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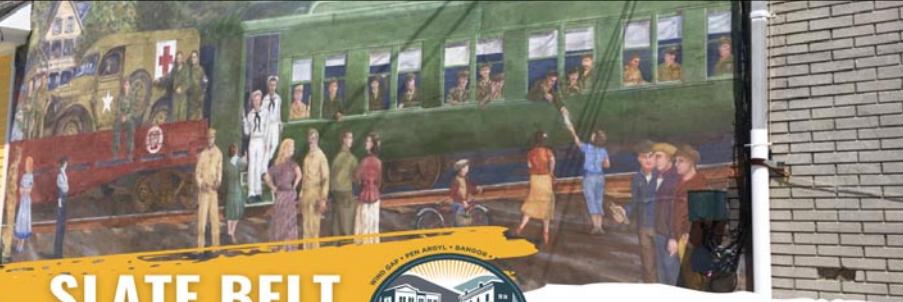
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## SLATE BELT RISING



### RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Residential and Commercial Façade Improvement Programs are designed to help improve the exterior appearance and condition of residential and commercial properties within the four boroughs. The program's goals are to maintain historical and architectural integrity, improve neighborhood appearance, and help property owners make exterior repairs to their homes or businesses while increasing property values for all borough residents.

#### ABOUT SLATE BELT RISING

Slate Belt Rising is a neighborhood revitalization initiative designed to integrate and capitalize on the substantial assets of the individual Slate Belt boroughs of Wind Gap, Pen Argyl, Bangor, and Portland. While Slate Belt Rising specifically targets these four boroughs, some initiatives promote development and coordination of services throughout the entire region.

More information is available on our website under the Services tab, including program guidelines and applications. Visit [slatebeltrising.org](http://slatebeltrising.org).

#### PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY ACTION

Community Action Lehigh Valley is an anti-poverty non-profit offering programs and services in Advocacy, Business Start-Up and Development, Food Access and Nutrition, Housing, Neighborhood Revitalization, and Youth.



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As we close out 2023, I want to send a note of thanks to our supporters and advocates for what you have helped us to accomplish.

Our Sixth Street Shelter program was able to provide apartments for over 50 families this year who were facing homelessness.

Second Harvest Food Bank distributed over 13.5 million pounds of food to those facing food insecurity. The Seed Farm, a program of the Second Harvest Food Bank, produced over 8,300 pounds of fresh vegetables which were distributed across a network of food pantries in six counties – Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne.

Community Action Homes completed 12 façade improvements to residential and commercial properties in Allentown and the Slate Belt, and launched the Whole-Home Repairs program, providing repairs to low-income homeowners to receive necessary home improvements to keep them safe and warm in their homes.

The Rising Tide Community Loan Fund provided over \$1.8 million in loans this year to start-up and established small businesses whose risk factors make it difficult to obtain funds from traditional lenders, but who inevitably make up the backbone of a thriving local economy.

We helped high school students get accepted into college through our Generation Next Program.

We helped people to purchase their first home through our Housing Counseling First-time Homeowner's Seminars.

We do great work! There are too many successes to list here, but there is always more work to be done. If you have not made your gift this year or would like to make an additional gift, please consider lending your support.

Wishing you a bright and peaceful new year,

Dawn Godshall  
 Executive Director

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