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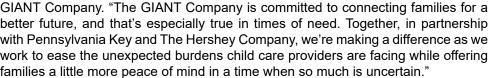
Giant Company Announces \$200,000 Grant Program For Child Care Centers Impacted By Covid-19

By Katie Kring-Schreifels

CARLISLE, Pa. (October 8, 2020) - The GIANT Company announced today the creation of a \$200,000 grant program, designed to provide funding to child care providers in Pennsylvania who are facing operational and financial challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program is being offered in partnership with Penn-

sylvania Key and The Hershey Company, to child care organizations who are licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services and the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL). Beginning today and through Nov. 13, child care providers can apply for grants up to \$10,000.

"When our team members expressed the challenges they were facing with their own child care situations, we knew that others in our community likely were too, and we wanted to do something about it," said Nicholas Bertram, president, The



Child care providers, which provide essential services to working families and employers, have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and remain at risk for continued disruption. In August, researchers at Penn State Harrisburg's Institute of State and Regional Affairs released a report on the operational and financial impacts of COVID-19 on Pennsylvania's child care industry. The report found that as of the end of June, 125 providers had announced permanent closure. Further,

researchers stated that without immediate assistance to offset increased expenses and reduced enrollments, at least 4% of the Commonwealth's child care providers (280) will close permanently and estimated an additional 1,000 providers were at risk of closure without financial assistance.

The grant program aims to support child care centers that have remained opened during the pandemic. Grant funding will help child care centers overcome new challenges created by the pandemic and invest in new measures to help support families struggling to balance work, school and child care. Grant assistance is open to child care centers in communities served by GIANT or MARTIN'S stores that



serve children from birth through 13 years of age. Preference will be given to applicants in underserved areas, those that serve meals, those impacted by school scheduling changes, those that are offering innovative services (such as technology and tutoring for students who need more in-person learning), and those that open for at least part of the last seven months since stay-at-home orders were

implemented.

"Child care is an incredibly important part of any community, and we empathize with families and child care providers during this challenging time," said Leigh Horner, vice president of global sustainability and social impact at The Hershey Company. "The opportunity to partner with The GIANT Company and Pennsylvania Key aligns closely with our desire to make a difference in our communities, and honors Hershey's longtime legacy of supporting children and youth."For full criteria and to apply for funding, For full criteria and to apply for funding, visit www.pakeys.org/GI-ANTprovidergrant. Recipients will be notified in late November and funds will be distributed before the end of the year.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH WORKSHOP SERIES



Our DVAM workshops are at no cost and will be held every Tuesday in October from 12:00-1:00pm. They can be found on our website and on our Facebook page.

Workshop #1

10/6 - Recognize, Respond, Refer for Medical Professionals

https://secure.ggiv.com/for/rrrfmpdw/

This interactive workshop is geared towards students and professionals in any medical practice, clinical setting, mental health or rehabilitation center to learn how to refer someone for services at Turning Point.

Workshop #2

10/13 - Introduction to Domestic and Intimate Partner Abuse

https://secure.qgiv.com/for/itdaipadw/

This at no cost, interactive workshop will cover different types of abuse as well as highlight the resources that Turning Point provides to the community.

Workshop #3

10/20 - Teen Dating Abuse: Creating Healthy Boundaries in Virtual Environments https://secure.qgiv.com/for/tdachbivedw/

This at no cost, interactive workshop will explore teen dating abuse and how virtual learning environments are influencing teens' ability to have effective boundaries with dating partners.

Workshop #4

10/27 - Community Forum DVAM Workshop

https://secure.ggiv.com/for/cfdw/

Join Turning Point's Outreach Team for the final Domestic Violence Awareness Month Workshop Series. This workshop will be in the style of a Q&A as the Outreach Team fields questions from the community about topics related to domestic and intimate partner abuse.



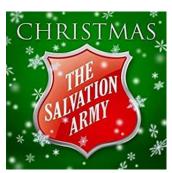
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Merry Christmas Fund for the 2020

By Captain Barbara Cure

PEN ARGYL - The Mission Of The Salvation Army: The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human need in His name withou discrimination.

The Salvation Army has been in Pen Argyl since the early 1900's serving the families of The Slate Belt and beyond. Every Christmas an effort is made to serve as many families as possible. For the 2019 Christmas season we served over 125 families with food and

We would like to begin a Merry Christmas Fund for the 2020 Christmas Season with donations being made to help the Pen Argy Corps stretch its regular operating budget during the holiday seasor and beyond. (These donations could be made in memory/honor o loved ones).

Those who wish to contribute to this fund can send donations via check or money order made payable to The Salvation Army P.O. Box 57, Pen Argyl, PA 18072. Contributors who wish to be recognized in the Blue Valley Times during the month of December 2020 should include a very brief, legible holiday message with their **PAGE 12** <u>CHURCH LISTINGS</u> <u>BLUE VALLEY TIMES</u> **OCTOBER 13, 2020**

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Ackermanville United Methodist 1410 Ackermanville Road, Bangor Sun 10am Worship. Rev. Sukja Bang

(610) 588-7818. www.ackermanvilleumc.org

Bangor Church of the Nazarene 150 Bunny Trail, Bangor

Sun 9:30am SS, 10:40am Worship (Children's Church to grade 2), 5pm Powerhouse Praice Practice, 6pm Teen Straight Talk & Small Groups. Kenneth L. Bean. Pastor (610) 588-6929

Belfast Bible 483 Belfast Rd., Belfast

Sunday School (all ages) 9:30am, Worship 10:45am, Evening Service 7pm. Pastor Michael Yaworski.

Belfast Wesley United Methodist 607 School St., Belfast

Children's SS & Adult SS 9am, Worship 10am, coffee fellowship following worship. Pastor Paul Milligan. (610) 746-3652.

Benders Mennonite Church 975 Benders Church Rd., Pen Argyl

Sun Worship service every Sunday at 10:10am; Food Bank 3rd Saturday of the month 9-11am. 610-863-9114.

Bethel Bible Church of Mt. Zion 7742 N. Delaware Dr. (Rt. 611), **Martins Creek**

Free Bread Every Saturday, 3eryone welcome, questions 908-483-8231; Sunday School 9am, Sunday Morning Worship 10am. Pastor Rick Tunis, 610-250-9890. Learn about us online www.bethelbiblechurchofmtzion.org.

Christ Presbyterian Church of the Slate Belt

332 Kennedy Dr., Bangor Sun.-Worship 10:30 a.m. Rev Albert Martin (610)588-4864

e mail - presbyterianbr@frontiernet.net www.facebook.com/Presbyterybr

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church 703 South Delaware Drive

Mt Bethel, PA 18343 610-588-7056 The Rev. Larry Laine Worship at 9 AM Sunday School 10 AM

Clearfield Bible Holiness Church 1502 Bushkill Ctr Rd, Wind Gap

Sun- SS 10:15am, Worship 11:15am & 3pm. Pastor Donald Herrick. (812) 653-3975.

Community Baptist Weona Park Center, Pen Argyl

Sun - Bible study 7pm. Separate class for age 10 & under.

Community Presbyterian 1755 S Delaware Drive, Mt. Bethel

Sun. - SS 9:15am, Worship service 10:30am, Coffee hour on last sunday of every month following service. www. mtbethelpresbyterian.org, (570) 897-6766.

Cross Road Baptist Church 201 Second St., Bangor

Sun-9:15am Praise Sing, 9:30am SS, 10:45am Worship: Wed-7pm Praver/ Bible Study. Rev. Jay VanHorn, Pastor (610) 588-3966,

www.crossroadbaptistbangor.org

The Lady's Guild of Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church, Tannersville will hold a Chicken Cordon Blue Dinner on April 28th. We would appreciate your help in advertising this year's event without cost to the church.

EAST BANGOR UNITED METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH 136 W. Central Ave.

East Bangor, PA 18013 Thurs., Oct. 15

-7:00 p.m. Bible Study (on ZOOM) Sat., Oct. 17 -8:00 p.m. AA Meeting Sun., Oct. 18 - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service (LIVE and on ZOOM) Pastor David Goss (610) 588-4453 Dial-A-Message (610-588-3896) www.ebumc.org

Faith Alive Community Church 10 Mechanic St, Wind Gap

Tues-6pm Ladies Prayer Meeting (2nd Tues); Wed- 6:30pm Revival Prayer, 7:15pm Adult Bible Study; Sat- 10-2pm Prayer Stop (1st Sat); Sun- 9:15am Family Fellowship, 9:30am Intercessory Prayer, 10am Worship, 10:45am Children's Church, Communion at 10:30am (1st Sun). Pastor Matthew Whistler. (610) 863-6911, www.faccpa.org

Family Life Community Church 1115 Richmond Rd, Bangor

Wed- Kidz Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (kids 6 thru 6th gr.); Thurs-Teen Night Out at The Hub 6:30-8pm (gr. 7-9); Sun- 10am Celebration Service. Pastor Mike Poppa. 610-588-3736, www.flccbangor.com.

First United Evangelical 25 S 2nd St., Bangor

Sun. - 7pm Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Jan 20- 9am Prayer Meeting, 9:30am Church School, 10:30am Worship. Pastor Ronald Shipman at (610) 588-3226

First United Methodist Church 55 N. Third St., Bangor

Worship every Sunday at 11am, Adult and Children Sunday Schools 9:45am, Communion first Sunday of month, Wednesday evening Bible Study 6:30pm. Pastor Chris Hardy (610) 588-4673.

First United Methodist 19 West & Water St., Wind Gap

Sun.- 9am SS, 10am Worship/Communion, 11am Fellowship on 1st Sunday of each month. Pastor John Vidal (570) 426-0645

Flicksville United Church of Christ 1337 Lower South Main Street

Bangor, PA 18013 Pastor Ken Hess 610-588-4648 www.flicksvilleucc.com Adult Sunday School classes at 9:30 AM Worship at 10:45 AM following social distancing guidelines

God's Missionary Church of Northampton 4965 Nor. Bath Blvd (Rt 329). Northampton, PA

Sun- SS 9:30am, Service 10:30 & 7pm, Youth Service 6:30pm; Wed- Prayer Meeting 7:30pm. Rev. Rodney Keister. (610) 262-4412. http://GMC-N.com

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church,

2904 Church Rd. Martins Creek PA Sunday Worship Service 9:00 am. Adult Bible Study Following Worship. Pastor Louise Williams.

www.goodshepherdmc.com

Grace Lutheran Church 5907 Sullivan Trail, Nazareth

Tue. - 6:30pm Choir; Jan 20- 9am Service/Communion, 10:15am SS, 10:30am Confirmation/Adult Forum. (610) 759-9080, www.gracebelfast.org

Grace United Methodist 404 Mountain Ave., Pen Argyl

Sun.- 8:30am Contemporary, 10am Blended, 10am SS. Rev. J. Timothy Fisher. (610) 863-4811. www.worshipatgrace.org

Holy Trinity Orthodox Church 1501 Trinity Court, Stroudsburg

Divine Liturgy Sundays 9:30 AM; Vespers Saturday 6:30 PM. (570) 421-4455, www.holytrinitypoconos.org.

Hopesprings Community of Faith 301 Market Street, Bangor

Sun-Services 10am. Jonathan Almanzar, Lead Pastor. 855-INFO-HOPE. www.hopespringscommunity.org.

Hope UCC 2nd & Cherry St., Wind Gap

Sun- 10:30am Worship (Communion 1st Sunday of the month). All are welcome! SS 9:30 Sunday Morning. Pastor Emily B. Hall. (610) 863-4474

Living Waters Christian Church 396 Sterling Rd. Unit D, Tobyhanna

Thurs- 6pm Christian Edu Sun- 9:15am Christian Edu, 10:30am Worship. Rev. Dr. Jacqueline R. Walters 570-350-4710

Mt. Bethel Church A Church of the Lutheran Brethren 1270 Belvidere Cr. Rd, Mt. Bethel

Sun.- 8:30am Traditional Service, 11am Contemporary Service Visit our website www.mountbethelchurch.org or call (570) 897-7142 for info.

Our Lady of Good Counsel

436 South 2nd Street Bangor, PA 18013

Rectory (610) 588-5445 Parish Webside: www.ourladystvincent.com Mass Schedule Weekdays 8AM excluding Thursdays (See Church Website) Saturday 4 PM Sunday 8:30 AM Holy Days (See Church Website) Saturday Confessions 3:25-3:45 PM

Our Lady of Victory R.C. Church,

Tannersville, PA will hold a Free Community Dinner on Sunday, July 21st from 3pm to 4pm. They would appreciate your assistance in advertising this dinner without cost to the Church.

Portland Baptist Church 601 Delaware Ave., Portland

Sun-Sunday School 9am. Service 10:30am; Wed-Bible Study 10:30 with Prayer Meeting to follow. Elevator and rampsWe are handicap accessible with automatic doors, elevator and restroom. (570) 897-6866 www.portlandbaptistchurch.com

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 2445 Lake Minsi Dr., Bangor

Saturday Worship: 1st & 3rd 5:30 pm. Sunday School starts at 8:30am (September-May) Sunday Service- 9:45am Holy Communion is served weekly. All are welcome!

Richmond United Methodist Church 8538 Delaware Dr. Bangor

Palm Sunday, worship at 10:00 am. Maundy Thursday, Soup at 6:00 pm and Worship at 7:00 pm. Good Friday 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm for Personal Meditation, Devotion and Prayer Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am (followed by breakfast) Easter Traditional Worship 10:00 am Rev. Ed Van Arsdale 610-588-7317

Slate Belt Church 1620 Church Rd, Pen Argyl

(Across from the Wind Gap Middle School) www.slatebeltchurch.com Sun.- 9:30am SS, 10:30am Worship & Children's Church (nursery provided) 5:30pm Bible Study, Youth Group & Kids Program Pastor Steve Rebert 610-863-9274

St. Brigid's Episcopal Church, Nazareth.

Delete Sunday school Holy Eucharist @ 9:30 a.m. St. Brigid's Episcopal Church 310 Madison Avenue Nazareth, PA 18064 Phone: 610-746-3910 Fax: 610-746-4515

St. Elizabeth's Parish 300 West Babbitt Ave., Pen Argyl

Sun.- Masses 8am, 9:30am & 11am. Rev. Msgr. Vincent P. York. 610-863-4777

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran 12 N. Westbrook, Pen Argyl

Sun.- 8:45am SS, 10am Worship/Holy Communion. (610) 863-4332

St. Joseph's Episcopal 1440 Verona Dr., W. Bangor

Jan 20- Eucharist 11am; Christmas Eve Service 4pm. Rev Joel Atkinson. Coffee hour after service.

471 Belfast Rd., Nazareth (Belfast) SS 9am, Worship 10:30am. Rev. Cecelia

Baxter and Rev. Jameson Baxter. 610-759-0244. www.stlukesuccbelfast.com

St. Luke's U.C.C. Belfast

St. Mary's Episcopal 340 Lehigh St., Wind Gap

Sun.- service 9am. Coffee hour follows service. Rev. Joel Atkinson. Maundy Thursday Service will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Wind Gap at 5:30 P.M. Easter Morning Service will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church Wind Gap at 9:00 a.m.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran 1422 Church Rd, Pen Argyl

(610) 863-6859 Sunday Worship/Communion 8am and 10:15am; 9am SS www.stpetersplainfield.com

St. Vincent dePaul

720 Delaware Avenue Portland, PA 18351 Rectory (610) 588-5445 Mass Schedule Weekdays (at OLGC) Saturday 6 PM Sunday 10:30 AM Holy Days (See Church Website) Saturday Confessions 5:40-5:50 PM

The Pentecostal Christian **Church the Truth** (Iglesia Pentecostal La Verdad) 4 Jory Ave Pen Argyl

Sun.- Praver 14- Sunday School (Escuela Dominical) 12 noon, Praise & Worrship (Cuho Evanglistico) 1pm.

Temple Israel of the Poconos **Egalitarian Conservative Synagogue** 660 Wallace Street, Stroudsburg

Sabbath Services: Friday evening 7pm followed by a Traditional Oneg Shabbat. Saturday morning 9:30am followed by a traditional Kiddush. Dr. Sandra Alfonsi 570-223-7062.

Trinity United Church of Christ 632 S Delaware Dr. Mt Bethel Pa

18343 Sunday Worship 10:30 am SS and Confirmation 9:00 am Rev. Rodney Wells pastor

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran 404 Broadway, Bangor

Thur - Christian Ed 6:30pm, Choir 7:30pm; Jan 20- SS 9am, Worship/ Communion 10am. Pastor Laine. (610) 588-2023, www.tlcbangor.com.

Zion Presbyterian Church Water St., Wind Gap

Sun.- Rev. Albert Martin will be speaking at the 9:30am service. Children SS during the service. Visitors welcome. (610) 863-8896.

