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Department of Aging and Adult Services Honors 2020 Unsung Heroes

Allentown, PA- Throughout the month of October, 2020, the Lehigh County Department of Aging and Adult Services honored 11 Unsung Heroes in recognition of Older Americans Month. The prestigious award goes to individuals who display exceptional generosity in their communities and provide community service to those in need.

The event to honor these individuals was originally scheduled for May, but was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This month, the Lehigh County Aging and Adult Services decided to personally honor each recipient by awarding them their certificates right at their door along with flowers, balloons, and a 2020 Unsung Heroes lawn sign. Social distancing practices were met during each meeting.

The 11 recipients who were honored are:

- Debra Mackin, nominated by the Boys & Girls Club of Allentown.
- William C. & Christine Hankee, nominated by Ann Wertman.
- Shirley J. Hendricks, nominated by Friends of the Emmaus Library.
- John F. Mizgerd, Jr., nominated by Rev. Rodney W. Wells.
- Gregory D. Williams, nominated by Rev. Rodney W. Wells.
- John D. Teufel, nominated by Rev. Rodney W. Wells.
- Myrna I. Rivera, nominated by The Salvation Army Allentown Citadel Corps. (photo not available)
- Robert H. Youst, nominated by Star Wellness Bethlehem.
- Timothy S. Gilbert, nominated by Kelly Gould.
- Frank J. Schlosser, nominated by Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley.
- Barbara Ann Moyer, nominated by Phoebe Ministries.

Nomination essays that further elaborate the recipients' accomplishments can be found on the County of Lehigh Facebook page. Currently, a 2020 Unsung Hero Spotlight is posted daily on the Lehigh County Twitter page for each nominee.

The Lehigh County Department of Aging and Adult Services is proud to honor these individuals as 2020 Unsung Heroes. This year has proved to be a challenge for many; however, it is thanks to the actions of this year's nominees that we are reminded of the great services provided to our communities in need.

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