

Happy 100th Birthday to Edna Crane!

By Senator Rosemary Brown

Happy 100th Birthday to standout community member Edna Crane! I was able to stop by Edna's birthday celebrations this weekend and help honor her with a citation from the Senate of Pennsylvania.

Edna is also noted in the book "Women Who Made History in Monroe County" as the first woman to serve on Stroudsburg Borough Council in 1980. She has lived a healthy, happy life with a beautiful marriage, faith, and her family.

Happy Birthday again Edna!



Sixth Street Shelter launches Step Up Program

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LEHIGH VALLEY - On January 5, the Sixth Street Shelter officially launched its Step Up Transitional Housing Program. Using five existing apartments at the Shelter, this program allows families to pay an affordable rental rate while continuing to receive case management and other supportive services.

Families will sign leases lasting 18 to 24 months, giving them the time needed to build savings and prepare for permanent housing after leaving the Shelter.

Eligibility is based on active engagement in the Shelter program and completion of key components, such as the Tenant Education Course and regular participation in case management, as well as demonstrating adequate income and savings to show increased financial stability.

Residents in the program will continue to have access to all the Shelter's resources, including financial literacy and parenting classes, educational and vocational support, mental-health services, and full use of the Family Resource Center.

As families transition out of Step Up units into long-term housing, new families will have the opportunity to enter the program.

We hope this is just the beginning of expanding the ways we help families break the cycle of homelessness and poverty.

If you have questions about the program or would like to support this work, please contact Tjwana Reed at treed@cacv.org.



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