



Justin Sheftel
Memorial Fund

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. At our three bike shops and in community schools across the Lehigh Valley, youth join our flagship Earn a Bike and Junior Earn a Bike programs to learn bicycle mechanics while also learning life skills from teamwork to communication. Once engaged at Bike Works, students can participate in a range of cycling and youth leadership programs from the ages of seven to 18. In Earn a Bike, students team up with adult mentors for 24 hours of instruction in bike mechanics and safety, learning about each system of a bike and how to properly maintain it using the correct tools. Students also complete bike safety lessons and a 'rodeo' designed to show they can ride safely. While working on their bikes, students practice life skills by working collaboratively, solving problems, and experiencing the satisfaction of turning a broken bike into a functional one. Once students complete their month-long classes, they earn their refurbished bike and a new helmet! Community Bike Works has engaged more than 7,200 students since 1995, and we are now one of the largest youth bike mentoring programs in the nation. In 2024, we plan to engage up to 600 students in our Earn a Bike and Junior Earn a Bike programs, keeping them engaged in our additional enrichment programs like weekend bike rides and our Youth Advisory Council. Additionally, we will serve 300 or more families each month at our new East Allentown food pantry. Our work this year will culminate in June 2024 when we host the national Youth Bike Summit, which will bring 400 young people to the Lehigh Valley for three days of workshops and bike rides.

We are deeply grateful and cherish the partnership we've maintained with the Justin Sheftel Memorial Fund over their long history, and we are excited to work together and engage with more kids on bikes throughout the Lehigh Valley in 2024!



THE ALLENTOWN DRIVE

2024 will be a year of renewal for the Allentown DRIVE. Shaking off the effects of the pandemic, we'll continue our Middle School Program, with the playoffs at Coca-Cola Park. We hope to again sponsor visits from teams from other countries.

Our partnership with the Justin Sheftel Tournament is a source of great pride and a terrific experience for our kids. As always, our mission goes beyond baseball. The focus for the Drive program is to teach and prepare our players not only to play baseball, but to include life lessons, patience, responsibility, communication skills, academics, and much more. Our mission goes beyond baseball, seeing many of our kids go on to become productive citizens is incredibly rewarding.





FIRST TEE

One in three young people will reach the age of 19 without a mentor. At First Tee, we believe all people should have access to safe places and caring adult mentors who help them grow socially, emotionally and academically.

With over 20 years as a non-profit youth development organization, we positively impact the lives of the kids and teens in our communities. We are committed to providing programs that build character and instill life-enhancing values through the game of golf, and our curriculum constantly evolves to increase our impact, relevancy, and scale. The five Key Commitments to Becoming a Game Changer are the life skills we want our participants to adopt and pursue – these are the keys to unlocking good character: Pursuing Goals Growing through Challenge Collaborating with Others Building a Positive Self-Identity and Using Good Judgment.

Over the past decade First Tee has served over 9,500 area youths in Lehigh and Berks County. With Summer programs in 9 locations throughout the area. We look forward to continuing this success in the years to come.

For more information visit Firstteelehighvalley.org or email info@firstteelv.org



THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY

The Miracle League has been providing baseball, cheer-leading, 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 our 19th season in 2024, 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 230 players call home and where they have a second family to cheer them on at every game!



3 Ways to Give



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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.