

# Welcome home!



Liri Albag, 19

Naama Levy, 20

Karina Arie, 20

Daniella Gilboa, 20



## 4 More Hostages Released

By Jewish Federation of The LV

LEHIGH VALLEY - As Shabbat ends, we are overjoyed as we welcome Liri Albag, Naama Levy, Karina Arie, and Daniella Gilboa home after an unimaginable 477 days held in Hamas captivity.

The four soldiers were taken hostage from a base near Kibbutz Nahal Oz, where they were serving as lookouts, and provided some of the earliest warnings of the October 7th attacks as they began.

This second release of hostages gives us hope that in the coming weeks, we will see continued hostage releases until every last one of the remaining 90 hostages are returned home to their families.

## Clean Team Workforce January Employee of the Month

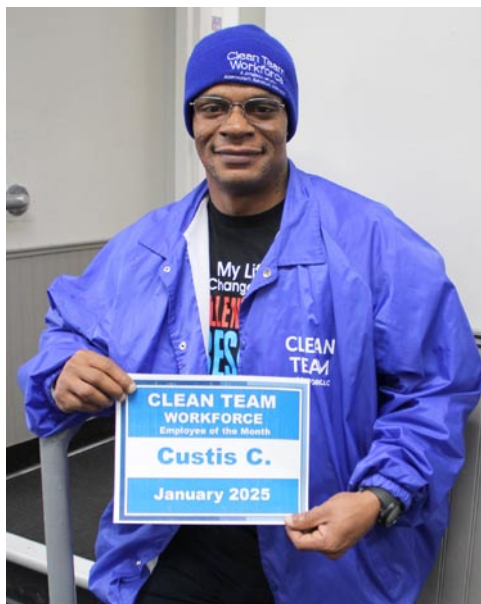
By Stefanie Appel

(ALLENTOWN, PA) - The Clean Team Workforce announces its Employee of the Month for January, Custis C. After being released from prison for selling drugs, Custis spent his free time racing radio-controlled (RC) battery-powered trucks. He learned everything he could about this type of racing. At one time, he had over 40 trucks, most of which he custom-built. However, his passion for racing turned into an obsession. His new addiction ruled his life in the same manner that drugs had earlier.

Custis spent his social security benefits on racing without thinking about how he would pay his rent. Unfortunately, his addiction led him to becoming homeless. Custis came to the Allentown Rescue Mission and immediately joined the Transformation Program. He knew in his heart that the Bible and life skills classes would help him change his life. Custis learned to let go of anger and frustration with things he couldn't control. He said, "All I had to do was 'drop the I' and give it over to God."

"Knowing God is in control, has made the difference for him. Custis also learned to budget his money in the program's finance classes. He reflected on his reckless spending and his addiction to racing and now realizes that controlling his finances will allow him to remain independent and live as a productive member of society."

Since graduating from the Transformation Program, Custis has been working for the Clean Team Workforce. Up until now, he didn't have any formal work experience. He admits most of his business activities were illegal, but he is embracing this opportunity. The enthusiasm and gratefulness that Custis exhibits working with the Clean Team Workforce brightens everyone's day. His happiness shines from within knowing that he is blessed with a new life, and he can be the person he always wanted to be. Congratulations, Custis, and best of luck in the future.



Debbie Pettinari  
Agent

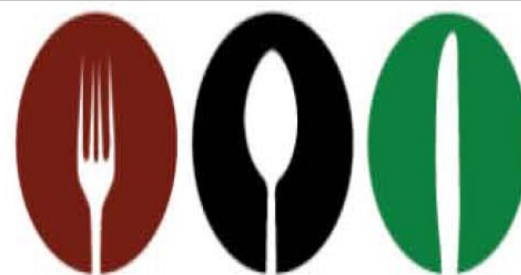
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