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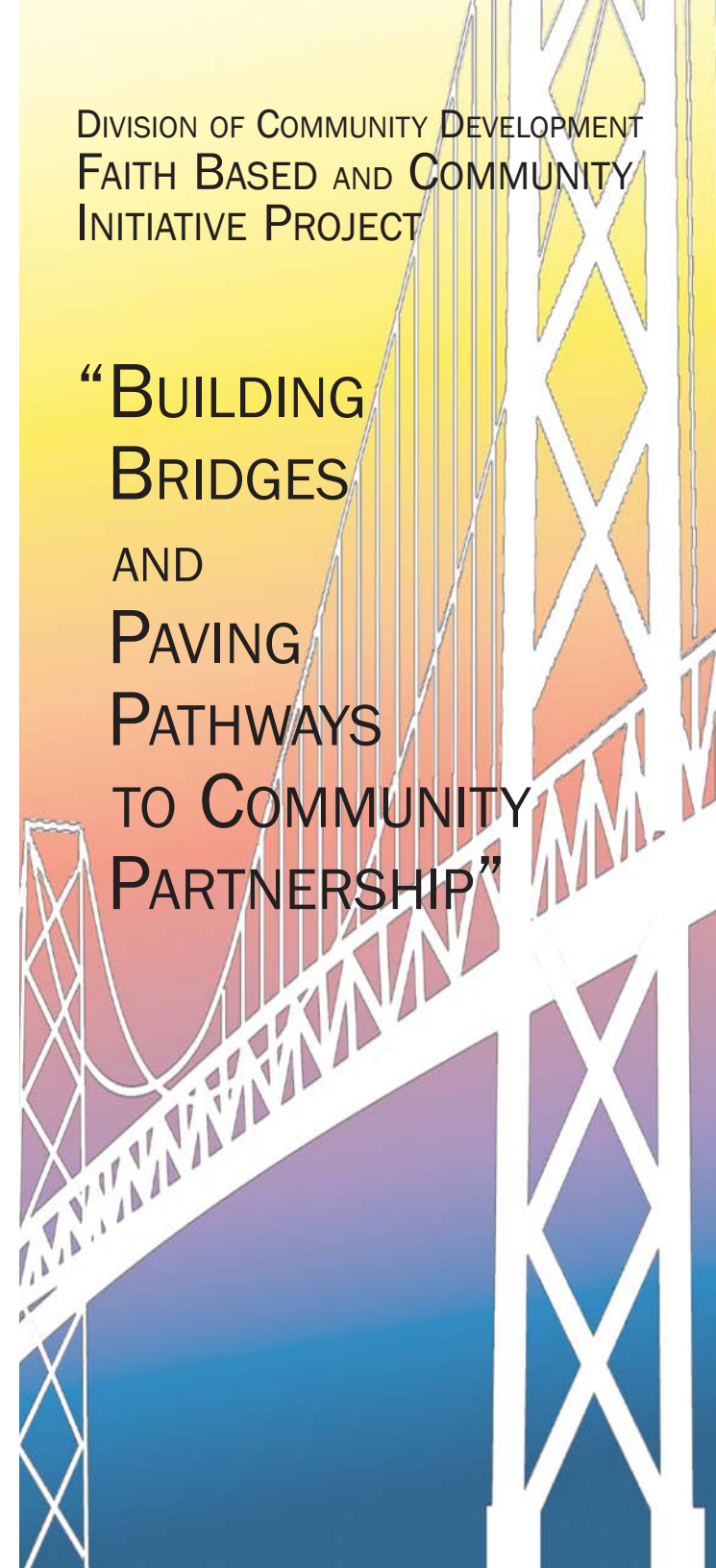
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FAITH BASED AND COMMUNITY
INITIATIVE PROJECT

“BUILDING
BRIDGES
AND
PAVING
PATHWAYS
TO COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIP”



MESSAGE FROM
THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Faith Based and
Community Based
Member:



In an effort to continue to serve the residents of Bergen County with unique and innovative programs, I am pleased to announce the establishment of the Division of Community Development's Faith Based and Community Initiative Project.

This Initiative is the first of its kind in county government in New Jersey. It is my hope and desire to continually enhance the "Quality of Life" for all the residents of Bergen County. By empowering those groups in our community that provide Social/Human Services, this new initiative will create greater resources and improve the capacity, thus allowing for the highest quality of services delivered to those families and individuals with the greatest need.

Sincerely,
Dennis McNerney
Bergen County Executive

MISSION

The mission of the Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Project is to encourage greater cooperation between all levels of government, Faith and Community Based organizations. The "Initiative" will work to expand the capacity of Faith-Based efforts and give voice to common concerns. An opportunity will be provided to engage and facilitate public-private partnerships in order to systematically and effectively address social-human service needs in a collaborative manner.

GOALS

The goals of the Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Project are:

- Eliminate the obstacles that Faith-Based and Community groups face with government
- Develop and support relationships between Faith-Based and Community groups.
- Assist faith-based and community groups to expand and build organization capacity.
- Encourage and support collaborations and partnerships between government, Faith-Based and Community groups and private entities.
- Assist Faith-Based and Community groups to expand and improve the social service delivery system.
- Provide technical assistance, workshops and symposiums.

