

Poverty Awareness Month

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BETHLEHEM - Did you know that in the Lehigh Valley, a single working parent with two children would need to earn \$45.32 an hour to achieve a living wage? When a family's basic needs aren't met due to poverty, they are unable to focus on what their lives can be. Families often go into survival mode. Community Action exists to help people stand in the gap between poverty and possibility. Throughout the myriad of programs and services we offer, our ultimate mission is to equip our community members with the tools they need to break this cycle of poverty.

Read on to learn how two of our programs, Owner-Occupied Rehab and the Sixth Street Shelter have made an impact...

Recently, our community member Lisa experienced a major water pipe burst in her 123-year-old Northampton home. For nearly two hours, water flooded her residence until the Borough managed to shut off the external water line. The water damage forced Lisa and her three teenagers to relocate to a hotel for 18 days! Lisa struggles to allocate funds for home repairs after covering monthly bills. When she discovered the assistance offered by Community Action Homes' Owner-Occupied Rehab Program, she was so relieved. Without our assistance, Lisa was contemplating abandoning her home due to the overwhelming plumbing and water damage repair costs, including a \$15,000 bill. Fortunately, our Community Action Homes team promptly intervened, not only repairing her pipes, but also planning to address longstanding electrical issues in her home.

Homelessness is not just a lack of shelter.

It's a complex, multifaceted challenge fueled by a web of interconnected factors, unique to each person, such as the shortage of affordable housing, limited job opportunities, access to training, and so much more. Instability and transience often experienced by homeless children and youth creates barriers to their success, perpetuating the cycle of poverty through the generations. This cycle becomes particularly challenging to break.

The Sixth Street Shelter addresses these barriers.

We give families time to reset and focus on the tools they need to succeed. These include providing career assistance in obtaining a living wage, connecting them to affordable housing through our landlord partnerships, and ensuring that they receive adequate access to programs they need.



ESTATE SETTLEMENT
REAL ESTATE AUCTION
2 P.M. SATURDAY FEBRUARY 3, 2024 RAIN, SNOW OR SHINE
AFFORDABLE 3 BEDROOM HOME
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SATURDAY JANUARY 27TH 1 - 3 P.M.
DAY OF SALE 12 NOON - SALE TIME

TERMS: \$15,000 BANK CASHIER'S CHECK (made payable to Jack Muehlhan Auctioneer Escrow) AT SALE. BALANCE AT SETTLEMENT WITHIN 30 DAYS. Good Deed, No Back Taxes, No Buyer's Premium. What you BID is What you PAY!

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