

# Bucks auto mechanics help repair lives

Several Bucks County auto mechanics have teamed up with the Bucks County Opportunity Council and its Wheelz2Work Program to help Bucks County residents leave poverty and get back on their feet.

Rissi's Automotive, Bob Back of BBack Car Repair, and Joe Davis of Joe Davis Autosport in Perkasie regularly donate their services to the Wheelz 2 Work program, so that donated cars can get into the hands of low-income residents working to get out of poverty.

When Joe Davis had an opportunity to purchase a 1999 Volvo that needed some work, he bought it with the intent of giving it to someone who needed it. Davis put in more than \$3,000 worth of work into the car, so it's road-worthy and safe to drive.

The Bucks County Opportunity Council accepts donations of vehicles as part of its Wheelz2Work program, to give to their clients in their Economic Self-Sufficiency Program. Families in poverty and struggling in poverty and working toward being economically self-sufficient, through an education and employment plan to eventually earn a liveable wage and be free from all welfare and subsidies.

The families enrolled in the Opportunity Council's program may qualify for a vehicle if they are working or going to school, and are in urgent need of a car to ensure they can continue. Dana, who escaped a domestic violence situation and left her home with



nothing- received a vehicle last year from BCOOC. Up until then, she had been using the bus to get to work. With a car, Dana's commute was cut in half, giving her the opportunity to obtain more hours at her part-time job. Having the car also gave her the freedom to look for better employment at employers that did not have to be on a bus route. She soon thereafter obtained a job where she

will be making \$3 more an hour than her current position.

Bob Back of BBack Car Care approached the Opportunity Council to assist when he heard about Wheelz2Work. BBack Car Care has evaluated vehicles for the Opportunity Council to make sure they can pass inspection and are road worthy.

Rissi's Automotive has been working with the Opportunity Council for years making sure that the cars the Opportunity Council receives are right for their clients.

For information on how to donate a car or get involved, contact the Opportunity Council at 215-345-8175 or visit [wheelz2work.com](http://wheelz2work.com).

Eileen Albillar, Bucks County Opportunity Council, receives keys to the 1999 Volvo \$70 from Joe Davis, owner, Joe Davis Autosport.

## Subaru "shares the love" with Special Equestrians

Special Equestrians therapeutic riding center recently received a \$10,919 donation from Subaru of America's "Share the Love" campaign with the help of participating dealership partner Fred Beans Subaru in Doylestown.

The funds will be used to support and grow Special Equestrians programming for children and adults with disabilities.

Special Equestrians provides therapeutic horseback riding and other equine-assisted experiences that offer physical, emotional and cognitive benefits for riders with disabilities.

"We believe in the life-changing potential of equine-assisted therapies and are committed to offering



our services to anyone who can benefit from them, regardless of their ability to pay," said Special Equestrians Executive Director Denise Quirk.

"Eighty percent of our riders are children, and 30 percent of our riders require financial assistance to

participate. Support like that from Subaru's "Share the Love" campaign helps fulfill our mission." Every year Subaru owners and retailers come together for the "Share the Love" event, giving back to charities across the country.

Fred Beans Subaru's Tom Connelly, Special Equestrians' Mary-jo May and F. B. Subaru's Todd Mock, along with a team of F.B. Subaru staffers, are on hand at the dealership in Doylestown for the presentation of a \$10,919 Subaru "Share the Love" donation.

In addition to designating five national nonprofit organizations, Subaru of America asks local Subaru dealers like Fred Beans Subaru to select local charities as beneficiaries of "Share the Love" support. Fred Beans chose Special Equestrians as a designated local charity for the 2015-2016 campaign.

# On the Spiritual Side

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## Hibernians offer help

Members of Ancient Order of Hibernians, Division 3, Doylestown, deliver a trailer of food to The Lord's Pantry at St. John the Baptist in Ottsville. The pantry is supported by the Bucks County Opportunity Council, Philabundance, Norwescap Food Bank and through the good will of hundreds of caring individuals, various faith communities, businesses and schools.

## Sisters of Blessed Sacrament celebrate 125th

Founded on Feb. 12, 1891 by St. Katharine Drexel, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (SBS) will celebrate their 125th anniversary with a Celebration of Gratitude on July 9 and 10, on their Motherhouse Grounds, 1663 Bristol Pike, Bensalem.

The public event will be "a joyous celebration marking a milestone of accomplishments in education and service to the underprivileged black and Native American communities that were achieved throughout the 125 years of service by St. Katharine and the SBS."

Activities will begin promptly at 10 a.m. both days. Visit the 125th event page at [katharine-drexel.org](http://katharine-drexel.org) for a map and complete list of scheduled activities. The congregation announced in early spring its decision to list both the Motherhouse and Virginia properties for sale as part of its focus on future needs.

As the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament celebrate their 125th anniversary, they recommit themselves to their mission statement with a hope-filled emphasis toward future ministries.

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## HAPPENINGS

### Good Shepherd Hilltown offers Vacation Bible School

Good Shepherd Church (Episcopal), 1634 Hilltown Pike, Hilltown Township, welcomes children age 4 to rising sixth-graders to Vacation Bible School Sunday, July 31, through Thursday, Aug. 4.

This year's theme, "God's Way to the Good Life," will focus on the Ten Commandments at a level children can grasp, beginning with No. 1: "Put God first."

Sunday, July 31, will be an evening of orientation, at 5:30 p.m., and children and families will have the opportunity to meet the volunteers.

From 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Aug. 1 to 3, there will be crafts, songs, play and snacks.

During Family Fun Night, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 4, families will participate with the children in some activ-

ities, see what the children have created and hear the songs they have enjoyed. Refreshments will be provided.

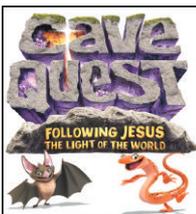
For information, or to register, visit [goodshepherdhilltown.org](http://goodshepherdhilltown.org).

### St. Philip's Episcopal remembers Orlando shootings

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 10 Chapel Road, New Hope, will remember the one-month anniversary of the Orlando shootings with a time of prayer, discussion and action on Wednesday, July 13.

The evening will start at 7 p.m. with a Memorial Mass for all victims of violence. At 7:30 p.m., there will be an open discussion on the place of violence in the world and what preventative action steps could be taken in the community. All are invited to either or both events.

For information, visit [stphilipsnewhope.org](http://stphilipsnewhope.org).



### "Cave Quest" Vacation Bible School

July 24-28, 2016  
(Sunday through Thursday evenings)  
6:00-8:15 pm

St Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Applebachville

837 Old Bethlehem Road, Quakertown, PA

For more information, call 215.536.5789

## Worship Directory

### SALEM UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, July 10, 2016

Pastor Michele Schenk

9:30 am Worship/Communion

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