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Meeting Critical Needs with Partnerships and Hope

St Luke's University Health Network has cared for generations of Lehigh Valley families, providing medical services they can trust and depend on. Now, thanks to exciting new partnerships, St. Luke's is expanding to address emerging needs—providing more services to help people recover from addiction and access the mental health care they need to live lives of hope and possibility.

Philanthropy supports this important work, and we are so grateful for your involvement. Together, we are strengthening communities and helping more people every day!

Warranty.



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Stronger Together

This summer, leaders from the Penn Foundation received some very encouraging news just weeks after giving the St. Luke's Network a \$3.8 million grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to significantly expand mental health and substance abuse services.

The award is the largest in Penn Foundation's history and demonstrates the power of partnership—all leaders from St. Luke's and Penn Foundation were collaborating on this grant months before the major task phase. More than 17,000 individuals will benefit over the next two years as our community works to ensure people receive the help they need.

[Hope on the Horizon](#)



Philanthropy is a Family Affair

Mark Lieberman trusted St. Luke's for his care throughout his stand-out wrestling career at Lehigh University. Since then, Mark and his wife Debbie haven't looked anywhere else when it came to the health of their loved ones.

Wanting to make a difference for the organization they so helped raise their family, the Liebemanns—through their family foundation, and in partnership with their daughter, Maria Lieberman Smiley, Ph.D., Neuroscience Education Coordinator at St. Luke's—announced a generous gift that will help transform the care of patients in the St. Luke's Eisenhower Campus Neuro Intensive Care Unit.

[A Dream to Give Back](#)



Caring for All Communities

In recent years, philanthropy helped St. Luke's establish a new residency program to train more physicians to serve rural communities—which are experiencing increasing difficulty attracting physicians. The program is based in Schuylkill County and recently celebrated a milestone when the first two graduates, Sonya Erzogan, MD and Christine Lee, MD, stepped forward to receive their diplomas in a special outdoor ceremony at Galen Glen Winery.

[A Commitment to Change](#)



We'll Provide the Corks

Please raise your glass in support of Corks & Forks, benefiting the Mountain Center Primary Care Clinic in Tobyhanna that will help improve care for low- and moderate-income families. Now in its 8th year, the event will once again be held virtually as we continue to experience uncertainty around holding large in-person gatherings. We have created some fun and helpful options, so you can support this worthwhile project and enjoy fine wine from Blue Ridge Estate Winery and Vineyard.

[Enjoy the Tasting](#)



Celebrating Partnerships

Join us on October 21, 2021 for the Autumn Hope-A-Thon—St. Luke's Penn Foundation's general fund-raiser featuring a luncheon and online auction! You'll be inspired and entertained as we celebrate the Power of Partnership. Together, we can positively impact the lives of those seeking mental health and addiction treatment. Thanks to our friends at WFMZ-TV Channel 69 News, the luncheon will be held at their studio and livestreamed on WFMZ.com from 4:00-6:00 p.m. ET.

[Give HOPE](#)

COVID-19 Resources and Vaccine Updates

Vaccination is our best shot to defeat COVID-19 and get back to normal. St. Luke's is now offering a third dose of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for immunocompromised patients. To learn more about ways to easily schedule an appointment, click on the link below or call 1-866-377-2323 (TUE-THU 9-5:30, SAT 9-1).

You can also find the latest details about COVID-19 variants, important information for adolescents, and vaccine FAQs.

[Find Resources](#)

CARES Act Tax Incentives Extended

The CARES (Economic Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act was passed in 2020 to offer relief to individuals, businesses, and nonprofits impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of the most recent stimulus package, a few of these provisions were extended (and, in one case, increased) into 2021.

Knowing about these tax advantages early can help you plan for your 2021 charitable contributions.

[What This Means for You](#)



St. Luke's Development Office lives where the network's mission through philanthropy. Your support allows us to deliver personalized care for patients, difference every day, for every patient.

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