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-- Call for Nominations --

SEWELL, N.J. – The Volunteer Center of Gloucester County announces a unique opportunity to recognize the exceptional contributions that volunteers make in their community. South Jersey residents are invited to nominate family, friends and neighbors for a *Presidential Volunteer Service Award*. This award program that was created by the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation as a way to “thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to make volunteerism a focal part of their lives.”

The call for all nominations will run until September 1, 2011. The awards will be presented at Masso’s Caterers on Thursday, October 27, 2011. Award recipients under the age of 21 will receive their awards at a special Youth Conference to be held in early Spring, 2012.

“The Volunteer Center exists to support the local non-profit community. Recognizing volunteer contributions is not only vital, but it’s also a lot of fun,” says June Bretz, Executive Director of the Volunteer Center. “It’s really encouraging to know that people are still willing to give so much of their time to community service, even in these difficult economic times.”

The Presidential Volunteer Service Award is available to individuals, families, and groups who have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service over the course of a 12-month period. Based on

the number of hours of service in a year, recipients receive a President's Volunteer Service Award pin, a personalized certificate of achievement, a congratulatory letter from President Barack Obama. Information on the Presidential Awards is available at <http://www.presidentialserviceawards.gov> .

Over the past six years, more than 125 Gloucester County residents have received the President's Lifetime Award. Included in the list of notable people who have received the award are: Paul & Bernadette Blackstock of Franklinville, Jack Sheppard of Wenonah, Richard Skinner of Woodbury, and Bob Shryock of Washington Township.

Nomination forms, eligibility requirements and additional information are available on the Volunteer Center's Web site, www.gloucestercountyvolunteers.org, or email mwiden1@gccnj.edu. These forms are simple to complete and no essay is required. Forms must be received by September 1, 2011.

The Volunteer Center of Gloucester County is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 that serves the community by connecting volunteers with opportunities to serve, providing local non-profits with resources and training, and building community partnerships to meet local needs. The Volunteer Center is located on the Gloucester County College campus and is in part supported by the United Way of Gloucester County. For more information, contact the Center at: (856) 415-9084, or email: volunteercenter@gccnj.edu.

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