

## The Dime Bank Donated \$30,000.00 to Honesdale Communities That Care



Honesdale, Pennsylvania/ May 23, 2017/ The Dime Bank donated \$30,000.00 to Honesdale Communities that Care (CTC) through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit program.

CTC is a non-profit organization that serves 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the Lakeside school. The program, founded in 1995, provides a fun, safe environment for students during the afterschool hours with a focus on helping students with their schoolwork. CTC is committed to serving the students who come to the program by developing a proactive approach to teach young people to value and maintain healthy lifestyles and to model behavior that is respectful to adults, peers, and oneself. CTC also works with community partners to hold special trips, events, and learning opportunities for students. CTC has a close relationship with the staff and administration of the Lakeside school, where they work together to help serve the students. Many students from 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade volunteer their time to help with schoolwork, play games, and do crafts with the CTC students, in addition to helping the CTC staff with many other aspects of the program.

Richard Palazzo, Director of CTC, stated, “CTC is committed to helping our community grow by serving the students who come to our program. Many of our students have difficult situations and circumstances, but CTC provides a welcoming place where they can succeed and grow as future leaders of our community. CTC is a non-profit organization which provides scholarships to any families who need our services but may have a difficult time paying for the program. We are proud of the work we do with our students on a daily basis and we look forward to serving our community for many years to come. The CTC operates because of the generosity of benefactors such as The Dime Bank and we are very grateful for their donation.”

The Dime Bank is dedicated to supporting education in our communities through the support of many different programs and venues. The Dime Bank has been participating in the EITC program since 2001. The program, which is administered by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development, provides a tax rebate program for participating businesses. The Dime Bank has been helping customers meet their financial needs since 1905. Serving its primary market of Northeast Pennsylvania, the bank offers a full array of financial services and solutions. Community banking yields community benefits. For more information on The Dime Bank, visit [www.thedimebank.com](http://www.thedimebank.com). Member FDIC, Equal Housing Lender.

Pictured left to right:

**Back row:** Richard Palazzo (CTC Director) Isabelle Weis-Pirozzi, Jiana Digiuseppe (CTC Staff), Zachary Wilson, Brayden Gawron, Joshua Bird, Sekiyah Dutton, Ethan Erbach, Nicholas Gonzalez, Bradley Bibalo, Leah Salzameda, , Cheryl Smith (The Dime Bank Vice President, Operations Administration).

**Middle row:** Pheonix Matthys, Kadence Tackitt, Jason Rosado, Alissa Wilson, Brielle Mosher, Gabriel Combs, Owen Wojtowicz, Evarianna Slusser, Bella Trumbull, Cade Trumbull, Xavier Shapiro, Deborah McDonald (CTC Assistant Director).

**Front row:** Duane Hawkins, Alex Hadden, Cory Jackson, Joshua Combs, Ethan Tackitt, Jeremiah Privett, Grace Ronacher.

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