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Volunteer Center of South Jersey Brings Annual “Taste of Community” to Atlantic City

Sewell, NJ — The Volunteer Center of South Jersey (VCSJ) is excited to announce that its signature annual fundraiser, **Taste of Community**, will be held in Atlantic City, NJ, on April 29th, 2025. This highly anticipated event will take place at the stunning **Island Waterpark at Showboat**, located at 801 Boardwalk, and promises to bring together more than 250 attendees for an evening celebrating the rich cultural diversity and culinary excellence of South Jersey.

“This exciting shift to Atlantic City offers new opportunities to broaden our reach and deepen our impact while honoring the cherished traditions of our Taste of Community Event,” said Michele Francesconi, VP of Capacity Building Training & Strategic Initiatives at VCSJ, now a proud program of Jersey Cares.

The event offers something for everyone—a night of food, fun, networking, and philanthropy designed to strengthen community bonds and support VCSJ's impactful programs and services.

What to Expect:

- Delicious “Down the Shore” Culinary Experiences: Savor a variety of dishes and cuisines from Jersey Shore restaurants, food trucks, and local culinary talent.
- Basket Raffle: Browse and bid on over 50 thoughtfully curated baskets.

- Community Connections: Meet nonprofits, artisans, and businesses dedicated to giving back to the community.

Why Attend?

Taste of Community isn't just an event—it's an opportunity to:

- Celebrate: Indulge in South Jersey's finest cuisines and cultural offerings.
- Connect: Network with community leaders, neighbors, and businesses.
- Give Back: Support the Volunteer Center's mission of empowering volunteers and fostering meaningful connections across South Jersey.

Event Details:

- Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2025
- Time: 5 PM to 9 PM
- Location: Island Waterpark at Showboat, 801 Boardwalk, Atlantic City, NJ
- Admission: \$75 per person (must be 21 to attend)

Join Us in Making a Difference:

Proceeds from the event will support the Volunteer Center of South Jersey's programs and services, ensuring that the spirit of giving back remains central to our community.

Sponsorship and Participation Opportunities:

VCSJ invites businesses, vendors, and volunteers to get involved and help make the evening unforgettable. For more information, contact michele@sjvolunteers.org or visit <https://sjvolunteers.org/taste-of-community/>.

Come hungry, leave inspired, and celebrate the flavors and unity of South Jersey communities!

About Jersey Cares

Jersey Cares is a leading nonprofit organization with a legacy of empowering citizens and fostering stronger communities throughout New Jersey. By working with local nonprofits and schools, Jersey Cares connects volunteers with meaningful service opportunities that address community-identified needs. For more information, visit www.jerseycares.org.

About the Volunteer Center of South Jersey (VCSJ)

Established in 1996, VCSJ is a volunteer action center serving seven counties in South Jersey. Now a program of Jersey Cares, VCSJ empowers communities through education and best practices in volunteer engagement, offering support to individuals, nonprofits, and businesses. Learn more at www.sjvolunteers.org.

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