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The Mon Valley is an economically depressed region that continues to feel the effects of massive unemployment brought on by the collapse of the area’s steel industry over 20 years ago. The Human Services Center Corporation (HSCC) was established in 1982 as a human services “mall” housing over 15 agencies and used as an outreach base by over 80 programs addressing issues such as employment and training, health, housing and youth services. Each day, more than 750 Mon Valley residents visit HSCC to receive services.

HSCC’s Youth Learning in a Fun Environment (Youth LIFE) After School Program serves over 90 children each day between the ages of 5 and 18 from 37 economically distressed communities.

Their program is focused on the improvement of skills in five areas: academics, cultural and social enrichment, recreation, and community service. The Youth LIFE Program:

- Provides students with an educational and safe place each weekday from 2:30 pm to 7:30 pm, including serving students a snack and nutritious dinner
- Focuses on academics by tutoring, reading improvement, computer training and completing homework
- Maintains a behavioral checks and balances point system to instill responsibility for actions
- Stresses the importance of community service
- Encourages workforce development skills through various HSCC projects
- Engages parents and youth in planning program activities and special events
- Partners with other agencies to provide educational seminars such as self-esteem, non-violent conflict resolution, health and nutrition

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“It is essential to the future of the Mon Valley to alleviate the economic and educational barriers that area families face. The Human Services Center Corporation is here to help individuals of all ages, serving as a one-stop human services resource center for residents.”

- Dave Coplan, Executive Director, Human Services Center Corporation

How you can help this Champion in Action:

- Make a tax-deductible donation (consult your tax advisor). Citizens Bank customers can make contributions through Online Bill Payment available with Citizens Bank Online. Visit citizensbank.com for details.

- Volunteer your time. Serve as a tutor or mentor. Assist youth with their community service projects. Organize a seminar or class for the Center’s youth, parents or seniors. The Human Services Center Corporation has a wide variety of opportunities to apply your talents.

- Learn More. Tune into WPXI or contact the Human Services Center Corporation.

What makes Human Services Center Corporation’s Youth LIFE Program a Champion in Action?

- 82% of students who participated in the program’s tutorial services improved their grades with 99% being promoted to the next grade.

- 88% complete two community service projects each year.

- 100% increased awareness of their communities’ needs through community service projects.

- 80% of the children attending the program are from single parent homes. 75% of their parents earn less than $15,000 per year.

Putting the resources of the Champions in Action program to work.

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- A contribution of $25,000 in unrestricted funds from the Citizens Bank Foundation.

- Media coverage from WPXI, including public service announcements.

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- Public relations support.

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