## A season of giving ...

#### A&T Subaru donates 132 children's winter coats

In Bucks County, approximate-ly 41,406 people live in poverty – 10,996 of them are children. When money is tight, families often do without. That is why A&T Subaru in Sellersville is once again partnering with the Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation for Driving Away the Cold. A&T Subaru has increased their donation to 132 new winter children's coats for the Bucks County Opportunity Council County Opportunity Council (BCOC) to distribute to local

(BCOC) to distribute to local children in need. Started in 2008 by the Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation, Driving Away the Cold is a philanthropic initiative with one important mission: to



provide new winter coats to underprivileged children living in the five-county region of Philadelphia. This year, 180 local

auto dealers and the Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundation are donating more than 50,000 brandnew coats.

Staff, scientists, students and entrepre-Staff, scientists, students and entrepre-neurs within the PA Biotechnology Center in Doylestown donated nonper-ishable food items and monetary dona-tions to help feed local community members in need. Students in the Masters of Biomedical Sciences pro-gram at the Biotechnology Center and Moody Movers of Doylestown were partners in the annual holiday food drive, sponsored by the Hepatitis B Foundation.

#### Biotech Center's holiday food drive collects 770 items

For the 11th consecutive year the staff, scientists, students and entrepreneurs located within the PA Biotechnology Center in Doylestown donated non-perish-able food items and monetary donations to help feed local com-munity members in near munity members in need.

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Foundation and the overwhelm-ing generosity of all the individ-uals resulted in 770 food items plus cash and gift card donations totaling \$1,195 for the Bucks County Housing Group food partry pantry

Students in a Masters of Biomedical Sciences program at the Biotechnology Center,

The students solicited donations, while Moody Movers donated a truck and drivers to transport the food to the pantry.

#### Univest awards \$5,000 to Logan's Heroes Animal Rescue

Logan's Heroes Animal Rescue was the winner of Univest Corporation's sixth annual Caring for Community Giveaway, a contest that awards \$5,000 to a local, non-

for Community Giveaway, a contest that awards \$5,000 to a local, non-profit organization. The mission of Logan's Herces is to rescue homeless, neglected and abused animals and place them into lifelong homes while placing an emphasis on the human-animal rela-tionship and its ability to help heal those who need it most. Logan's Herces plans to use the money for additional fencing and pasture to support their expansion into rescuing horses. Those horses will become part of a RESTT Program (Rescue Equines Symbiotic Therapy and Training), which will be put into place to help veterans and first responders and their families. Nonprofit groups were nominat-ed for the prize by the public through Univers's Facebook and Twitter pages. Logan's Herces was and furit reages.

Twitter pages. Logan's Heroes was randomly selected from more than



Logan's Heroes Animal Rescue was selected as the recipient of Univest's \$5,000 Caring for Community Giveaway. From left are: Kim Detwiler, senior vice president and director of corporate communica-tions, Univest Corporation; Claudette Baringer, board member, Logan's Heroes; Kelly Kalb, board member, Logan's Heroes; Chris Baringer, president and founder. Logan's Heroes; and Nicole Heverly, public relations and social media manager, Univest Corporation.

8,500 entries representing more than 150 local nonprofit organiza-tions. Previous winners of the Caring for Community Giveaway

### Rug hooking guild supports victims of domestic violence

Members of the Hunterdon County Rug Artisans Guild collect-ed clothing for women and children escaping from domestic violence in Hunterdon County, N.J. The guild coordinates its efforts with The Consignment Shop of Flemington, a nonprofit store that supports victims of domestic vio-lence in the county.

lence in the county.

The guild augmented its clothing gifts with \$736 raised by raffling donated and handcrafted items

made by guild members. Mary Passerello and Dianna Liberto of Flemington, N.J., con-Liberto tributed hand-dyed woolen scarves, Sharon Ballard of Lebanon, N.J., Sharon Baharo of Lebanon, N.J., donated a seasonal table runner, Jan and Fred Cole of Emmaus provided hand-dyed and as-is wool sets, Connie Bateman of Allentown and Leanne Sitler of Kunketown contributed a velvet, wool, and orna-ment basket, Therese Shick (of



Annandale, N.J.,) donated an appliquéd covered box, a hooked Christmas stocking, a holiday cen-terpiece, and a small hooked holiday runner, and Ellen DiClemente of Flemington, N.J., donated fruit, craft, kitchen/tea and holiday wrap gift baskets

Chris Vogel, manager of The Consignment Shop, thanked the guild for its support. The money raised from the raffle was designat-

# St. Paul's donates \$13,400 to Bucks church members for a two-day house tour. Included in the cost of a ticket is also holiday tea and entrance to the Christmas Attic tag sale. This year, 975 tickets were sold, resulting in the largest Christmas fundraiser to date, and one half of the profits were donat-ed to the Bucks County Housing Group.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Doylestown presented a gift of \$13,400 to Bucks County Housing Group at the church's 10 a.m. service on Sunday, Jan. 14. The funds were raised as a result of St. Paul's annual Christmas in Doylestown event on Dec. 1 and 2. Four homes in Doylestown Borough are decorat-ed each year by committees of

Bucks Opportunity Council receives nity Council receive. KeyBank is helping Bucks County residents who own mobile homes to make much needed repairs. Ideally these repairs will also enable the homes to be eligible for the Department of Energy's weath-erization program to improve ener-gy efficiency and reduce energy costs. While state and federal pro-grams exist for housing preserva-tion, mobile homes on non-owned land are ineligible for any subsi-dized housing preservation finds.

KeyBank Foundation has award-ed a \$50,000 grant to the Bucks County Opportunity Council (BCOC) to start a housing preser-vation program for low-income homeowners living in mobile homes. homes. The

homes. The two-year KeyBank Foundation grant will be used for necessary repairs to 20 to 25 house-holds and is part of the foundation's focus on supporting neighbors. By partnering with BCOC,

Housing Group

This is the 25th year that St. Paul's has shared its income with the Housing Group (since 1993). The money goes to support the Doylestown shelter for various needs of local homeless families. For example, the first year the gift was used to buy a computer for the residents. Profits were also used to help BCHG recover from a fire approximately 10 years ago.

\$50,000 grant: In Bucks County, there are more than 4,800 mobile homes and 95 percent sit on non-owned land. This BCOC program, supported by KeyBank, will begin to address this significant gap for low-income res-idents who own mobile homes in Bucks County. BCOC's new Mobile Home Housing Preservation Program will use existing federal and state stan-dards to select qualifying home-owners.

owners.

### A Woman's Place receives grant

A Wollian's Place of Bucks County is the recipient of a \$20,000 unrestricted grant donated by The Mary Kay Foundation is named after Mary Kay Ash, founder of Mary Kay Ash, founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc. Local independent directors and Censultants nominated A Woman's Place for the grant.

The Mary Kay Foundation awarded \$20,000 grants to 150 domestic violence shelters across the U.S., Guam and Puerto Rico. The Mary Kay Ash Foundation was created in 1996. The mission is twofold: To fund research of can-cere affection warmen and to halp

cers affecting women and to help prevent domestic violence while raising awareness of the issue.



From left: A Woman's Place staff and Mary Kay directors and con-sultants Jen Storer, Gerry Schmidt, Anita Campbell, Tammy Oliver, Marie Costello, Lyn Haney, Marnie Yunger, Carole Ziegler, Jesse Steel, Gloria Walker and Susan Ehrnstrom.

#### Special Equestrians receives Commonwealth Foundation grant

Special Equestrians therapeutic riding center recently received a \$15,000 grant from the Commonwealth National Foundation, a nonprofit charitable foundation formed in 1999 by members of the Commonwealth National Golf Club. The funds were donated to sup-port and grow Special Equestrians' (SE) programming for children and adults with dis-abilities. SE provides therapeutic horse-

abilities. SE provides therapeutic horse-back riding and other equine-assisted experiences that offer proven physical, emotional, and cognitive benefits for participants. These life-changing equine-assisted therapies are offered to anyone who can benefit from them, regardless of their ability to pay light percent of SE participay. Eighty percent of SE partici-pants are children and 30 percent require financial assistance to par-



Brett Rhode Commonwealth National Foundation stands with therapy horse Sonja at the Special Equestrians facility in Warrington where he presented a \$15,000 foundation grant to the organization.

ticipate. Community support like that from Commonwealth helps fulfill the Special Equestrians mission

Fran and Maria Young present their donation to Family Service Association while holding a photo of Lauren Nicole Young.

one for students, and they may be more comfortable receiving coun-seling and substance abuse treat-ment in the school setting rather

than at an outpatient facility

#### Family Service program receives gift

Family Service pro The Young family recently deliv-rered a 515.000 gift on behalf of the fauren Nicole Young Memorial Fund to Family Service Association of Bucks County in support of its School-Based Counseling program. Tamily Service has partnerships with 20 schools across eight school districts to provide counseling for the schools they attend each day. The gift from the Lauren Nicole Young Memorial Fund will be used specifically to provide middle and high school students with mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment in an effort to reduce drug and alcohol abuse from curring. Because most adolescents spend a significant part of each day in a school buildine Family Service's

a significant part of each day in a school building, Family Service's school-based program provides a convenient option for families, making it easy to access services and treatment. In addition, the school environment is a familiar

on Dec. 13. The Sure-Hands Body Support

Lift, which will be mounted in the indoor arena on Ivy Hill's ADA-

compliant mounting ramp, will pro-vide a safe and secure way for immobile and mobility-impaired

riders to be mounted and unmount-ed on the back of a therapy horse without the fear or danger of injury to rider, horse or staff.

while also developing new rela-tionships within their communi-

ties. Each volunteer mentor "Big meets with his or her "Little" two

meets with his or her "Little" two to three times per month, doing a wide range of activities together. Research has shown that children

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than at an outpatient facility. To learn more about School-Based Counseling, visit fsabc.org/school or contact Remi Freeman, clinical supervisor of behavioral health, at 215-757-6916 x110 or rfreeman@fsabc.org. Ivy Hill receives grant for support lift

Hance said. "The installation of a Sure Hands Body Support Lift removes the threat of injury and overcomes the physical barriers that create exclusion and limit inclusive participation." Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center's riders include those indi-viduals with diagnoses of autism, geilepsy, developmental delay, cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, traumatic

cerebrai palsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, traumatic brain injury, traumatic accident, stroke and genetic birth defects, and serves vulnerable populations of seniors, women, children and veter-ans. Tvy Hill's mission is to create therapeutic programs for individu-als with cognitive, physical, emo-tional, behavioral and psychologi-cal needs utilizing the equine expe-rience.

cal needs utilizing the equine expe-rience. To support the programs at Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center, to volunteer, sponsor a horse or a rider, make a donation or for infor-mation, visit www.ivyhillequestri an.org, email Hance at mstrychowski@vyhillequestrian.org, or call 215-822-2515.

## to rider, horse or staff. Program Director Megan Hance explained that as a therapeutic equine program and community center, it is imperative that all clients, visitors, employees and vol-unters have total access to use of Ivy Hill's facility and horses. "Nowhere is this more important than in the service of our most chal-lenged community members," Grant for Hispanic Mentoring Initiative The Concast Foundation has awarded Big Brothers Big Sisters of Bucks County (BBBSBC) a \$25,000 grant to support its Hispanic Mentoring Initiative, a community-based mentoring pro-gram which encourages Latino children to embrace their cultures, while also develoning new rela-

with mentors are more motivated academically, develop healthier relationships with their family and peers, and are less likely to skip school or use drugs and alcohol. The simple act of having a consis-tent adult, who reinforces positive decision-making, has been chang-ing lives and communities for more than 100 years. Every volun-teer is carefully screened, and receives ongoing training and sup-port by staff, for as long as the match is together. The goal is to help each Little in the program to grow and be successful. grow and be successful

\$50,000 grant

ed to go to the Safe House operated by Safe in Hunterdon.

were Hope Against Heroin, St. Isidore School, The Grannie Project, Vets for Vets and the Bucks County SPCA.

Hunterdon County Rug

At a time when the nation's particu-lar attention is focused on harassment and assault of women, the guild once again wiskes to support victims in order to break the extremely grave cycle of domestic violence," said Weezie Huntington, guild co-president

Artisans Guild Officers Ellen DiClemente, vice president, membership, and Weezie Huntington, Ivy Hill Therapeutic Equestrian Center, located at 1811 Mill Road in Perkasie, was awarded a \$100 Capital Improvement Grant for the installation of a Sure-Hands Body Support Lift from Foundations Community Partnership. The award was presented by FCP Executive Director Ron Bernstein on Dec. 13. Jan and Fred Cole copresidents, stand with clothing collected for domestic violence victims.

"We are very pleased to be able to help in such a meaningful way.

violence," said We guild co-president.

# offered jointly by Geisinger School of Medicine and the Baruch S. Blumberg Institute, and Moody Movers of Doylestown were also partners in the annual holiday food drive. The students solicited donations