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The Morning Call Names Barry Isett & Associates the #1 Top Workplace Among Medium-Sized Employers for 2026

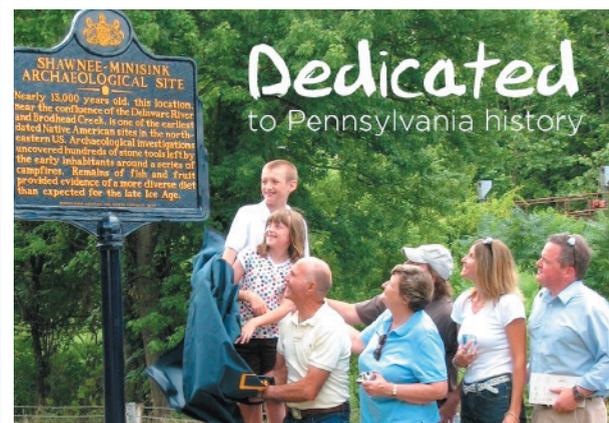
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ALLENTOWN, PA, – Barry Isett & Associates (Isett) has been named a Top Workplace by The Morning Call for the 14th consecutive year, earning a milestone distinction in 2026 as the #1 ranked medium-sized business (125–499 employees) in the Lehigh Valley.

The Top Workplaces award is based entirely on feedback from associates collected through an anonymous, third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner Energage, LLC. The confidential survey measures key aspects of the employee experience, including feeling respected and supported, enabled to grow, and empowered to execute.

“This recognition is incredibly meaningful because it comes directly from our associates,” said Andrew Lawler, President & COO of Isett. “Being named a Top Workplace for 14 consecutive years, and ranked number one this year, is a testament to our people

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Nominate a Historic Site in Your Community!

By Senator Lisa Boscola

SLATE BELT - The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) has opened the 2026 nomination cycle for the Pennsylvania Historical Marker Program! Communities across PA are encouraged to help identify and elevate the stories that shaped local history and our nation's history. These markers are particularly important this year as Pennsylvania takes center stage for America's 250th anniversary!

Historic Site There are more than 2,500 blue-and-gold markers already installed in all 67 counties making Pennsylvania's Historical Marker Program one of the Commonwealth's most visible ways residents and visitors connect to the people, places, and events that define Pennsylvania's role as the "Keystone of American History." For nearly 80 years, the historical markers have commemorated the diverse narratives that shaped our Commonwealth.

This year's nomination cycle builds on recent improvements PHMC made to make the marker program more accessible and supportive for applicants, particularly *Continued on page 18*

Four-time Olympian, Joetta, Emcees 14th Annual "A Night Under the Stars" Gala

By Executive Director Paula Albanese

BETHLEHEM, PA. - Life House Held their gala at Musikfest Café at SteelStacks, the event supports pregnant women and mothers of infants experiencing homelessness in the Lehigh Valley, where family homelessness has risen 51%.

Joetta, an Olympian, author, and wellness advocate, will serve as emcee for an evening that includes a powerful resident testimonial, an award presentation, and the signature Cake Auction featuring more than 20 local artisan bakeries.

Media are invited to attend. Interviews with Joetta, Executive Director Paula Albanese, and program residents are available.

Four-time Olympian, motivational speaker, author, and authority on wellness, Joetta, will emcee Cay Galgon Life House's 14th Annual Gala, "A Night Under the Stars," a signature fundraising event supporting pregnant women and mothers of infants experiencing homelessness in the Lehigh Valley.

The gala featured dinner, live entertainment, the Guardian Angel Award presentation, and the popular Cake Auction showcasing over 20 local bakeries. Attendees will heard firsthand from a Life House resident whose journey demonstrates the life-changing impact of stable housing and support services.



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