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**Via of the Lehigh Valley Announces Staff Promotions**

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (January 12, 2021) – Via of the Lehigh Valley is pleased to announce three recent staff promotions.

Jill Pittenger, PHR, SHRM-SCP, of Bethlehem Township, has been promoted to Vice President of Human Resources. Jill has been with Via for 7 years and holds a Master of Science degree in Human Resource Management from Moravian College and a Bachelor of Arts in Human Resource Management from DeSales University. Jill leads the human resource team and initiatives, provides human resources guidance to leadership and develops and implements human resource policies.

Lauren Goldberg, of Macungie, has been promoted to Coordinator, Adult Training Facility. Lauren has been with Via for 5 years and holds a Master of Arts degree from Monmouth University in Reading Education. Via's Adult Training Facility, also known as Creative Expressions, helps adults with special needs engage in activities and experiences that allow them to be included in their communities and peer groups as independently as possible. Lauren will oversee daily programming schedule and curriculum with the aim of supporting program participants in building their basic living skills and exploring their personal interests in community service, art, music, gardening and cooking.

Matthew Wheeler, of Whitehall, has been promoted to Coordinator, ViaWorks Small Group Employment program. Matt has been with Via for 10 months and holds a Master of Arts degree in English from Monmouth University. ViaWorks Small Group Employment provides people with disabilities the opportunity to work in integrated community settings in teams side-by-side employees of local businesses. Matt will work with Via participants to improve their work skills and be successful at Kolbe Academy, Habitat for Humanity and the Via Thrift Store.

**About Via of the Lehigh Valley**

Serving our community since 1952, Via helps people reach their full potential. In a typical year, Via provides services to 1,250 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities living in Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon, Monroe, Pike, Bucks and Berks counties. These services include vocational exploration, community employment, educational activities, volunteer and recreational opportunities for teens and adults and early intervention therapies and inclusive education for young children. Visit [www.ViaNet.org](http://www.ViaNet.org) to learn more.

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