



LEHIGH VALLEY LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO

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Lehigh Valley Labor Council Holiday Events!!

- **Wednesday, December 18, 2024**
 - Labor Council holiday party at Shepherd Hills Golf Club, 1101 S. Krocks Rd. Allentown PA 18106—PLEASE bring an unwrapped, non-violent, American made toy (s) to benefit the children at Roosevelt & Sheridan Elementary Schools
 - This event is in lieu of our December meeting.
 - Food & beverages are included at no cost, and we thank Cohen, Feeley, Altomose & Rambo and Capital Blue Cross for their sponsorships. Festivities are 5:30-9:00 PM w open bar and buffet
- **Friday, December 20, 2024**
 - The toy delivery/parade is set to begin at the UAW Local 677 at 2101 Mack Blvd. Allentown PA. We will meet at 9:00 AM and load up vehicles for the parade to Roosevelt Elementary School.
 - At approximately, 10:15 AM, we leave the UAW for our parade on Emmaus Ave to Roosevelt. We will unload vehicles and stage the items in the Roosevelt gymnasium for the parents to “shop with dignity” the following week.
 - After the delivery, we will head to Jack’s Slice for pizza and solidarity!
 - If you have not been a part of this event before, please check out the site below for a great video and see what’s in store for you!
 - https://youtu.be/hQN_iMLW9Zs?si=YehA3VJAAd_8y9pc
 - Please RSVP to potterb@msn.com and all monetary donations for toys should be sent to:

**Lehigh Valley Labor Council
Attn. Gregg Potter
510 W. Franklin Street
Topton PA 19562**

Frequently Asked Questions

- **“It’s hard to find American/union made toys! How do I know where to find them?”**
 - Excellent question. Here is a list of manufacturers with at least some production in the United States:
 - Melissa Doug, Crayola, Fisher Price, Kidkraft, Lego, Breyer Horses, Lil Tykes, Vermont Country Store, Luke’s Toy Factory, Uncle Goose, Carron, Green Toys, Land of Dough, Crazy Aaron’s Putty, K’Nex Brand—Lincoln Logs, Tinker Toys, KEVA Maple planks, Milton Bradley.
 - (Lego is in the process of building a 1.7 million square foot factory in Virginia expected to be completed in 2025)
 - Not every item from these companies is made in US. As an example, Crayola has many plants overseas.
 - A good rule of thumb is that most plastic items are made overseas. Wooden toys may cost more, but the majority are made here.
 - Part of the request is to educate our guests in the process of trying to buy American/Union.
- **“Can I just donate?”**
 - Yes---mailing address is on page one. Although the Lehigh Valley CLC is a 501 C-5 your donations are NOT tax deductible.
- **“Can I just volunteer for the event?”**
 - Yes, please respond to the e-mail address on page one. You can help with organizing items at the UAW or be involved on the delivery day or even helping with the families when they “shop” at Roosevelt prior to Christmas.
- **“Why is Roosevelt always the school receiving help?”**
 - We first began this tradition of assisting the community via our holiday party about 2007 or 2008. We took turns aiding the three Boys & Girls Clubs in the Valley. In 2016, Capital Blue Cross committed to the support of a community school with the stipulation that TeenWorks participate financially, and the labor community would provide volunteers. Allentown is one of the poorest districts in the state and Roosevelt was one of the first community schools in the country. There is a high percentage of poor families and children with special needs. We could make similar arguments for many districts and schools. The fact is that the AEA is affiliated with our labor council and their president serves as a Vice President on our Labor Council. We can’t help all the kids in the Lehigh Valley who need it. We do an excellent job at Roosevelt and truly make a difference.

As always, thank you for your past support and we hope you can be a part of a great holiday tradition with the Lehigh Valley Labor Council!!

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