



All of Via's Staff Wish You a Very Happy Independence Day Weekend!



Update on Via's Services



Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Via served 800 people every month. In the Red Phase, Pennsylvania required that we close our facility-based services like the workshop and adult training facility. However, we were permitted to provide in-person and remote support in our Community Participation, In-Home Support, Behavioral Support, Early Intervention and Employment Services because these are deemed essential and life-sustaining. Today, we are serving 250 people through these services.

The Lehigh Valley is now in the Green Phase which means that some restrictions have been lifted. Over the last 3 months, Via's Leadership Team has met daily to ensure the health and safety of participants, employees and our community as we increase community-based services and move towards reopening our facility-based services. The team has consistently communicated with Via participants and their caregivers and Via staff.

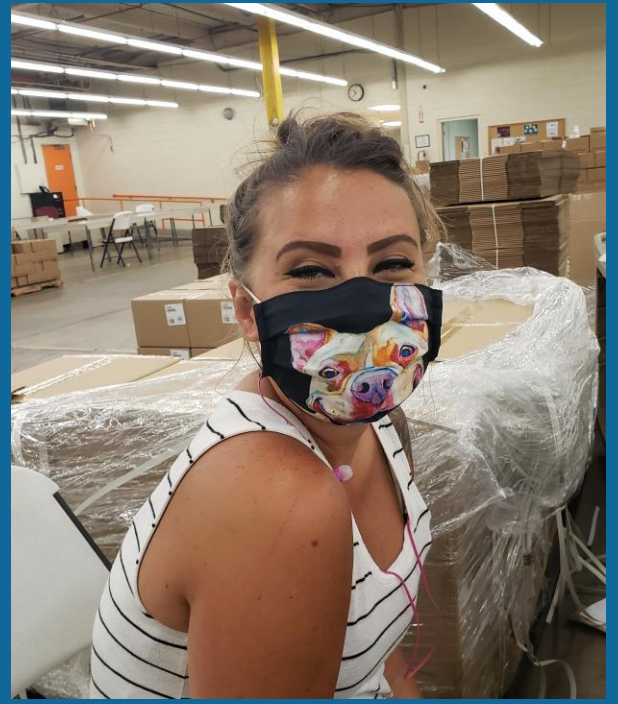
Via has developed a Return to Work Readiness Plan that is being implemented as participants return to services or add additional services. The plan follows Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Pennsylvania Office of Developmental Programs (ODP) guidelines that include frequent cleaning of high-touch surface areas, ensuring hand hygiene practices, using personal protective equipment, limiting visitors and implementing social distancing measures.

Thanks for Community Support

Over the last months, Via has received kind and generous support from individuals, businesses, foundations and community groups. You have reached out to donate money, hand sanitizer, face masks and face shields, gift cards for our participants and more. The Lehigh Valley has always been a caring community and this crisis has not changed the fact that we continue to support each other as we weather this pandemic together. Thank you so much for your continued and generous support.

We know that this is a very difficult economic time for so many, but if you are able to give, we welcome your support. Each and every donation will help offset the more than \$10,000 we have already spent to ensure the health and safety of our participants, staff and community including gloves, masks, gowns, thermometers, cleaning and sanitizing supplies, and subscriptions for tele-services and tele-working.

In case you didn't know, there is an incentive for charitable giving in the recently passed CARES Act, in 2020 people who do not itemize can deduct up to \$300 for charitable contributions and that people who itemize can deduct charitable contributions up to 100% of their AGI. Thanks for your consideration.



Via Marathon Goes Virtual

The St. Luke's Via Marathon powered by Runner's World, scheduled for September, will be replaced by a virtual race this year because of the COVID-19 restrictions on large events. Although we are disappointed that we can't hold an in-person event this year, we will continue to promote health and wellness in our community while raising funds and awareness for people of all abilities.

During a 2-month period, beginning July 1 and ending September 13, runners will have the option to complete a virtual Marathon, Half Marathon, Team Relay, 10K, 5K, Walk or Kids Race at their own pace. For more information, visit www.ViaMarathon.org

The Virtual Via All-Star Basketball Classic was a Success!

The 45th Annual Via All-Star Basketball Classic, a fundraising event benefiting Via's services for children and adults with disabilities, went virtual this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The two-week, online event featuring the finest basketball talent in the greater Lehigh Valley and honored the 2020 Via All-Stars, and featured Players & Teams of the Year, Scholar Athletes, Top Fundraiser and a message from our Keynote Speaker, Jen Bricker.

The two-week virtual event, presented by Service Electric Cable TV, is available for viewing on Via's Facebook, Instagram, YouTube Channel or Website.

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Visit www.ViaNet.org to view the virtual event.