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We are offering a membership special to any and all businesses located in the Mon Valley Region and beyond that are not a member of our organization at this time. So that we are able to spread our support to as many of the Mon Valley businesses we can, we have decided to offer a discount that may make becoming a member a bit easier. If your business joins and pays a year's dues by October 31, 2020, your business will receive the remainder of this year of membership for free, making your membership good until January of 2022. Depending on your size of business this can mean a \$40 up to a \$150+ discount. Also if you are a current member and refer a new member who pays dues in full by October 31st your business will receive a \$50 referral credit toward 2021 dues.

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We regret any errors or omissions
in this newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME

new members

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3724 Dry Run Rd
Monongahela, PA 15063
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Member Spotlight Bakers Waterproofing



2020 officially marks the 45th year of service for Baker's Waterproofing. Since 1975, the company has been proudly servicing homeowners in the Tri-State area. The reason Baker's Waterproofing has been successful for this sustained period of time is due to their vision, mission statement, and values that every employee adheres to when conducting their job. Baker's Waterproofing takes pride in being a team of leaders, constantly seeking improvement to serve others and exceed their expectations. When their team of individuals all follow closely to this mission, exceptional culture and customer experiences are the result. The vision remains the same at Baker's Waterproofing: To create a solid foundation for the individual, family, community, and country. They pride themselves on honesty, as

the Owner and President, Brian Baker, has stated, *"Doing the right thing most of the time does not cut it here. Integrity is doing the right thing every time..."* His words prove that an ethically-run business is the key to success, happy team members, and satisfied customers. After more than 45 years in business, Baker's Waterproofing upholds their strong reputation and solid foundation. They celebrate their goal of continuous improvement and growth for many years to come. Visit bakerswaterproofing.com



Member Spotlight Greater Washington County Food Bank



Warehouse Manager Jon Schubert and Pantry Liaison Rebecca Clausner have been diligently packing boxes and planning for the food needs of those in Washington County for the fall.

For over 35 years, Greater Washington County Food Bank (GWCFB), a non-profit organization, has been providing groceries and nutritional education to food insecure residents of Washington County.

It is estimated that Washington County currently has over 25,000 people who are food deficient. GWCFB distributes food through a network of 31 distribution sites (9 public and 22 senior living/CSFP locations). They serve an average of 3,750/month households equaling 2.3 million pounds of food distributed annually. Currently, over 30% of recipients are children under the age of 18, and over 20% are seniors. GWCFB relies primarily on community support to meet these objectives in a caring and compassionate way and recognize and appreciate the assistance they have from volunteers on every level. For more information, go to gwcfb.org



RIBBON CUTTINGS



Congratulations Christa Peifer!
We were so honored to be a part
of your ribbon cutting ceremony
and open house.

**CPDC Chiropractic and
Wellness** is now open! Located at
314 W Main St Monongahela. If
you are looking for an experienced
chiropractor, therapy and wellness
give CPDC a call. Hours by
appointment 724-292-8965



RIBBON CUTTINGS



We were proud to take part in the Grand
Opening of **Elite Physical Therapy and
Wellness** at **638 Rostraver Rd, Belle
Vernon**.

Dr. Emilio Galis and the staff at Elite
have a primary focus on individualizing
every treatment and plan of care to meet
the specific needs of each patient. They
strongly believe that increased time spent
with each patient and hands on therapy is
vital to the rehabilitative process. It is
also vital to explain to and educate the
patient on each treatment given and what
its purpose is specific to each pathology
he treats. Call for an appointment today!
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RIBBON CUTTINGS



M&R Chocolates



The chamber was excited to celebrate one of our newest members,
M&R's Chocolates, at their Ribbon Cutting Ceremony!

M&R's is now open and located at **501 McKean Ave, Charleroi**. Specialty chocolate candies, cookies and baked goods are just some of the delicious goodies that are made in house. Stop in today or call to place an order. For more information call 412-927-7372, Log on to mrschocolates1.wixsite.com or find them on Facebook for an extensive list of goodies.



RIBBON CUTTINGS



Another great Ribbon Cutting to celebrate the opening of
Ashley Shannon Photography!

Ashley is from Belle Vernon and always dreamed of opening her own studio. That dream has come true at **603 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon**. Visit Ashley's website at ashleyshannonphotography.com or look her up on Facebook. Whether you are looking for senior pictures, headshots, weddings, engagement pictures, etc., give Ashley a call at 412-337-8692.

Ashley is running a unique Spooky Halloween Sessions and starting to book Christmas Sessions, call for your appointment ASAP!!



We are excited about a **NEW** benefit we can now offer our members.
For more information, please call Leanna at the Chamber. 724-483-3507

MY BENEFIT ADVISOR



Introducing My Benefit Advisor

We Focus on Your Benefits. You Focus on Your Business.

My Benefit Advisor is designed to guide members of My Benefit Advisor through the complexity of planning, managing, and communicating a successful employee benefits program. Our local experts can help you understand the insurance market, make the best decision for your business, and provide first-class service.

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For more information or if you have any questions, contact

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What's Happening?



During the recent months with the corona virus threat, MVRCC launched a new Facebook Page strictly for our members businesses, so that we can post and keep you updated on the hours, protocols and any other messages our members want to get out to the public, it is called MVRCC Show Love for Local. Check it out if you haven't already.



"Chamber Check-in". Join us for our monthly morning zoom meeting. We will be catching everyone up on what is going on with the Chamber and community. This will also give an opportunity to the participants to share their info, questions, concerns and or just network. It is open to members and non-members that wish to socialize and find out what is going on out in the community.

Lucy's Corner



Local Lucy has been visiting Chamber Members to see how everyone is doing!



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Nurturing success and ending the stigma

We are committed to treating every individual we serve as an individual. Now, we are using the same protocols that we have successfully deployed in our work with individuals of all backgrounds to increase the opportunities for success in employment and recovery for individuals overcoming Opioid Use Disorder (OUD).

Staying on track to success

Southwestern Pennsylvania has one of the highest rates of use, overdoses, and deaths from overdoses in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, with five of six counties in Southwestern Pennsylvania ranking in the top 20% of counties in overdose death rates. Although the fatality rate has dropped over the past three years, the 454 lives lost in 2019 represent too high of a number – but there is still hope.

Employment is a powerful aspect of recovery, as it offers recovering individuals a sense of meaning and accomplishment. The R.E.C.O.V.E.R. (Recovery Employment Connections for Occupations, Vocations and Employer Resources) Program is designed to support individuals on that journey to finding continued success.



Acceptance Criteria

COMPLIANCE

Active participant in an Outpatient Treatment Program or other recovery support group

RESIDENCE

Must live in a county where we provide service: Allegheny, Beaver, Fayette, Greene, Washington, or Westmoreland

DIAGNOSIS

Self-disclosure of diagnosed Opioid Use Disorder

MOTIVATION

A desire and ability to follow through with commitments, such as keeping appointments and interviews

"Life'sWork helped me sharpen my vocational skills in a way that benefitted my recovery as well as my employment prospects."

-ALEX, PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

Readiness

With opportunities for vocational assessment and job search support, we ensure that our clients are ready to enter or re-enter the workforce, equipping them for success in recovery and in the workplace. In a guided group session format, we cover:

- Identifying barriers and establishing a foundation for recovery
- Building communication, interview, computer, and self-advocacy skills
- Providing resources specific to each participant's needs

Placement

Matching each client with a position that reflects their skills and interests allows each individual to thrive in recovery and at work. We help clients visualize life after addiction through:

- Identifying individualized vocation and suitable positions
- Assisting in the application and interview process
- Working with employers on job development opportunities

Retention

We remain in contact with the participant, treatment facility and employer as needed to ensure success. During this time, job coaches and clients continue to work on areas that need addressing or improvement. This may involve:

- Continuing job coaching services and intervention on a case-by-case basis
- Finding new employment for individuals who haven't found the right fit

OUTREACH

Employer Education

We strive to eliminate the stigma that employers may have towards individuals with OUD. Part of our placement process includes an educational component geared towards potential partnering organizations, addressing several topics and myths about hiring an individual with OUD, such as:

"What is the difference between addiction and recovery?"

"Why is it beneficial to hire individuals in recovery?"

"What if a participant relapses?"

"What policies should I have in place?"

"What are the risks and how am I protected?"

Admissions, the provision of services, and referrals are made without regard of race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, national origin (including limited English proficiency), age, gender, or sex.



Get Started

Contact Jillian Jensen, Director of Drug & Alcohol Programming

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OUR MISSION

Making lives work better.

Life'sWork of Western PA is a non-profit organization that empowers people to live the life they choose. We support people with disabilities, people facing other employment barriers and young adults on their journey towards purpose, self-esteem and independence through meaningful work.

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