

Volunteer NJ!



April 2026



NJ Celebrates Global Volunteer Month

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Governor Sherrill and Lt. Governor Caldwell



Important Information: Human Trafficking

The New Jersey Department of State — through the New Jersey Business Action Center, NJ Faith Action Center and the Governor's Office of Volunteerism — is calling on partners across the state to join the fight against human trafficking.

Join us in showing the world what New Jersey stands for — and stands against! Together, we can make a difference — not just during the World Cup and the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States, but every single day.



Dear Partner,

New Jersey is about to step onto the world stage. In 2026, the **FIFA World Cup 2026** will bring more than one million visitors to our region, with the final match at **MetLife Stadium** on July 19. At the same time, our nation will celebrate the **United States Semi-quincentennial** — the 250th anniversary of American independence.

Large international events can create conditions that traffickers exploit. But human trafficking is not limited to major events. It happens every day across New Jersey. With our proximity to New York and Philadelphia, along with major airports, ports, and transportation corridors, our state remains a year-round target.

- This moment presents a powerful opportunity — and a responsibility.
- You and your organization are uniquely positioned to help stop it.
- Getting involved costs nothing — and it could save a life.

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With purpose and partnership,

Business Action Center
Faith Action Center
Governor's Office of Volunteerism

Here is how you and your organization can act today:

1. Learn the Signs — Visit the DHS Blue Campaign

Educate yourself and your team on how to recognize the indicators of human trafficking and how to report what you see. Knowledge is the first line of defense.

www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign

2. Sign Up for Free Training for Your Team

Free web-based training from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. In less than an hour, your entire team can be equipped to recognize and respond to suspected trafficking.

www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/blue-campaign-training

3. Order Free Posters and Materials for Your Business or Organization

Display awareness materials where your customers and employees can see them. Free posters, wallet cards, and handouts — available at no cost with free shipping.

www.dhs.gov/blue-campaign/request-materials

Report Suspected Trafficking

LOCAL: 911 National Hotline: 1-888-373-7888 (24/7) Text: HELP or INFO to 233733

Register Now!!! NJ Volunteerism Conference



HONORING OUR JOURNEY, IGNITING OUR FUTURE

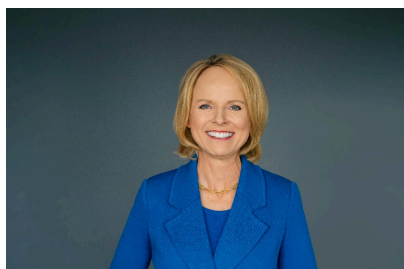
UNITING FOR IMPACT

The New Jersey Governor's Office of Volunteerism, in partnership with the New Jersey Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster, is hosting a statewide conference -- **Honoring Our Journey, Igniting Our Future: Uniting for Impact**, being held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at The Palace at Somerset Park (333 Davidson Avenue, Somerset, NJ 08873). This in-person conference will bring together hundreds of participants from non-profit, faith-based, corporate, educational, governmental, and National Service organizations from across New Jersey.

Questions? Contact VolunteerNJ@sos.nj.gov

Register Today!

Keynote Speaker



Jennifer Sirangelo,
President and CEO of
Points of Light

Jennifer Sirangelo is a visionary leader dedicated to unlocking human potential for the greater good. With a firm belief that everyone possesses unique gifts to share with the world, Jennifer has made it her mission to inspire and empower individuals to find and pursue their purpose. As President and CEO of Points of

Light, Jennifer champions volunteering and galvanizes nonprofit and corporate leaders to foster a renewed culture of service and civic engagement worldwide. Jennifer's tenure as President and CEO of National 4-H Council was transformative. She led the team that modernized a legacy organization and brand by spearheading significant growth in revenue, relevance, representation and reach.

Her career also includes pivotal roles at Boys & Girls Clubs of America and various health and higher education organizations, where she honed her skills as a fundraising professional and leader.

Jennifer's professional recognition includes the prestigious Gold Stevie® Female Executive of the Year Award, Fast Company's Most Creative People in Business, and she is counted among Fortune's Most Powerful Women.

Jennifer holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Syracuse University and is a Harry S. Truman Scholar.

Breakout Sessions

Discover practical solutions to today's toughest challenges. From board recruitment and volunteer retention to disaster preparedness and equitable community support, our breakout sessions blend real-world expertise with actionable strategies. Learn how to harness technology (Salesforce, Ready Responders Hub), bridge trust with underserved populations, empower caregivers, and build resilient communities across generations. Whether you're a nonprofit leader, volunteer coordinator, emergency manager, or community advocate—there's something here to strengthen your work. Join us for "Honoring Our Journey, Igniting Our Future: Uniting for Impact."

Full List of Breakout Sessions and Descriptions

Register Today!

NJ Volunteer Opportunities

North Jersey

Arts and Crafts Volunteer

Adler Aphasia Center

Friday Food Pantry Volunteer

Faith, Hope & Love Food Pantry - Christ Episcopal Church

Grant Writer

Julia Anne Kirsch Foundation

Website Maintainer

North Jersey Villages

Yard and Maintenance Volunteer

The Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum of New Jersey

Central Jersey

Friendly Visitor Wanted!

Stein Hospice

Consumer Feedback Survey Coordinator

Coming Home of Middlesex County, Inc.

Front Desk Greeter

Raritan Valley YMCA

Youth Group or Individual Youth Volunteer

Raritan Valley YMCA

IT Volunteer

Raritan Valley YMCA

South Jersey

Advocate for Children in Foster Care - Camden County

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Atlantic, Cape May, & Camden Counties

Prepare a meal at the Ronald McDonald House of SNJ

Ronald McDonald House of Southern New Jersey

Walk MS: Sewell 2026 - Site Set Up Team

National Multiple Sclerosis Society - Pennsylvania / South Jersey / Delaware

Spanish Speaking Homework Mentor

Kids Alley Learning Center

Looking for a specific volunteer opportunity?

Visit our Volunteer Hub

Lieutenant Governor & Secretary of State
Dr. Dale G. Caldwell

cordially invites you to the
LAUNCH OF THE

NEW JERSEY FAITH ACTION CENTER



**Please join the Lieutenant Governor & Guests
for the launch of the
New Jersey Faith Action Center**

A transformative evolution in state government.

With your support the Faith Action Center will celebrate interfaith communities by connecting houses of worship, nonprofit organizations, and neighbors effectively with centralized state resources, programs, and interagency partnerships.

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

3:00 PM

**The Great Auditorium
21 Pilgrim Pathway, Ocean Grove, NJ 07756**

KINDLY RSVP BY FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

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<https://bit.ly/NJVolMonthly>

or using this QR code



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