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Via Receives \$157,750 in Donations for EITC Scholarship Program

BETHLEHEM, PA – Via of the Lehigh Valley is happy to announce that it received \$157,750 in EITC tax credit funds from 14 local businesses. These funds will provide scholarships to teens attending Camp Via and children attending Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten at Lehigh Children’s Academy.

The following businesses have donated through the PA EITC tax credit program: American Bank, \$6,500; AmerisourceBergen Services, \$10,000; Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits, \$4,740; Capital Blue Cross, \$25,000; Embassy Bank, \$35,000; Fidelity Bank, \$3,500; Mid Penn Bank, \$6,000; Philadelphia Indemnity, \$10,000; QNB, \$2,500; The Yurconic Agency, \$15,000; Truist, \$18,000; UGI Utilities, \$1,000; UPMC Health Plan, \$13,000; Weis Markets, \$5,000; and Yocco’s, Inc., \$2,500.

The Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. Established in 2001, the EITC and OSTC programs award tax credits to businesses that make contributions to approved Scholarship Organizations, Pre-K Scholarship Organizations and Opportunity Scholarship Organizations. Camp Via and Lehigh Children’s Academy are approved for these programs.

“High-quality education programs are crucial to long-term success in school and life,” said Jerry Somers, chairman of Via’s Board of Directors. “We thank these businesses for their generous support through the Pennsylvania EITC program to Camp Via and Lehigh Children’s Academy.”

About Via of the Lehigh Valley

Serving our community since 1952, Via helps people reach their full potential. In a typical year, Via provides services to 1,250 children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities living in Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Bucks and Berks counties. Services for adults and teens include vocational exploration, community employment, educational activities, volunteer, and recreational opportunities. For young children, services include early intervention therapies and inclusive education. Visit www.ViaNet.org to learn more about Via’s services.

Lehigh Children’s Academy, a service of Via of the Lehigh Valley, provides high quality, nurturing care, and education for young children ages six week to six years, and provides before and after school care for school age children. Learn more at www.LehighChildrensAcademy.com.

Camp Via is for teens and young adults, ages 12-21, with varying disabilities. Via provides instruction on a variety of skills to help participants achieve personal goals.

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