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Sponsored by Lehigh Valley Labor Unions

The TeenWorks Program™ began in 1999 as a collaborative effort between organized labor in the Lehigh Valley and the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

The TeenWorks Program™ allocates grants of up to \$1000 to teens doing community service projects throughout the Lehigh Valley and surrounding areas. These projects must be designed, implemented and carried out by teenagers. Through the TeenWorks Program™ teens gain:

- Experience in leadership, board governance, planning, programmatic and fiscal decision making, proposal writing and teamwork
- A sense of connection, accountability and responsibility
- A capacity to care for others
- A sense of pride and confidence in discovering unique talents
- A sense of being needed and valued
- The power to affect personal change and improve the lives of others.

The community also benefits from teens. Through the TeenWorks Program™, the communities gain:

- Resources and creativity to solve real problems and provide needed services
- Strong youth/adult partnerships to address community issues
- Mutual understanding and increased trust between youth and adults
- New alliances among local agencies and organizations
- New perspectives in local policy making as youth gain a voice in governing and funding.

The TeenWorks board is comprised of up to twenty adult union members and up to twenty teenagers throughout the Lehigh Valley. Together, these board members meet once a month to review applications and hear presentations.

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