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## Mission Of Love Food Bank Searves Over 200 Thanksgiving Meals



By Michael Ortoski

**BANGOR** - Pastor Frank Pons hosted his annual thanksgiving meals for the Slate Belt community last Wednesday at the Mission of Love Food Bank in Bangor.

He and his volunteers served over 200 meals to the community that showed up for take out only. Each person received a good portion of delicious turkey, mixed vegetables, sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy and a slice of punkin pie.

"There is a lot of prep time to serve that many meals, I thank all the volunteers who helped make this event a success" said Keith Miller Mission of Love head chef.

Adrian Fors from Waste Management called Pastor Frank and asked if she and other co-workers could come to the food bank and volunteer to help distribute the meals.

"I thank Waste Management for helping at our event every year, we wouldn't be able to serve this many people if it were not for the donation of a 42' freezer from them 5 years ago" said Pastor Frank.

The Food Bank will be breaking ground next month on an expansion of a 40' X 60' building with a grant from Northhampton County.

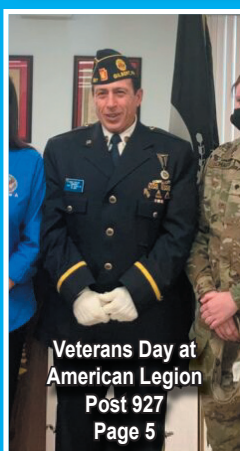
Mission of Love Food Bank serves the Slat Belt community every Tuesday at 555 North Main St., Bangor, 10am-12pm. All are invited Bilingual Services. Pastor Frank Pons. (570) 807-7794.



**Far Left - Keith Miller Mission of Love head chef, with volunteers from Waste Management preparing the meals for the annual Mission of Love Thanksgiving dinner**



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**State Senator Mario Scavello 2021 Greater Valley YMCA Y Champion Award**

## Greater Valley YMCA Hosts Inaugural Community Gala

By Kristen Fallon

**LEHIGH VALLEY** - The Greater Valley YMCA hosted its inaugural Community Gala presented by Lehigh Valley Health Network on Saturday, November 13, 2021, the event was held virtually to ensure the safety of all attendees.

The virtual celebration acknowledged community leaders' contributions to the YMCA's mission throughout the years. The gala fundraiser also featured a live and online auction. The online auction, featuring items from local shops, restaurants, and craft artisans.

The Greater Valley YMCA is pleased to announce the 2021 Greater Valley YMCA Y Champion Award recipients who have contributed to the betterment of the communities the YMCA serves:

- Pennsylvania State Senator Mario Scavello, Association Advocate supporting the Y's expansion projects, local families, and youth education programs
- Borough of Catasauqua for support of the Y's Summer Enrichment Program in Catasauqua
- City of Allentown for support of the Y's Essential Service Programs in Allentown
- Lehigh Township for support of the Y's Summer Day Camp Program in Lehigh Township

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