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The FPA of New Jersey has entered into a joint program with the Bergen County Housing, Health and Human Services Center to provide pro bono financial coaching to men and women who are homeless or in danger of losing their home.

We are looking for volunteers to help us in this effort. You will have an opportunity to make an immediate, profound difference in the lives of our neighbors and their families. Many of our pro bono volunteers say that they get back more than they give; in this case, helping individuals and families become financially self-sufficient.

The FPA Pro Bono mission is to work with the under-served populations in our communities whose means prevent them from otherwise engaging a Certified Financial Planner™. The goals of our program with Bergen County are:

- Prevent households from becoming homeless;
- Help people who are applying for shelter find other housing;
- Help those who are currently homeless be quickly re-housed and stabilized.

As the economy experiences uncertainty and a faltering recovery, so too does the homeless population. The spectrum of the homeless has widened and deepened as the pressures of joblessness and falling home prices put greater pressure on the traditional causes of homelessness.

You can help. You can make a difference. And you might find the greatest difference will be found within yourself.

This is an on-going project with scheduled, periodic day-time hours at a central location. In addition to CFP®s, candidates working toward obtaining the CFP® certification but lacking the experience hours are especially encouraged to participate. They are eligible to work alongside current CFP®s to earn hours toward the certification process,, which will be recorded and submitted to the CFP Board of Standards.

Please contact Robert Herold at [bobherold@optonline.net](mailto:bobherold@optonline.net) for information on participating in this joint program, including the scope of the engagement, flexibility of hours and training required.