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**NEW NONPROFIT RAISES THOUSANDS FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES IN NEW LEBANON!**

Local students received a lifeline for needed supplies this fall thanks to the efforts of a new organization in New Lebanon. The Lebanon Valley Community Corporation (LVCC) collected cash donations of over $2,000 to buy school supplies, and gathered over 600 items such as new backpacks, pens, pencils, notebooks, folders, and art supplies. The total value of all donations is over $3,000.

LVCC, a new not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization, was formed by caring citizens of the Town of New Lebanon to help address the needs of residents that go beyond government programs. The mission of this new philanthropic group is to “foster the community and economic well-being of the Town of New Lebanon, its residents, and its neighbors.” Donations to LVCC are tax deductible to the extent guaranteed by law.

New Lebanon Town Supervisor Tistrya Houghtling praised the formation of LVCC. *“Our students would not have had access to these essential supplies but for the work of LVCC. It is a strong addition to our community development efforts, and I look forward to working with LVCC to forge a stronger New Lebanon.”*

Next up for LVCC is supporting the **Holiday Gift Drive**, originally started by Supervisor Houghtling; sponsoring a fundraiser at Meissner's Auction House for New Lebanon’s **Free Bike Program**; and building out their newly formed **Disaster Relief Fund**.

When asked about the **Holiday Gift Drive**, Erminia Rasmussen, President of LVCC, said *“For the first time, all donations to the gift drive will be tax-deductible, and LVCC will help the town reach more people than ever before - providing toys and clothing to children and parents in need during the holidays.”*

To **learn more** about LVCC or to **volunteer** contact info@lebanonvalleycc.org, or contact Monte Wasch at (518) 781-0195 or monte@fairpoint.net.

To **make a tax-deductible donation**, go to: tinyurl.com/NLpaypal, or write a check made out to the Lebanon Valley Community Corporation and mail it to P.O. Box 74, New Lebanon, NY 12125.

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