

Pinebrook Family Answers Elects Kathleen Trimble As New Chief Executive Officer

By Pinebrook Family Answers

ALLENTOWN, PA - We at Pinebrook Family Answers Board of Directors has appointed Kathleen Trimble as our new Chief Executive Officer, effective immediately.

Many of you already know Kathy through her long-standing leadership within Pinebrook. Over the past several months, she has guided our organization with steadiness, compassion, and clarity as Interim CEO. Her deep understanding of our programs, her commitment to trauma-informed care, and her heart for the Lehigh Valley make her the right leader for this moment and for our future.

"This transition carries deep meaning for our community," said Jane Brooks, Board Chair of Pinebrook Family Answers. "Following the unexpected passing of our former CEO, Mike Shaffer, earlier this year, Pinebrook has continued to be guided by the values he championed — compassion, integrity, and an unwavering dedication to strengthening families. Kathy's leadership honors that legacy while moving us forward with clarity and purpose."

Kathy has been a key member of Pinebrook's leadership team for more than 13 years, beginning her tenure as Director of Development and assuming increasing responsibility over time, most recently serving as Chief Operating Officer. In these roles, she has strengthened organizational systems, supported program growth, and helped ensure that Pinebrook's services remain responsive, trauma-informed, and community-centered.

A graduate of Lehigh University, Trimble entered the nonprofit sector after owning and operating Duggan Resources, LLC, a search and placement firm specializing in finance and investment banking. A resident of the Lehigh Valley for more than 30 years and an active community leader, she has served as Interim CEO since January. Her steady leadership, deep institutional knowledge, and strong commitment to Pinebrook's mission have positioned the organization for continued stability and growth during a time of transition.

"I am honored to serve Pinebrook Family Answers in this role," Kathy shared. "Our staff, partners, and supporters are extraordinary. Together, we will continue providing the compassionate, high-quality services that children, adults, and families rely on every day."

We are grateful for your continued support as we move into this next chapter — one grounded in stability, hope, and the mission that has guided Pinebrook for more than 50 years. Thank you for being part of our community.



Blue Mountain Community Library Receives \$10,000 grant

By Jill Silvius

PEN ARGYL - The BMCL has been selected to participate in the final round of "Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities," an American Library Association (ALA) initiative that provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities. The competitive award comes with a \$10,000 grant that will help the library install a stairlift. "We are thrilled to be chosen for this grant, which will allow us to greatly expand community access to the library's 2nd-floor resources: the juvenile and young adult circulating and reference collections and our 'Book Nook' in which books and other materials are always for sale and, as such, is a critical ongoing fundraiser," said Library Manager Jill Silvius. As part of the grant, the library will host an open conversation with residents about its proposed use of the grant funds; the date of the conversation will be announced soon.

"Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities" is an initiative of the American Library Association (ALA) in collaboration with the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL).

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month. A huge thank you to the library's dedicated volunteers. The library is in need of more adult volunteers for all shifts. This is a great opportunity to serve the community and meet like-minded individuals! Commitment involves just 4.5 hours each month. No special skills are required. All training is provided. Pick up an application at the circulation desk.

Stop in today to see our new mascot: a beautiful little blue fish! Thank you to Waters Edge Aquarium for donating him and to an anonymous donor for donating his bowl, food, and supplies. Through April 30, everyone can vote for his name.

Try the new scavenger hunt for children, with lots of new prizes in the prize basket - plus a scavenger hunt for adults and young adults! Deadline is April 30, with a prize drawn from all correct entries. A silent auction will be held through May 6. We have many great Mother's Day gifts. Library membership is not required to bid.

The library is located at 216 S. Robinson Ave. in Pen Argyl. Open hours are Monday-Saturday 10am-12pm and Monday and Thursday 6-8pm. Questions? Call 610-863-3029 or email info@bmcl.org.

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