



**Justin
Sheftel** *Memorial Fund*
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Nonprofits We Support



COMMUNITY BIKE WORKS

Community Bike Works teaches life lessons through bicycles to the young people of the Lehigh Valley who would benefit most. In our Earn a Bike program, young people connect with adult mentors; they learn bike mechanics and safety while refurbishing a bike of their own. We are on track to engage a record number of youth in Earn a Bike and its sister Junior Earn a Bike program this year, across Allentown, Bethlehem, and our newest youth hub in Easton. In the words of Omar, 18, who recently joined our staff: "When I was in middle school, I thought, oh! Free bike! And then I learned, it's not just a free bike but important life lessons, like responsibility and a general understanding of how life works."

Students who engage in Earn a Bike are invited to join us for cycling and leadership programs. In the past year, we have adopted new bylaws that place the students at the center of our work, and a centerpiece of this shift was the election of five teens to a new Youth Advisory Council. In the summer of 2022, we took over management of the primary food pantry serving East Allentown residents, which allows us to meet community needs while providing additional leadership opportunities for youth.

In 2023, Community Bike Works will continue to offer Earn a Bike, Junior Earn a Bike, and our full range of programs to Lehigh and Northampton County youth. Our partnership with the Justin Sheftel Memorial Fund has been fundamental to our work with youth, and we are honored to continue carrying on Justin's legacy. We are enthusiastic about finding new and exciting ways to strengthen our connection and work together to offer engaging educational and recreational opportunities to the young people of the Lehigh Valley in 2023!



FIRST TEE

First Tee Lehigh Valley & Berks is a youth development organization teaching Life Skills, Core Values and Healthy Habits through the game of golf. The program began in 2000 in response to surveys and focus groups in center city Allentown, which identified additional recreational opportunities as the number one priority of parents and youth. Over the past decade, the First Tee has served over 9,500 youth in the Lehigh and Berks counties. Current programs include summer Programs at 9 locations, after-school programs at 3 elementary schools, and learning programs which include, Life Skills Education and First Tee's Nine Healthy Habits. Their core values are honesty, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, judgment, perseverance, and courtesy. For more information visit FirstTeeLehighValley.org or email info@firstteelvb.org.



THE ALLENTOWN DRIVE

After being shut down for two years by the pandemic, the Allentown DRIVE made a strong recovery last year. The middle-school season returned, and the summer program had more players than ever! We anticipate even more growth in 2023.

As always, we receive the biggest reward through the boys, themselves. Their politeness and expressions of gratitude make us very proud. Their progress as ball players is impressive, and helping them on their way to becoming productive citizens is fantastic.

Our relationship with the Sheftels is extraordinary. Their financial support helps us to provide the experiences that make our program attractive, and the boys look forward to participating in the Sheftel Tournament.



THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

The Miracle League has been providing baseball, cheerleading, and activities for special needs families since 2006. Located in Lehigh County, the field and playground are state-of-the-art, completely inclusive, and handicap accessible. Proudly celebrating 17 years, The Miracle League has been a place for kids to learn our national pastime while making friends, having fun, and being part of a team. They offer spring, summer, and fall baseball seasons and activities year-round, including trick-or-treating, bowling, painting, board games, indoor baseball clinics, a summer carnival, and much more. They even started job-training skills at their very own coffee shop in the concession stand. Thanks to the support of the Justin Sheftel Memorial Fund since 2007, MLLV is a place that more than 200 players call home and where they have a second family to cheer them on at every game!



3 Ways to Give



Our Mission Statement

To celebrate Justin by providing athletic and educational opportunities for underserved youth in the greater Lehigh Valley.

A note from the Justin Sheftel Memorial Fund: A general focus for the Justin Sheftel Memorial Fund is to have an impact on the greater Lehigh Valley Community, working with nonprofits that benefit youth and are aligned with our mission statement. We feel very blessed to be able to have an impact on the community and to honor Justin.