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**New Jersey Adults 50+, Law Enforcement Officials and
Education Leaders: Preschool Builds Strong Communities for All Ages**

In a tough economy, investments in early education yield successful students and responsible adults

RED BANK, N.J. – New Jerseyans age 50+ will be joined by education, law enforcement and senior services leaders at a news conference next Friday to highlight older adult support for preschool and its rewards for all ages.

Surrounded by Red Bank Primary School preschool students, members of New Jersey Seniors4Kids will urge state lawmakers to increase the availability of voluntary, quality preschool education for New Jersey's children. Lawmakers should maintain existing funds for preschool in the proposed budget for FY2011 and secure additional funding to expand preschool as envisioned in the School Funding Reform Act.

Event: New Jersey Seniors4Kids News Conference

Time: 10:30 a.m. to noon, Friday April 30

Location: Red Bank Primary School, 222 River Street, Red Bank, NJ

Confirmed Participants:

Dr. Laura Morana, *Superintendent, Red Bank Borough Schools*

Sheriff Shaun Golden, *Monmouth County Sheriff's Office*

Captain Thomas Fatigante, *Monmouth County Sheriff's Office; President, New Jersey State Triad*

Thomas Pivinski, *Director, Monmouth Division on Aging, Disabilities and Veteran's Interment*

Cynthia Rice, *Senior Policy Analyst, Association for Children of New Jersey*

John Wanat, *State Coordinator, New Jersey Seniors4Kids*

Anne Tria Wise, *Intergenerational Engagement Manager, Generations United*

Visuals: Preschool orchestra students will entertain guests and older adults will perform an intergenerational puppet show for preschool students.

Seniors4Kids is an initiative by Generations United, the national nonprofit that works to improve the lives of children, youth, and older people through intergenerational collaboration, public policies, and programs for the enduring benefit of all. In New Jersey, we work in partnership with the Association for Children of New Jersey to create a statewide network of community leaders and grassroots volunteers that work to increase the availability and quality of pre-k. For more information about Generations United and Seniors4Kids, please visit www.gu.org and www.seniors4kids.org.