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Young at ART



Young at Art Returns with Demonstrations, Scholarships Free Family-Friendly Event Showcases Creative Learning

The Lehigh Valley Arts & Cultural Alliance announces the 5th annual Young at Art expo of creative learning. Young at Art is a celebration of the Lehigh Valley's many arts education programs for children, teens and families. The event takes place on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Penn State Lehigh Valley.

Admission is free and open to the public.

Young at Art is a one-stop shop for families to connect with creative experiences and arts programming in the Lehigh Valley. Children and teens will find inspiration by trying out new forms of creative expression and witnessing performances by their peers. Parents and caregivers can meet creative education providers and gather information about summer camps, classes and lessons.

The event features more than 20 exhibitors offering demonstrations, hands-on activities and performances. Young at Art represents a range of creative disciplines including visual arts, music, dance, theater, martial arts and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) education. Young at Art exhibitors for 2023 include The Baum School of Art, Da Vinci Science Center, Community Music School, Puertorrican Culture Preservation Association, Pennsylvania Youth Theatre, National Museum of Industrial History, ArtsQuest, Lehigh Valley Martial Arts and many more. This year, four \$100 scholarships funded by LVACA will be awarded to randomly-selected Young at Art attendees. The scholarships can be used towards programs offered by any of the presenting organizations.

Young at Art is supported in part by the Dexter F. and Dorothy H. Baker Foundation and the Harry C. Trexler Trust. For more information about the event, including a full list of exhibitors and opportunities to advertise or volunteer at the event, visit www.lvaca.org/young-at-art or email YoungAtArt@lvaca.org.

The Lehigh Valley Arts & Cultural Alliance is a nonprofit organization formed by a 2022 merger of the Lehigh Valley Arts Council and the Cultural Coalition of Allentown. LVACA carries forth the legacy of both organizations by serving the array of artists and arts organizations integral to the cultural life and vitality of our community.



The Allentown Rescue Mission's Clean Team Workforce Employee of the Month for February

By Stephnie Appel

(ALLENTOWN, PA) – The Allentown Rescue Mission congratulates its Clean Team Workforce Employee of the Month for February, James F. James worked for the Clean Team Workforce in 2015 after he graduated from the Transformation Program.

He remained employed by the Clean Team Workforce for almost a year to save money for rent and to secure a job at a restaurant in Allentown. James worked at the restaurant for nearly five years until the pandemic forced the restaurant to close.

Without a purpose, James fell into a deep depression. He couldn't pay for his room and needed to find somewhere else to stay. He was familiar with the Allentown Rescue Mission from his prior stay but felt as though going back would be a failure. After wrestling with the idea, he decided to come back to the Mission so that he wouldn't be dependent on other people.

James re-entered the Transformation Program where he learned to better understand his past and how it contributes to his present decisions and circumstances.

He also learned how to be open to new situations, and although he enjoyed being in the program, James longed to work again. He started working for the Clean Team Workforce as a driver in August 2022.

James transported men to their jobs and was also in charge of his own crew doing off-site landscaping jobs. When a position became available in the Food Service Department at the Allentown Rescue Mission, James took the job. He prepares food, accepts and organizes food donations, and helps coordinate the tasks of other men in the department.

Around the Mission, James is known for the great salads he makes for lunch and dinner. James has already saved enough money working for the Clean Team Workforce to rent an apartment. He currently lives on his own and works part-time for the Food Service Department, but is interested in working full-time should a permanent position become available. James is a hard worker and shows up every day ready to go. The Allentown Rescue Mission is proud to have James as its February employee of the month.