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## Bangor High School miniTHON raises \$17,000 for Childhood Cancer

By Joshua Thomas M.Ed. / Biology and Environmental Science / Envirothon Advisor / Leo Club Advisor

BANGOR - "In just our third year doing miniTHON our students have increased their fundraising effort each year from \$8,000 to \$11,000 to \$17,000 this year" said Joshua Thomas Envirothon Advisor.

The Bangor LEO Club has been the host of all three annual Bangor High School miniTHONs at the High School.

While students have a full schedule of activities, some highlights are Team Relay, Hair Donation, and the final announcement of total raised for pediatric cancer.

Participants of the Bangor Area HS Mini-THON® 2023 are joining more than 90,000 students across the country to help conquer childhood cancer. Four Diamonds Mini-THON® is a K-12 opportunity for students to be empowered as leaders in the fight to conquer childhood cancer. Students gain work-ready skills in communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving while promoting teamwork, creativity, and spirit within their schools.

## A Surprise Military Thank You for a St. Luke's Leader's Kindness and Support

By Sam Kennedy

BETHLEHEM - St. Luke's physician assistant April Treible, PA-C, surprised her supervisor, Denise Horn, manager of practice operations at St. Luke's Smithfield Primary Care, on February 19, by thanking her in a unique way for her flexibility and support of Treible's military role and responsibilities.

Treible, an officer in the U.S. Army Reserves, didn't buy Horn flowers, chocolates or lunch. Instead, she secretly nominated Horn for the Patriot Award, sponsored by Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), which recognizes a civilian supervisor who goes out of the way to provide encouragement to an active military member at their civilian job.

St. Luke's is a military-friendly organization that honors those who serve or have served in the United States Armed Services by building a vibrant community of veterans and allies and working with veterans benefit administrators to expand and facilitate access to St. Luke's award-winning care.

In addition to being an employee of the Smithfield practice since June 2023, Treible also is a Captain in the Army Nursing Corps. Her role as a Commander for the 301st Surgical Augmentation Detachment, based in Ashley, PA, requires a significant amount of time away from her civilian job and family in Lehigh. Orders for

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Left St. Luke's April Treible, thanked her supervisor Denise Horn, manager of practice operations, with a celebration of Horn's support of Treible's military responsibilities

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