

GKEDC Is Initiating Their 2022 Community Grant Program

Bob Cornman VP GKEDC

PEN ARGYL - In the past, the GKEDC has distributed over \$750,000 in grants to more than 40 non-profit organizations including over \$160,000 to Families First, over \$100,000 to the Blue Mountain Community Library, and \$30,000 to the Pen Argyl Parks and Athletic Association to repair the slate roof on the historic carousel at Weona Park.

The GKEDC is initiating their 2022 community grant program. The program is accepting applications for grants from February 1 to April 30, and are available on our website at www.GKEDC.org. Grants will be awarded to organizations that reflect the ideals of community service, environmental stewardship, or community development.

Not-for-profit organizations providing service predominantly to the Pen Argyl, Wind Gap, and Plainfield Township areas are eligible to apply for a grant. The GKEDC prefers to match funds raised by the organization; the final amount, however, will be at the Board's discretion. In general, the Board will favor granting funds towards specific projects, but other types of needs will be considered.

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Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center

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I am so grateful for our journey together. This summer, after 17 years of ups and downs, highs and lows, celebrations and crises, I will be stepping down as Executive Director and into a new relationship with Kirkridge – one of elderhood, ambassador and cheerleader. I look forward to focusing my energy on honoring that past even as we emerge into our future by serving as a member of the faculty, continuing my writing and working with Kirkridge's TIP program, (Together It's Possible) dreaming of new avenues for our friends and family members living with intellectual disabilities.

In this spirit, I am honored today to accompany the Board of Directors in announcing our search for a new, full-time Executive Director of Kirkridge Retreat and Study Center who will move into leadership in Summer 2022. We are seeking highly qualified candidates who will embrace our deep commitment to our mission, offer imaginative and energetic leadership and encourage us to live into our potential trusting that "Together we are Kirkridge."

I look forward to continuing to share this journey alongside you always believing that "...we share one common humanity and thus belong to each other"

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Columbia Self Storage will sell the contents of the occupant's leased space at public auction to satisfy the owner's lien on StorageTreasures.com all personal property stored in this facility by: Unit #137 Zachary Aman, consisting of appliances, furniture, toys and misc. items. Unit #806 Melissa Wismer, consisting of small appliances, furniture and misc. items. Items will be offered for sale by auction to the highest bidder for enforcement of storage liens.

Auction will be held at 9AM, Tuesday, February 22, 2022 on StorageTreasures.com.

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By Becky Bartlett
EASTON - Did you know that Gracedale offers training courses for Certified Nursing Aides (CNAs)?

Gracedale offers certification for CNAs through a standard four-week training course or an 8-hour Temporary on-line training course. Students in the nursing home's four-week program receive a \$1,000 stipend for their training time.

Did you know Gracedale hires CNAs once they have passed the training course?

Certified CNAs are immediately eligible for employment at Gracedale Nursing Home and can be hired for part-time or full-time positions across all shifts. Full-timers receive county benefits including life insurance, paid vacation, pension, medical, dental, vision insurance and prescription coverage.

For more information about certification programs, contact Amy Kahler at 610-829-3402 or akahler@northamptoncounty.org or apply online at <https://www.northamptoncounty.org/HR/Pages/Recruitment.aspx>

Did you know that Gracedale employees can receive free tuition?

Staff employed at Gracedale Nursing Home for a year or longer are eligible for tuition reimbursement for degrees in Licensed Practical Nursing (LPNs) and/or Register Nursing (RNs) at Northampton Community College.

Did you know that Gracedale hires more than just nurses?

Employment opportunities include dietary, housekeeping, administrative and clerical. Full-time employees are eligible for County benefits including life insurance, paid vacation, pension, medical, dental, vision insurance and prescription coverage.

Did you know that Gracedale pays its employees for successful referrals?

Staff received \$250 for successful recommendations for RNs and \$100 for any other open positions.