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The Community Chest to Hold 2017 Community Issues Summit

(Englewood, New Jersey; May 16, 2017)-- How can we work together to address critical concerns impacting people in need in eastern Bergen County? The Community Chest (The Chest) will address this at the 2017 **Community Issues Summit** on June 19, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Dwight-Englewood School, located at 315 East Palisade Avenue in Englewood, New Jersey. Local citizens, staff from nonprofit organizations, and business, community, and government leaders are invited to attend and help identify possible solutions to the area's challenges. The event is free-of-charge. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served.

The half-day Summit will feature presentations on these four key issues affecting people in need in the area -- aging, mental health, education, and hunger. Presenters and facilitators will be local area experts, including Lynne Algrant, CEO, Bergen Volunteer Center; Elizabeth Corsini, Director, School Based Youth Service Program, Bergen Family Center; Joyce Dudley, Owner & President, Dudley Hamilton Associates, Inc.; Jennifer Johnson, Director of Communications & Community Outreach, Center for Food Action; Janet Sharma, Coordinator, Age-Friendly Englewood Coalition; and Vicki Sidrow, President and CEO at Vantage Health System.

Through collaborative dialogue, the organization's 2017 Community Issues Summit will identify solutions by using the Participatory Planning method. After the forum, The Chest will use the collective thinking and new ideas generated to inform its funding, training, and collaboration efforts.

"In keeping with our new strategic plan, The Community Chest is very excited to hold this Community Issues Summit to discuss together with our colleagues how we can collaborate on key issues affecting people in eastern Bergen County. We look forward to gathering everyone's collective wisdom and interests, as well as unique perspectives and voices to inform our decisions about our community's future," said Dr. Shelly Wimpfheimer, DSW, Executive Director of The Community Chest.

Support for the Summit is provided in part by Investors Foundation and Dwight-Englewood School. Advanced registration is required and may be done at <http://bit.ly/2017IssuesSummit>. For further information about the Summit, call [201-568-7474](tel:201-568-7474) or contact shelly@communitychestofenglewood.org.

About The Community Chest

For over 80 years, The Community Chest, a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization, has supported local not-for-profit agencies. The Chest leads initiatives and supports nonprofits that make our communities stronger and benefit people in need in eastern Bergen County. Each year, The Chest raises funds and allocates them to agencies demonstrating the capacity to provide services to local citizens. The organization also provides coordinating and planning services in its communities, serving as a bridge between agencies and organizations and investing in the stability and quality of the service network.

For further information about The Chest, visit www.communitychestofenglewood.org or contact [\(201\) 568-7474](tel:2015687474). Stay updated about the organization's activities on Facebook and Twitter.

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