



ACBL Charity Foundation 2025 Grants - District 4

Bridge - The Game That Gives Back

Connectedly

The grant money will be used for the Healthy Lives program. This program includes our signature Connectedly Group model, providing group counseling (in-person and telehealth) as well as a forum for participants to share feelings, receive support, gain knowledge of services, exchange ideas and build social connections. No similar program exists in Philadelphia. We facilitate these groups at more than 15 community sites in Philadelphia.

With an additional \$8000 in the Healthy Lives budget, we can provide services at 3 additional sites (bringing the number of sites to 18 across the city).



Cathy Strauss, Unit 141 President, Ellen Berkowitz, Unit Treasurer and MaryPat Tracy, Connectedly Executive Director

First Congregational Church of Canandaigua



Each day First Congregational Church of Canandaigua has people in need come to the door asking for food or gas cards. With this grant we will be able to provide 276 additional food or gas cards (\$25) which would add 5 gift cards each week, and provide for 3 scholarships for the Musical Theater camp and 1 scholarship for the younger kids Showcase camp.

Rev. Dawn Garrett-Larsen and Mary Miller, Canandaigua Duplicate Bridge Club

Lehigh Valley Active Life

The grant will be used to update the bathrooms at Lehigh Valley Active Life senior activity center which is essential to protecting the health, dignity, and independence of our community's older adults.

As people age, mobility challenges, balance issues and medical conditions significantly increase the risk of slips, falls, and other accidents in restrooms- one of the most common areas where injuries happen. By modernizing our bathrooms, we will create an environment that minimizes risk, promotes confidence, and ensures equitable access to our many programs for all participants. These upgrades are not just improvements, they are investments in the safety, dignity, and quality of life for the seniors we serve.



Rick Daugherty, Executive Director, Lehigh Valley Active Life, JR. Reed, Executive Director, Lehigh County Office on Aging and Adult Services, Lois Fuini, Unit 133 Board Member and Lehigh Valley Active Life Board Member and Jim Kenny, Board President, Unit 133

Good Shepherd United Church of Christ



This grant help us continue to offer quarterly free community meals which feed our neighbors in need; allow us to continue to support mission partners such as Mary's Shelter, Heifer Project, Muhlenberg Churches Food Pantry, Opportunity House, Veteran's Making a Difference, Boy Scout Troop #155, and allow us to continue various outreach projects such as Back to School donations to local schools.