

Valley Youth House Receives \$10,000 in EITC Funding from PPL Electric Utilities

By Emily Conners, Development Officer

BETHLEHEM, PA – Valley Youth House (VYH) has received \$10,000 via Educational Improvement Tax Credits (EITC) from PPL Electric Utilities that will provide STEM camp to youth at Valley Youth House's Camp Fowler.

This funding will provide a free, week-long overnight STEM camp at Camp Fowler, the agency-owned 43-acre camp located in Orefield, PA. Camp Fowler utilizes adventure-based, outdoor therapeutic recreation that fosters personal empowerment and improved communication, providing a unique blend of experiences that builds confidence and critical thinking skills in an informal setting. Children attending the camp will be low-income, urban middle school children (rising 6th, 7th and 8th grade students). On-site educational STEM activities will be provided by DaVinci Science Center staff, utilizing the camp's unique resources.

The following are the primary goals for the five-day STEM camp:

- Develop critical thinking skills for up to 40 youth through adventure-based experiential learning
- Engage students in STEM through activities that:

- Explore personal interests

- Are culturally responsive

- Include comprehensive services, such as counseling/behavior health

- Stimulate greater student interest in pursuing a STEM-related career

"We view partnering with local organizations like Valley Youth House as vital to improving the communities where our customers and employees live

and work," said Carol Obando-Derstine, PPL Electric Utilities' regional affairs director. "Every day,

these organizations make sure kids throughout the

Lehigh Valley don't fall through the cracks. These

organizations also expose youth to STEM education,

which prepares them for jobs of the future.

The importance of these agencies to the community cannot be overstated and it is our pleasure to

support their efforts."

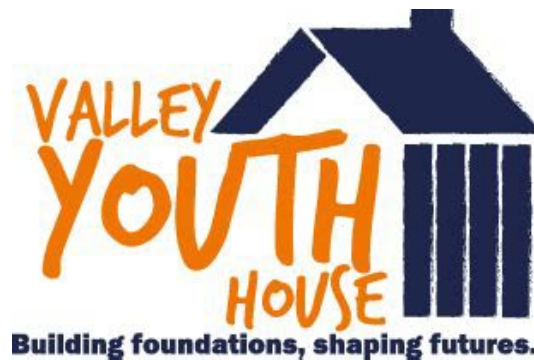
"Camp Fowler serves youth of all ages and their families with a focus on those who would otherwise not have access to camp experiences", said

Christina Schoemaker, Senior Vice President of

Development & Marketing for Valley Youth House.

"We are so appreciative that PPL Electric Utilities sees the value in our programming at VYH and

supports young people in our community as they learn and grow."



Memorial Scrolls

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"These scrolls are survivors and silent witnesses of the Shoah," said Ohrenstein. "They represent all the lost Jews. Use them to tell the story. Use them for interfaith work and for intrafaith work."

Ohrenstein concluded his talk at the Lunch & Learn with high praise for the Lehigh Valley Jewish community gathered there. "I'm going to be talking about you," he said, "because you are a community who stand together regardless of how you worship. I think it is wonderful. You're the answer to my prayers."

With one last reminder, he impressed upon the crowd, "The Torah is the one thing that binds all Jews together."

As for interfaith efforts, he added, "We Jews must also respect the fact that the Torah is revered by Christians and Muslims," going on to say that it is important to remind people of what they have in common rather than what divides them.

That is what Ohrenstein himself was working on that very night as he stood up one more time to speak, this time to a crowd of a few dozen of different faiths at First Presbyterian at an event which the Rev. Jack Haberer, their lead pastor, called "a no-brainer."

"We sprang on the opportunity" to host, he said in his introduction of the evening program.

Ohrenstein graciously told the story once again of the precious cargo that had made its way to his homeland on this 55th anniversary, taking time to explain how the Torah is the most important part of Shabbat services and every synagogue needs a Torah.

After his presentation, the crowd was full of questions, reverently gathering round the scroll which normally resides at KI. Like all of the Czech scrolls, it was fulfilling Ohrenstein's dream of being useful.

"In my opinion," Ohrenstein said. "None of our Czech scrolls should ever be considered out of commission and buried, because a Czech scroll can always be used to educate."

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 sory Prayer, 10am Worship, 10:45am
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 8pm (kids 6 thru 6th gr.); Thurs- Teen
 Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (gr.
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 Pastor Mike Poppa. 610-588-3736,
www.flccbBangor.com.

First United Evangelical
25 S 2nd St., Bangor
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 Wednesday evening Bible Study
 6:30pm. Pastor Chris Hardy
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 nion, 11am Fellowship on 1st Sunday
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 zar, Lead Pastor. 855-INFO-HOPE.
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 nion. (610) 588-2355, website
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310 Madison Ave, Nazareth
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 charist. Rev. William Martin, 610-746-
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