



DEMEC donates quarter million dollars to member communities for COVID customer relief

The Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC) Board of Directors voted to donate a quarter of a million dollars to provide additional relief to customers facing hardship during the COVID pandemic. DEMEC's member communities unanimously decided at the beginning of the pandemic to avoid shut offs and late fees for customers struggling to pay their utility bills.

"This is another step we can take to help customers during their greatest time of need," stated Patrick McCullar, DEMEC President and CEO, "It is a great example of the power of community joint action, coming together to help customers meet their essential needs during this difficult time."

The \$250,000 donation will be split among DEMEC's eight member communities to enhance their current customer assistance funds. As members of Delaware's only joint action agency, DEMEC members benefit from shared resources that help keep costs low and more money in their communities to enhance customers' quality of life.

"We know many customers are struggling to make ends meet," stated Morris Deputy, DEMEC Board Chair, "Every community wants to help their customers as much as possible. This donation allows us to assist more customers facing hardships during this pandemic."

Best Lawyers® Recognizes 36 Morris James Lawyers

Thirty-six Morris James lawyers in 28 practice areas were recognized by The Best Lawyers in America® 2021. Inclusion in Best Lawyers is based

exclusively on peer review. The methodology, utilized for more than 30 years, was designed to accurately capture the unanimity opinion of leading lawyers about the professional abilities of their colleagues within the same geographical area and legal practice area.

Highmark donates Back-to-School Toolkits to over 400 school districts in Delaware and Pennsylvania

Back-to-school kits contain face coverings and shields, disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, signage, and resources with best practices

Highmark Inc. is helping schools navigate the new, uncharted school year by donating Back-to-School Toolkits containing personal protective equipment and resources to school districts across Delaware and Pennsylvania.

"With the 2020-21 academic year presenting unprecedented challenges, we are stepping up our efforts to help schools create a positive and safe learning environment—whether virtually, in-person or a mix of both," shared Deb Rice-Johnson, president of Highmark Inc. "Schools play a vital role in our communities as they prepare today's students to become the leaders of tomorrow. At Highmark, we want to show our unwavering support and gratitude for all that they do, especially under the current, ever-changing circumstances."

School districts across Delaware will receive adjustable face coverings to fit a wide age range of students, face shields for teachers and staff members, disinfectant hand wipes, large one-gallon pumps of hand sanitizer, signage containing best practices, and resource guides to assist with the transition to the new school year, courtesy of Highmark. Signage and resource guides are also available to the public at no charge on the Highmark Employer Back-to-School Toolkit website. School districts eligible to request kits will be contacted and given the option to schedule when and where they receive the kits to align with their individual reopening plans.

Forbes ranks ChristianaCare No. 1 employer in Delaware

Forbes, the popular American business magazine, has ranked ChristianaCare as the No. 1 employer in the State of Delaware in its second annual list of America's best employers by state. ChristianaCare also was ranked the No. 1 employer in Delaware in 2019.

"This honor from *Forbes* is all the more meaningful as our caregivers have courageously served together to help each other and our patients during this COVID-19 pandemic," said Chief People Officer Neil Jasani, M.D., MBA, FACEP. "Our caregivers bring our values of love and excellence to life every day, and we actively listen to our caregivers to ensure that we can provide them with the resources they need to help themselves and our community achieve optimal health."

Cinnaire Launches First Jumpstart Wilmington Cohort

Cinnaire, in partnership with the University of Delaware, launched Jumpstart Wilmington, a program designed to help Wilmington residents become developers of their own neighborhoods through quality, community-focused real estate development training and financing options. Cinnaire's program is modeled after the original Jumpstart Germantown Program, which was created by Ken Weinstein to facilitate the revitalization of the Germantown neighborhood of Philadelphia through high-quality residential renovations.

"Jumpstart was created to reduce blight and increase investment in our communities," said Ken Weinstein, Founder of Jumpstart Germantown and President of Philly Office Retail. "By offering opportunities for local entrepreneurs, we can keep wealth local. With Jumpstart, everyone wins – aspiring developers, longtime residents, and other



Perdue Farms named to Forbes' "America's Best-In-State Employers 2020" list

Perdue Farms was named to the Forbes 2nd annual list of "America's Best-in-State Employers" in Delaware and Virginia. The list, which Forbes released today in partnership with online statistics firm Statista, is based on an independent survey of 80,000 employees working for companies employing at least 500 in their U.S. operations.

"As a company that is celebrating 100 years in business this year, this recognition from Forbes is a reflection of our decades-long commitment to ensuring we provide a safe and inclusive work culture that allows our associates to be successful," said CEO Randy Day. "As evidenced by our ongoing efforts to support and protect our associates throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we remain committed to putting them first as they continue to serve as frontline heroes in America's food supply chain."

The survey included companies from 25 different industry sectors. The 307 companies ranked among the top employers were awarded as "America's Best-in State Employers 2020."

community partners all benefit from additional investment in their neighborhood."

Cinnaire raised funding to launch Jumpstart Wilmington to promote the growth of local developer capacity through training and development to support neighborhood revitalization and community development solutions throughout the City of Wilmington. Following an intensive search for a

community partner, the University of Delaware's Biden School of Public Policy and Administration was selected to join Cinnaire in managing the program.

"The Biden School's Center for Community Research and Service is excited to partner with Cinnaire in administering Jumpstart Wilmington and together bringing a new tool to revitalize communities through housing

development solutions in Wilmington,” said Roger Hesketh, University of Delaware Director of Community Revitalization, Center for Community Research and Service.

Jumpstart Wilmington will introduce trainees to a community-oriented approach to real estate development. The program components include a 12-hour training program, finding development opportunities, assessing the economics of a deal, putting together financing, strategies to sell or lease, mentoring, access to capital and more. The first Jumpstart Wilmington Cohort began in October 2020.

Cover & Rossiter announced promotion for Myunghee Geerts



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Cover & Rossiter, P.A. announces that Myunghee Geerts has been appointed a Director in the firm. Recognizing her contributions, Marie Holliday said, “In the short time Myunghee has been with us, she has

become a highly valued and integral part of our firm’s present and future success.”

Wheeler Wolfenden And Dwares, CPAs Named a Best of the Best Firm by INSIDE Public Accounting

Wheeler Wolfenden and Dwares, CPAs (WW&D) recently received top honors as one of only ten firms across the country designated “Best of the Best Under \$5 Million” as a result of INSIDE Public Accounting’s (IPA) Annual Survey and Analysis of Firms. This is the third year in a row WW&D has earned this

Brandon Harvath Named Saint Francis Healthcare President and COO



Saint Francis Healthcare, part of Trinity Health Mid-Atlantic, announced Brandon Harvath as president and chief operating officer.

Harvath oversees all operating functions of the hospital, physician practices and out-patient services. He also serves as the executive director of the Delaware Care Collaboration, Saint Francis’ Accountable Care Organization.

“I am honored to be named president of Saint Francis Healthcare and excited to continue our long-standing tradition of being a transforming, healing presence for the Wilmington community,” said Harvath. “We are committed to leading Delaware through the COVID-19 pandemic and strive to emerge stronger than ever as a trusted healthcare provider in our state.”

Among Harvath’s goals for the future of Saint Francis Healthcare, he aims to build upon recent growth at the hospital while preserving the traditions of the hospital’s faith-based, community-focused mission.

prestigious accolade, also honored in 2018 and 2019. The 2020 Best of the Best firms produce superior financial results while planning for long-term, sustainable growth.

WW&D earned this distinction by delivering top-notch client service, sought-after benefits and professional development across the firm – hallmarks of the Best of the Best.

Department of Finance and The Precisionists, Inc. launch Autism at Work employment program

The State of Delaware Department of Finance recently began collaborating with The Precisionists (TPI), a Wilmington, Del.-based organization focused on employment for adults with disabilities. The pilot program, about to celebrate its first anniversary, uses the talents of a team of autistic adults from TPI’s workforce to tackle critical business needs within the Department of Finance’s Division of Revenue.

“When properly assessed and trained, people with autism are extremely high-performing employees working in critical and challenging jobs such as administrative business functions, including scanning documents and data entry, software testing, website QA, and data analytics,” said Ernie Dianastasis, CEO of The Precisionists. “When you consider that more than 80 percent of people with autism in the country are either unemployed or underemployed, we are making a true difference in engaging a significant, untapped labor force. We are thrilled to partner on this project with the State of Delaware Department of Finance, which continues to demonstrate leadership and commitment to the community.”

Those participating in the pilot go through a comprehensive four-week training program. As part of the pilot program, the State of Delaware hopes to identify additional opportunities to expand this employment model to other parts of the business, further supporting

The Precisionists' goal of employing 10,000 people with diverse abilities in the United States by 2025.

Delaware Art Museum receives grant from Bank of America

The Delaware Art Museum (DelArt) received a \$20,000 grant from Bank of America to support the arts in our community. This generous contribution will help the Museum connect people with the arts and each other through virtual and hybrid programs.

Bank of America's gift along with donations from DuPont and the National Endowment for the Arts' CARES Act are supporting DelArt as they provide invaluable, community-centered programs during this pandemic. "Bank of America has been advancing the arts in our community for over 20 years," says Molly Giordano, Interim Executive Director at DelArt. "We really appreciate Bank of America's continued support—especially during this difficult year."

"The coronavirus pandemic has put a strain on many cultural organizations, and it is important to provide our support to ensure their continued viability," said Chip Rossi, Delaware market president for Bank of America. "The Delaware Art Museum plays a significant role in our community and we are committed to assisting their mission of connecting people to culturally enriching experiences."



Nanticoke Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program certified by industry leader

Nanticoke Memorial Hospital announced the recertification of its pulmonary rehabilitation program by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR). This certification is recognition of Nanticoke's commitment to improving the quality of life of patients by enhancing standards of care.

Cardiovascular and pulmonary rehabilitation programs are designed to help people with cardiovascular problems (e.g., heart attacks, coronary artery bypass graft surgery) and pulmonary problems (e.g., chronic obstructive pulmonary disease [COPD], respiratory symptoms) recover faster and live healthier. Both programs include exercise, education, counseling and support for patients and their families.

To earn accreditation, Nanticoke participated in an application process that requires extensive documentation of the program's practices. AACVPR Program Certification is the only peer-review accreditation process designed to review individual programs for adherence to standards and guidelines developed and published by AACVPR and other related professional societies. Each program's application is reviewed by the AACVPR Program Certification Committee, and certification is awarded by the AACVPR Board of Directors.

Dr. Janice Nevin named Citizen of the Year

The Del-Mar-Va Council, Boy Scouts of America honored Dr. Janice E. Nevin, President & Chief Executive Officer of ChristianaCare, as the recipient of the 2020 Citizen of the Year Award, the BSA's flagship fundraising event in Delmarva. The event is chaired by Katie Wilkinson, Senior Vice President and Commercial Market Executive of Fulton Bank. Dr. Nevin was recognized on Tuesday, October 13th. The Eagle Scout speaker was Erin Pyle from Scouts BSA Girl Troop 1111, Middletown, which made the event the first ever Citizen of the Year program with an all-female honoree, chairperson, and Scout speaker team!



Dr. Nevin was presented the Citizen of the Year Award in recognition of her extraordinary community leadership and service as an exemplary role model for our community's youth. This awards ceremony, in its 16th year, has honored many notable community leaders including Chip Rossi, Paul McConnell, Gary Stockbridge, Rob Buccini, Brian DiSabatino, Alan Levin, Fred Sears, Connie Bond Stuart, and many others.