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Habitat for Humanity of Northwest New Jersey

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Habitat for Humanity Northwest New Jersey
WASHINGTON, N.J. September 25, 2025
Habitat for Humanity of Northwest New Jersey's clothing and accessories ReStore on Belvidere, also known as The Hut, will be celebrating its second anniversary on Saturday October 4, 2025, with a special one-day sale. All clothing, shoes, and jewelry will be priced at \$1.00 except for ticketed items which will be half price. Check out the newly opened children's clothing section and don't forget to look for Halloween costumes too! The Hut is located at 30 Belvidere Ave. Washington, NJ 07882. Hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 10:am to 5:pm, Thursday 11:am – 6:pm, closed Sunday and Monday.

Habitat for Humanity Northwest New Jersey is a recently merged affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, International, combining the efforts of the Warren and Sussex County Habitat for Humanity affiliates. Having merged officially in 2025, they have served Sussex County since 1993 and Warren County since 1999. An accredited 501 (c)(3) charitable organization, Habitat's mission is: Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. You can learn more about Habitat NWNJ at habitatnwnj.org. #911#Habitat#HabitatforHumanityNWNJ

Allentown Rotary Club Celebrates \$7,500 Grant Award to Boys and Girls Club of Allentown

By Rosaria Stoops
ALLENTOWN, PA – The Allentown Rotary Club celebrated the impact of community partnership Monday afternoon with a special visit to the Boys and Girls Club of Allentown. The event marked the official ribbon cutting for new tables and chairs purchased through a \$7,500 grant provided by the Rotary Club.

Five Rotarians attended the celebration, including longtime member Don, who has served the organization for over 38 years and was himself a Boys and Girls Club participant in his youth. The afternoon featured pizza, cake, and story time with the children, culminating in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new furniture.

"This is what Service Above Self looks like in action," said Rosaria, Assistant District Governor for Rotary. "Seeing the kids' excitement about their new furniture was priceless. These tables and chairs will provide a better space for homework, activities, and meals for years to come."

The new furniture addresses a critical need at the Boys and Girls Club, which serves hundreds of local youth through after-school programming, educational support, and recreational activities. The upgraded seating and workspace will directly benefit children who rely on the club for a safe, supportive environment after school and during breaks.

Don's presence at the event highlighted the long-term impact both organizations have on the Allentown community. His journey from Boys and Girls Club participant to decades-long Rotarian demonstrates the lasting influence these community partnerships can have on individual lives.

The Boys and Girls Club of Allentown provides vital services to local families, offering programming that focuses on academic success, character development, and healthy lifestyles for children and teens.

The Allentown Rotary Club is part of Rotary International, a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges through community service projects and international initiatives.

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Treasury Announces Short-Term Funding for Head Start, County Services

By Senator Rosemary Brown
The Pennsylvania Treasury Department will make \$500 million available for Pennsylvania's Head Start providers and county governments, helping to keep essential services funded while the 2025-26 state budget is finalized.

The funds will be distributed via short-term, investment loans which recipients will be required to pay back following enactment of a state budget. Treasurer Stacy Garritty said that to be eligible for this program, Head Start providers and county governments must indicate the investment will be used for immediate operating expenses.

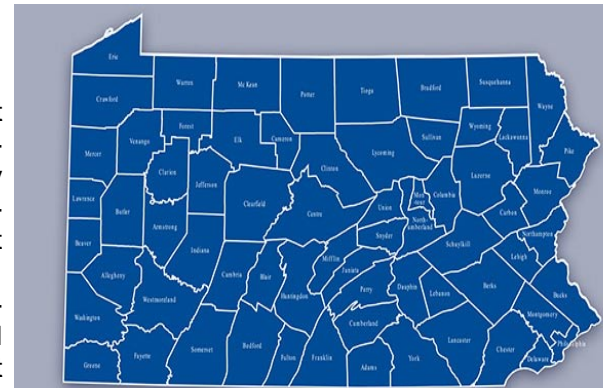
More information is available from the Pennsylvania Treasury Department <https://www.patreasury.gov/newsroom/archive/2025/09-24-Short-Term-Funding.html>.

Remembering the Police Officers Killed in Line of Duty

By Senator Rosemary Brown
Three police officers were killed and two wounded serving a warrant Sept. 17 in York County, a heart-breaking reminder of the risk faced every day by those standing on the thin blue line between order and chaos.

The fallen officers, Detective Mark Baker, Sgt. Detective Cody Becker and Detective Isaiah Emenheiser, were members of the Northern York County Regional Police Department. Their shocking deaths highlight how crucial it is to stand behind law enforcement officers and give them the tools and support they need to serve communities in the safest manner possible.

May their families find comfort in this incredibly trying time.



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