterers in

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Almonesson, NJ. *Taste* is the Volunteer Center's signature charitable event, with over 400 participants each year. The evening includes wine tasting and cuisine up to 20 of the finest restaurants in Gloucester County, along with a fine wine tasting , silent and live auctions, 50/50 cash drawing, and entertainment by Mike Edwards Trio.

The Volunteer Center of Gloucester County is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 that promotes volunteerism by connecting people with opportunities to serve, providing community agencies with resources and training, and building community partnerships to meet local needs. The Volunteer Center is located on the campus of Gloucester County College and is in part supported by the United Way of Gloucester County.

For more information or to purchase tickets: Call the Volunteer Center (856) 415-9084

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