

## Preparing for America's 250th Anniversary

By State Rep. Ann Flood

I enjoyed attending the Semiquincentennial Bell Dedication at the Allentown Liberty Bell Semiquincentennial Site, a meaningful event recognizing Pennsylvania's important role in our nation's history as we prepare to celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

The Liberty Bell's journey to Allentown in 1777 and its secret protection inside Zion's Reformed Church remain powerful reminders of the courage and determination that helped shape our country during the fight for independence.

I am grateful to everyone involved in bringing this project to life and helping preserve these stories for future generations through educational programs, exhibits, and historical displays that will inspire visitors from across the Commonwealth and beyond.

I was pleased to be joined by Congressman Ryan Mackenzie for this special occasion honoring the history and heritage that continue to unite our communities.



## New Partnership Strengthens Access to Critical Resources

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On Friday, I had the opportunity to visit Bloom for Women's Retreat Center in Easton for a discussion on the PA 211 Fellowship Program and a growing partnership with PA 211 and the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

This innovative workforce development program is creating meaningful employment opportunities for survivors while strengthening access to critical community resources across our region. By connecting survivor-centered employment with PA 211's statewide referral network, this effort is expanding pathways to stability and long-term independence.

We also discussed the importance of collaboration in meeting community needs and how partnerships like this can make a real difference in connecting individuals to housing, health care and other essential services.

It was a valuable conversation about impact, opportunity and the power of working together to support people across the Lehigh Valley. Thank you to everyone involved for their leadership and commitment to this important work!

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