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## Lehigh County supports Allentown Center for Recovery Grand Opening

**Lehigh County, PA-** On Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, the Allentown Center for Recovery will hold its grand opening to the public. The center, a program by Treatment Trends Inc., is sponsored by the Lehigh County's Office of Drug and Alcohol as it provides support programs for individuals battling addiction. The center will also offer opportunities for sober recreation, volunteerism, and other social activities for members of the recovery community.

The Allentown Center for Recovery is supported by the County of Lehigh, St. Luke's Sacred Heart Campus, Treatment Trends, Inc., and other supporting affiliates of the recovery community. Backing its grand opening, the Lehigh County Office of Drug and Alcohol will be providing fundamental aid to the facility for the duration of its operations. It should be noted that no rehabilitation treatment will be provided at the center

St. John's UCC is currently providing a temporary home for the center, and future plans are in the works to move its location closer to St. Luke's Sacred Heart Campus in Allentown. Lehigh County officials commend the opening of the center, acknowledging the demand for its services and benefits it will provide those seeking recovery.

"Lehigh County is pleased to support the first recovery center serving our residents." said Lehigh County Drug and Alcohol Administrator, Joseph Martellucci, "The COVID pandemic has forced those struggling with Substance Use Disorders, as well as those in recovery, to isolate. The Allentown Center for Recovery will offer wisdom, advice, and encouragement at times when it's needed most and will provide information and resources for those ready to take the first step toward recovery."

"The Allentown Center for Recovery is exactly what our community needs." said Lehigh County Executive, Phillips Armstrong. "I could not be more thrilled as County Executive to welcome this center on behalf of our residents who are in need of support. I commend the Lehigh County Office of Drug and Alcohol, and Treatment Trends Inc., for all that they've done to make this safe space a reality."

"This was a need for our community when I ran in 2017." said Lehigh County Commissioner, Amy Zanelli. "That need has only increased over the years, especially in the pandemic as we are seeing about a 30 percent spike in substance use and overdoses. Personally, I am grateful and relieved that we can finally provide this long overdue service to our residents."

For more information on the Allentown Center for Recovery, please contact Center Director Robin Chontos at 267-210-2218.

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