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**Dan Getman of the Food Bank of South Jersey to Receive the first
Volunteer Manager of the Year Award**

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Sewell, NJ – Dan Getman, Community Engagement Manager for the Food Bank of South Jersey, will receive the “**2011 Volunteer Manager of the Year Award**” from the Volunteer Center of Gloucester County for his excellence in leadership and volunteer management. This new award recognizes his service as an outstanding volunteer manager, and his energy and excellence in recruiting volunteers and managing an effective volunteer program to meet social needs in Gloucester County.

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This award will be presented at the *1st Annual Gloucester County “Spirit of Community” Celebration* at 6:30 pm on October 27th at Masso’s in Glassboro. The creation of the Volunteer Manager of the Year award was a part of a three-year community-wide initiative, led by the Volunteer Center, to increase volunteerism to support the non-profit community in Gloucester County.

Since starting at the Food Bank in 2010, Dan Getman has worked tirelessly to oversee the non-profit’s volunteers and manage community food drives. Dan serves his community by recruiting volunteers to fulfill the Food Bank’s mission of providing food to South Jersey’s hungry. Nearly four thousand volunteers have been trained by Dan to increase the amount of food the organization has on

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hand and how fast it can provide help to local families. In addition to his work with volunteers, Dan also organizes events, such as the Walk Against Hunger, to help raise awareness about hunger in the community.

Prior to his work with the Food Bank, Dan has volunteered and worked at other non-profits. Over the years he has volunteered to rebuild homes, teach Sunday school, serve in soup kitchens, and he has participated in national days of service. Believing in the power of education, Dan also spent time teaching high school history. Reflecting on his life-long volunteer service, Dan said "I was brought up with the belief that feeling good about what you do is far more important than the salary you earn." On October 27th, Dan Getman will receive the award not only for his excellent work at the Food Bank, but also for his life-long commitment to helping others.

The Food Bank of South Jersey, founded in 1985, exists to provide an immediate solution to the urgent problem of hunger by providing food to needy people, teaching them to eat nutritiously, and helping them to find sustainable ways to improve their lives. Located in Pennsauken, the non-profit serves Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, and Salem Counties.

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.

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