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Mission of Love Food Bank Breaks Ground for New \$300,000 Building



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By Michael Ortoski

BANGOR - Pastor Frank Pons, Dir. of the Mission of Love Food Bank (MOL) in Bangor along with Lamont McClure county executive of Northampton County broke ground for an new expansion project last week.

"We are blessed to begin a new future as the 'Food Hub of the Slate Belt' said Pons. The expansion includes a 40' X 60' Pole Building that will house one 12' X 12' freezer, one 12' X 12' cooler and enough space to house 125 pallets of dry goods.

McClure praised Pons and all his volunteers for all their hard work and what it means to the community here in the Slate Belt.

Over the past 3 years the county has invested over \$150,000 in Mission of Love to get them to the next step of being a food hub and help service some of the local smaller food banks as well as the

community.

To date they have received from the county: a new 16' Dodge box truck that holds 8 pallets of food; Toyota forklift 3000 lb. capacity; 3 electric pallet jacks; 8' X 10' cooler.

Also in attendance was Community Action of the Lehigh Valley (CALV) who together with the county has been a good partnership.

The CALV donated over 10 residential size refrigerators and freezers, donated \$7,000 towards the 8" X 10' cooler and is helping coordinate the expansion project.

Mission of Love has other partnerships in the community like Waste Management who donated 10,000 towards their 8' X 42' outdoor freezer that holds 25 pallets of frozen goods. Another partner Green Knights Economic Development donated \$3,000 towards an

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Scouts Celebrate Wind Gap Appalachian Trail Community



By ATC

WIND GAP - Scouts Celebrate Wind Gap Appalachian Trail Community at Annual Camporee Scouts from Minsi Trails Council, Northampton District participated in the annual Trail to Town Camporee at Wind Gap Park, June 17-19, 2022. Scouts enjoyed a weekend filled of hiking, navigation, camping, and cooking while celebrating the Borough of Wind Gap as an Appalachian Trail Community. Engaging scouting programs awaited the boys to challenge their scout skills.

The Base Camper program geared for younger scouts, started the weekend with a 5 mile Trail to Town hike. Base campers left Wind Gap Park by bus at 8:30 a.m. The bus transported them to mile marker 2 of the Plainfield Township Recreation Trail at the 191/Edleman Trailhead

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