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## **Lenape Valley Foundation Celebrates 60 Years of Community Service**

**Doylestown, PA, November 7, 2018** – Lenape Valley Foundation (LVF) is proudly celebrating 60 years of providing vital services to the community. To commemorate the occasion, LVF held an awards dinner celebration on Thursday, October 18, 2018 from 5:30 – 9:00 pm at the historic Aldie Mansion, 85 Old Dublin Pike, Doylestown.

The evening featured a cocktail hour with musical entertainment by pianist James Rogala, dinner and an awards ceremony recognizing organizations and individuals that have played an instrumental role in helping LVF to offer quality care to our neighbors and friends in Bucks County. Doylestown Mayor Ron Strouse served as the event emcee.

Award recipients included the following: Health and Wellness Champion: **Doylestown Health**; Stakeholder Champion: **Bucks County Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Task Force**; Community Champion: **Corrine L. Curtis, Ph.D.** and Inner Circle Award: **Edwin R. Knopf, M.D.**

Proclamations commemorating Lenape Valley Foundation's 60 years of service were given by the House of Representatives, Senate of Pennsylvania, Bucks County Commissioners, Borough of Doylestown, and Doylestown Township.

LVF's mission is to partner with members of our community encountering mental health, substance use, intellectual or developmental challenges as they pursue their personal aspirations and an enhanced quality of life. LVF was founded in 1958 by community leaders who believed that persons with serious mental illness could be effectively treated in communities. For 60 years, LVF's community-based model has flourished on the strength of families and familiar settings, on the power of care delivered by compassionate professionals, and on the courage of those we serve.

The event net proceeds of \$83,000 will support the construction and implementation of the first and only Crisis Residential Program in Bucks County. The Lodge at Lenape Valley Foundation, which will open this fall, will be a welcoming, home-like safe haven for persons requiring a brief respite due to experiencing an acute behavioral crisis. It is an effective alternative to inpatient psychiatric hospitalization that is less traumatizing and costly.

Over two hundred community members, sponsors and friends came together to celebrate the award recipients and Lenape Valley Foundation's 60-year milestone. Top event sponsors included: Adams-Bickel Associates, LLC; Fulton Bank; Doylestown Health; PCPA Group Workers' Compensation Trust; Detweiler Hershey and Associates; Barbara N. Lyons; Helene and Gary Mathern; Penn Wealth Planning; Sanctuary Health Group.

For information regarding Lenape Valley Foundation and its services, please visit [www.lenapevf.org](http://www.lenapevf.org) or call 215-345-5300. For information about The Lodge, please visit [www.thelodgeatlenape.com](http://www.thelodgeatlenape.com).

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