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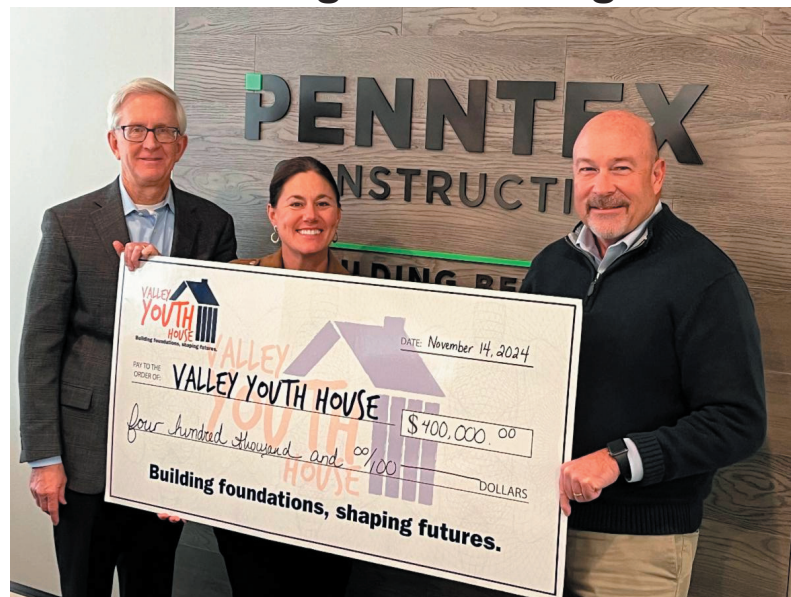
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 Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup> 1-4 pm  
Public reception Thursday Dec 5<sup>th</sup>  
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## Penntex Construction Donates \$400,000 to Valley Youth House's Camp Fowler Through EITC Program



Pictured from left to right: Tom Harrington, President & Executive Director at Valley Youth House; Christina J. Schoemaker, Senior Vice President of Advancement at Valley Youth House; James (Jim) W. Hoolehan, P.E., President at Penntex Construction.

By Sarah Pammer

OREFIELD, PA - Valley Youth House is excited to announce a \$400,000 contribution from Penntex Construction through Pennsylvania's Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program. This generous gift will directly support the STEM and arts camps at Camp Fowler, Valley Youth House's therapeutic and adventure-based camp in Orefield, PA.

Camp Fowler provides an adventurous, supportive environment for young campers to heal and grow through evidence-based experiential programming. With Penntex Construction's substantial support, the camp will enhance its services, expand access to more youth, and continue its legacy of fostering resilience, confidence, and community.

"Penntex has long been a champion for youth in our region," said Tom Harrington, President & Executive Director at Valley Youth House. "This investment in Camp Fowler reflects their dedication to creating opportunities that transform lives. We are deeply grateful for their partnership and commitment."

Penntex is also donating their services as the construction management partner for Camp Fowler's new Carter Family Center, a state-of-the-art recreation and education facility that will provide dynamic spaces for learning, wellness, and community engagement. Set to open in Spring 2025, the Carter Family Center will serve as a hub for

campers to build skills, develop connections, and experience transformational growth in a welcoming, modern environment. In addition to donating their team's time and expertise as the construction manager for the project, Penntex has helped secure support from partners, suppliers and subcontracts contributing to the ability to complete the 5,000 square-foot facility entirely through philanthropic partnerships in our community.

## House GOP Elects Leadership Team for 2025-26 Session

By Rep Ann Flood

HARRISBURG - With the 2025-26 Legislative Session set to begin Dec. 1, I joined my fellow members of the House Republican Caucus at the state Capitol this week to elect our new leadership team.

Rep. Jesse Topper (R-Bedford/Fulton) is the newly elected Republican leader and previously served as Republican chairman of the House Education Committee.

Other members new to the leadership team include Rep. Jim Struzzi (R-Indiana) as Appropriations Committee chair, Rep. Clint Owlett (R-Tioga/Bradford) as caucus secretary and Rep. David Rowe (R-Snyder/Union/Mifflin/Juniata) as House Republican Policy Committee chair.

Members returning to the leadership team include Rep. Tim O'Neal (R-Washington) as whip and Rep. Sheryl DeLozier (R-Cumberland) as administrator. Rep. Martina White (R-Philadelphia), who previously served as secretary, was elected caucus chairman for next session.

