

Valley Youth House Raises Over \$304,000, Auctions Off Custom Martin Guitar Signed By Rod Stewart

By Sarah Pammer

Allentown, PA (3/19/2026) - Valley Youth House's Setting the Stage with Rod Stewart event raised \$304,000 to support youth and families in the Greater Lehigh Valley region. The evening began with a reception at Allentown's Renaissance Hotel, during which community leaders and Valley Youth House alumni shared remarks highlighting the crucial work carried out each and every day at the agency.

Chris Martin [Executive Chairman, C.F. Martin & Co., Inc.] and Thomas Ripsam [President & CEO, C.F. Martin & Co., Inc.] were recognized as the event's Distinguished Honorees. Co-Chairs Vicki Doulé [Lehigh Valley Executive Vice President, Community Impact & Market Development, Capital Blue Cross], Laurie Hackett [Corporate and Community Relations, Air Products], Matthew Kenendy [Director of Custom Shop Sales, Administration, and Support, C.F. Martin & Co., Inc.], and Ken Telfort [Corporate Vice President, Business Process Excellence, B. Braun Medical, Inc.] were also recognized for their leadership of this event.

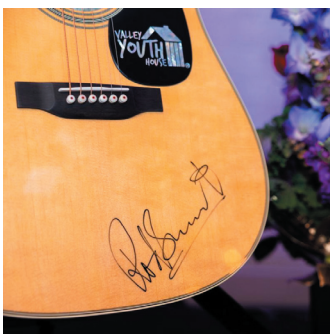
During the reception, we also auctioned off a custom-made D-28 Martin Guitar with a Valley Youth House mother-of-pearl inlay custom pickguard! The D-28 was fully crafted and donated by C.F. Martin & Co., Inc. It is a one-of-a-kind instrument that had a signature on its body by: Rod Stewart.

Guests were deeply moved during a speech given by Destiny Jarnagin. Destiny, who is currently a Life Skills Case Manager & Family Advocate for Valley Youth House, was also our Setting the Stage youth speaker nearly a decade ago when she was a member of our Adolescents Achieving Independence (AAI) Program. "I came into foster care when I was fourteen with my brother and five other siblings. You could say my life felt like a leaf in a wind storm," she said. "Last October, a dream beyond reality happened when I was hired at Valley Youth House. Many of my clients are still in foster care or have experienced homelessness. With your support, we are able to

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L-R Tara Zrinski [County Executive, Northampton County], Ken Telfort, Thomas Harrington [President and Executive Director, Valley Youth House], Matthew Kennedy C.F. Martin & Co., Inc., Chris Martin [Executive Chairman, C.F. Martin & Co., Inc.], Thomas Ripsam [President & CEO, C.F. Martin & Co., Inc.], Vicki Doulé, kathryn M. Brown, Destiny Jarnagin, Valley Youth House, and Christina J. Schoemaker [Senior Vice President of Advancement, Valley Youth House].



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St. Luke's University Health Network Match Day 2026

By Sam Kennedy

Lehigh Valley - Match Day marks one of the most emotional and defining milestones in a physician's journey. At exactly noon today, medical students across the country opened envelopes that revealed where they will spend the next several years training as resident physicians. For students, families, mentors and colleagues, it is a moment years in the making, featuring equal parts anticipation, relief, pride and joy.

That energy filled the Iacocca Conference Center at Lehigh University on Friday as 38 fourth-year students from the Temple/St. Luke's School of Medicine gathered with loved ones for the 2026 Match Day celebration. This year, 13 Temple/St. Luke's students matched into residency programs at St. Luke's, continuing the Network's strong tradition of training and retaining exceptional physicians.

Among them was Michael Cardiges of Fogelsville, PA, whose Match Day moment carried special meaning. Michael matched into the St. Luke's Internal Medicine Residency at the Anderson

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Michael Cardiges of Fogelsville, PA, with his parents. Michael's Match Day moment carried special meaning. Michael matched into the St. Luke's Internal Medicine Residency at the Anderson Campus, following in the footsteps of his father, Dr. Nicholas Cardiges, who has served as a radiation oncologist at St. Luke's for more than 30 years.

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