



Making A Difference Of Lebanon, PA

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER

SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST 2025

Attention all Lebanon County High School Seniors!

We are excited to offer three - \$1000 scholarships for high school seniors in Lebanon County. This contest aims to support and encourage students as they pursue their higher education goals.

We strongly encourage all eligible students to apply for this scholarship and take advantage of this opportunity to ease the financial burden of higher education.

"We are excited to offer these opportunities to our community," said Cornell Wilson, President. "We believe that fostering creativity and supporting education are essential to building a vibrant and thriving community. We look forward to seeing the incredible talent and passion of our participants."

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SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST 2025

Our local non-profit, which focuses on service and education, will award three \$1000 scholarships to graduating Lebanon County high school seniors who are preparing to further their education at a private institution, public university, or trade school.

To apply, a completed application along with a brief essay must be submitted by the deadline of April 1st at midnight.

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Information and application can be found at: www.makingadifferenceoflebanonpa.org



The winners will be revealed and will receive their scholarship award during the Making A Difference of Lebanon, PA Annual Awards and Appreciation Reception on May 8th.



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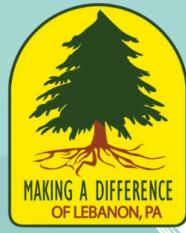
President's Corner



There are times when it seems like there's nothing for children to do. I empathize with parents' worries, which is why I've compiled a list of at least 20 activities that a child can engage in or take part in.

20 Positive Things Youth can do or get involved with in Lebanon County

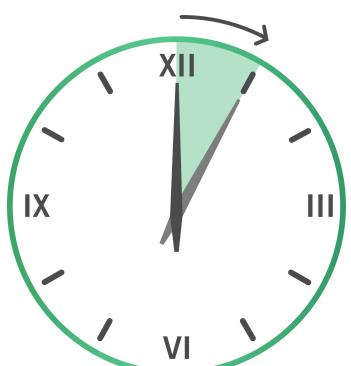
- 1 Attend events held by Making A Difference of Lebanon, PA
- 2 Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and church Youth Groups
- 3 Sports year round at school or clubs
- 4 Martial Arts Classes
- 5 Community Events
- 6 Theater, Art, Dance Classes, and Music Lessons
- 7 YMCA or Gym
- 8 Local Libraries, Reading, and Poetry
- 9 Local Playgrounds
- 10 Coleman Memorial Park or South Hills Park
- 11 Skate Park or Roller Skate
- 12 Gymnastics classes
- 13 Open Mic Night
- 14 Coffee House
- 15 Read with a Cop
- 16 Go on Macaroni Kid
- 17 Swimming
- 18 Rail Trail-Biking and Walking
- 19 4-H, nature clubs, fishing and hiking
- 20 Attend events held by groups like Friends of Coleman Memorial Park, NICK services, CLA or other nonprofit groups



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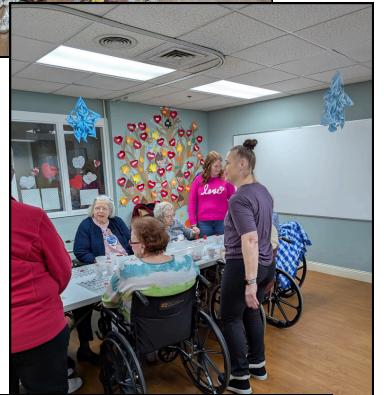
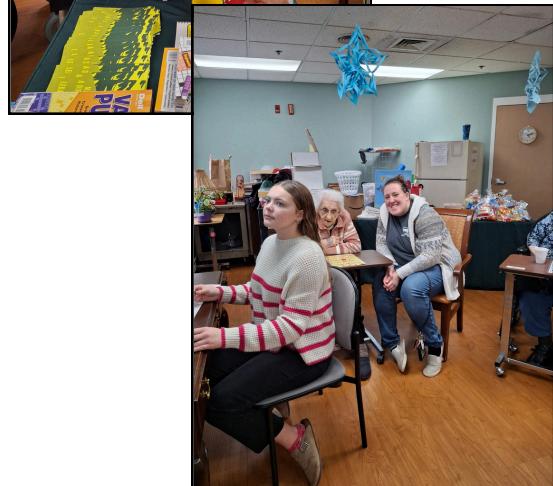
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Volunteer at Stoneridge Retirement



At our heartwarming volunteer event, we organized a lively game of bingo with the residents. The room was filled with laughter and excitement as numbers were called out and participants eagerly marked their cards. The camaraderie and shared joy created a memorable experience for both the volunteers and the residents.





2025 Poetry Contest Winners

We are excited to reveal the winners of our Poetry Contest! 🌟 Following thorough evaluation and a genuine admiration for the remarkable talent demonstrated, we have chosen the top poets who have truly captivated us with their creativity and love for language. Congratulations to all for your exceptional submissions. Each of you has beautifully captured the spirit of poetry and touched our hearts with your enchanting works. Thank you to everyone who took part and shared your amazing creations.

7-11 Age Group Winning Poem

1960 is the year,
Rhino horns are valuable here.
Step right up, to a window of the past!
See how Black Rhinos went away, real fast.

An African hunter's one goal at this time,
was to get a black rhino in its prime.
The buyer would use it to carve, or for medicine,
The rhino's child is now an orphan.

In 1977, humans tried to help the Rhinos.
Now poaching is illegal, but everyone knows...
People still hunt them.
Those poor rhinos.

Now, In 2017, Kenya is where one young rhino roams,
People have destroyed all his old homes.
His mother was illegally killed, used for her horns,
Now, at two, this poor rhino mourns.

Out from the left, now from the right,
twenty-five people come in broad daylight.
Around his snout, a sturdy rope is tied.
He is led into a box, with very strong sides.

He can't get out. What will he do?
After about a minute, the box starts to move.
Now, two hours later, light shines in his box.
He's led into a pasture, with trees, grass, and rocks.

He wants to be afraid, but somehow he knows,
He has been led somewhere safe, almost like he's home.
This rhino is home, in Rwanda, a safe park,
Soon the dirt is covered with the Rhino's hoof marks.

2nd: Jessica T.

3rd: Sadie H.

**With Special Recognition
going to Mrs. O'Connor's
class**





2025 Poetry Contest Winners Cont.

12-18 Age Group Winning Poem

"Sun Is Shining Today"

and the night shines over another mysterious day
a day of injustice and misery
the unfairness and trickery
that looms over this nation
it's a large shadow that looms over "the land of the free"
and a disgusting blemish of "the home of the brave"
a country that's needs to be saved
from its own hatred and own people
and the steep hill that involves the salvation
of my hispanic and black brothers and sisters in this nation
especially when the oligarchy of the land
thinks to mask anything that isn't a part of their agenda as a crime
and the people of my color and different colors
that aren't white
seem to be in the process of being banned
but rise up and fight
for those who were mistreated now
will not be mistreated today
and those who were judged for the color of their skin yesterday
shall be judged by the contents of their character in the present
and let no man who's in the majority
think of you as a peasant
and let no man or woman who look at you
make you feel unpleasant in your own body
in your own skin and representing your own blood
and like a rose growing from the mud
beat the adversity of being judged for the color of your skin or the heritage that you represent
because even when the moon falls upon the sky
our fiery, strong sun
shines another day
and the past of our brothers who fought for us
will never decay
and the ray of justice that our people deserve
will possibly shine tomorrow, but hopefully today

-JAUDREY R.

2ND: ADELINA W.





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Community Clean Up

We're excited to announce our upcoming Community Clean-Up on March 22! Let's come together to make our neighborhood shine. Whether you're passionate about the environment or just want to give back, your participation will make a huge difference.

Date: March 22 Time: 9a

Location: Monument Park

Scan the QR code below or visit <https://signup.com/go/MnYiuVd> to sign up.

Bring your friends and family, and let's create a cleaner, greener community together!

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Hosted by
Making A Difference of Lebanon, PA Volunteers

March 22, 2025
9:00am

Meet at:
Monument Park
8th & Lehman Sts., Lebanon

BAGS and GLOVES WILL BE PROVIDED

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

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Coleman Park 5K and Fun Run/Walk

Join Us for the Coleman Park 5K!

Hey, fitness enthusiasts and nature lovers!

Mark your calendars for the Coleman Park 5K on April 19, 2025. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors, stay active, and connect with our vibrant community.

Date: April 19, 2025 **Time:** 9:00am

Location: Coleman Memorial Park

Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a fun way to spend the day, this event is for you! Lace up your running shoes, bring your friends and family, and let's make this event a memorable one.

How to Join: Scan the QR code to sign up and secure your spot. Hurry, spots are filling up fast!

Let's hit the trail together and make some great memories. See you at the starting line!





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Easter Eggstravaganza

Hop on over to Coleman Memorial Park for an egg-citing Easter celebration!

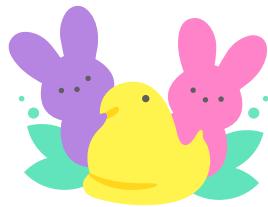
Date: April 19, 2025

Time: 11:30am - 1:00pm

Location: Coleman Memorial Park

Let's celebrate this special occasion together with family and friends. Don't miss out on the fun!

See you there, and let the egg-stravaganza begin!





Women's History Month

Every March, we commemorate Women's History Month to honor the remarkable contributions women have made throughout history. This month-long celebration shines a spotlight on trailblazing women from all walks of life who have broken barriers and paved the way for future generations. From scientists and activists to artists and leaders, we take this time to recognize and celebrate their achievements and the progress that has been made toward gender equality. Join us as we honor the past, celebrate the present, and inspire the future with stories of resilience, courage, and triumph.



Gratitude to the Women on Our Board

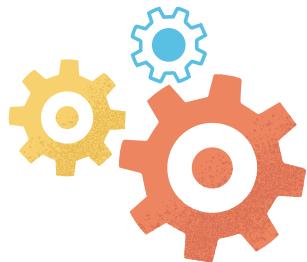
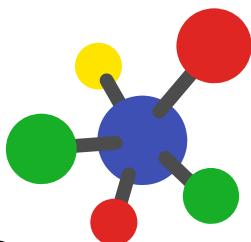
Empowered Women Empower Women

As we celebrate Women's History Month, we want to express our heartfelt appreciation to the incredible women on our board. Your leadership, dedication, and vision inspire us all and drive our organization forward. Your contributions and unwavering commitment set a powerful example and make a lasting impact on our mission. Thank you for everything you do!



Winter STEM camp!

The Artic STEM Camp organized by Making a Difference of Lebanon, PA, was a success!! The day camp offered a unique blend of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education, paired with artistic expression, empowering students to explore these fields through hands-on activities and projects. By providing a supportive and engaging environment, the camp sparked curiosity and encouraged critical thinking, while also promoting teamwork and problem-solving skills. Thank you to all of the sponsors who help make these opportunities possible.





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Upcoming Organization Events

DINNER CLUB FUNDRAISER

Gus Deraco's Italian Sandwiches
714 Cumberland Street
Lebanon, Pa

08:00 AM TO 8:00 PM

Dine with us all day or take-out and we will donate 10% of all sales to the organization!

April 5, 2025

Trivia Night

6:00 PM
\$5 Cover Charge
\$20 Teams of 5
BYOB, Order off Menu

Register yourself or team by emailing us at:
makingadifferencelebanonpa@gmail.com
Put Trivia in Subject Line

Gus Deraco's
ITALIAN SANDWICHES

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GRADE A HAUL-AWAY PRESENT

Summer Games

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY JUNE 21, 2025
9am - 2pm
South Hills Park, Lebanon

DJ - FOOD TRUCKS

Come out and watch some of your favorite local businesses and organizations compete against each other in a variety of exciting sporting events.

GRADE A HAUL-AWAY

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SAVE THE DATE

CASH BINGO

SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

DOORS OPEN 11:00 AM - BINGO STARTS 12:30 PM
ST. CECILIA'S SOCIAL HALL
750 STATE DRIVE, LEBANON, PA 17042

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SAVE THE DATE

BACK TO SCHOOL FESTIVAL

BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVE-AWAY
*CHILDREN MUST BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE SUPPLIES

GAMES | MUSIC | SNACKS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025
9AM-11AM
YMCA PARKING LOT
201 N 7TH ST, LEBANON

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March Raffle Contest

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RAFFLE CONTEST



GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY FROM ANYONE OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS, MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK OR EMAILING US AT: MAKINGADIFFERENCELEBANONPA@gmail.com

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DRAWING: MARCH 30, 2025

RAFFLE TICKET

\$10 DONATION

- \$100 CASH
- \$50 CASH
- \$50 Gift Card - Quentin Tavern
- \$50 Gift Card - Quentin Tavern
- \$45 Pedicure - A Classic Touch Spa and Salon
- \$40 Gift Card - Giant Grocery Store
- \$30 Gift Card and Gift Set - Halo Salt
- \$25 Visa Gift Card
- \$25 Gift Card - Cool Beans Brew
- \$25 Gift Card and Mug - Snitz Creek Brewery
- \$25 Gift Card - E & E Discount Beer Warehouse
- \$25 Gift Card - Friendly Family Outlet
- \$20 Gift Card - Gus Deraco's Italian Sandwiches
- Porch and Pantry Gift Set
- Margarita Basket

All proceeds benefit [MAKING A DIFFERENCE OF LEBANON, PA](#)

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MARCH 1-30, 2025

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We are thrilled to announce our March Raffle Contest, running from March 1st to March 30th! Each raffle ticket is only \$10, and the more tickets you purchase, the greater your chances of winning one of our fantastic prizes. The exciting drawing will be held on March 30th, and the lucky winners will be announced shortly thereafter. Don't miss out on this opportunity to support a great cause and possibly win amazing rewards. Get your tickets now and join the fun! Good luck to all participants!

Here are the prizes for this contest:

- \$100 CASH
- \$50 CASH
- \$50 Gift Card - Quentin Tavern
- \$50 Gift Card - Quentin Tavern
- \$45 Pedicure - A Classic Touch Spa and Salon
- \$40 Gift Card - Giant Grocery Store
- \$30 Gift Card and Gift Set - Halo Salt
- \$25 Visa Gift Card
- \$25 Gift Card - Cool Beans Brew
- \$25 Gift Card and Mug - Snitz Creek Brewery
- \$25 Gift Card - E & E Discount Beer Warehouse
- \$25 Gift Card - Friendly Family Outlet
- \$20 Gift Card - Gus Deraco's Italian Sandwiches
- Porch and Pantry Gift Set
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You can get your tickets from any board member, message us on Facebook or emailing us at makingadifferencelebanonpa@gmail.com



2025 Board of Directors

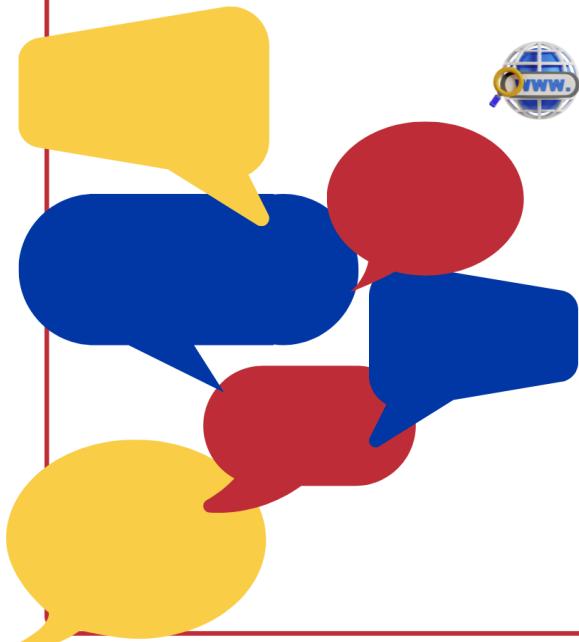
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