

Thanks for making Seasons Change biggest ever

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Editor,

On behalf of everyone from Serento Gardens I want to thank the many people and businesses that made this year's Seasons Change Event the most successful we've had to date. The Seasons Change Run attracted 187 runners and walkers, by far the most we have ever had, and the Flaming Foliage Metric Century over 100 cyclists on a winding tour of Northeast PA.

It takes an army of dedicated volunteers and supporters make this happen with all of the money raised going back to the community to support drug education among children.

We especially want to thank our presenting sponsors and our hosts, DeAngelo Brothers, Inc. and the tremendous support of their staff organized under Jennifer Kistulentz. All of you were wonderful to us and all the hundreds of people who came out to participate.

We are so very grateful to M&T Bank for their five consecutive years of sponsorship. They were the first major supporters on board in 2007 when the Seasons Change Event began. They are the reason everyone who participates gets our trademark event squirrel, and why five children have been thrilled to receive the four-foot cuddly squirrel that has given them such joy.

We thank the many companies which provided their facilities and equipment including: APTS, Bartush Signs, the Beltway Diner, Cargill, Hayden Electric, the Hazleton Chamber of Commerce, Holy Rosary Parish, Karchner Logistics, On-Site Portable Toilets, and Radznel Outdoor Specialties.

We thank our many food suppliers including: AmberDonia, Bimbo Bakeries, the Broad Street Deli, Buddy's Bagels, Caputo's Ice, Cargill, Convenient Mart, The Country Butcher, Dial Corporation, the Dragonfly Café, Hershey, Jimmy's Quick Lunch, Senapes, Verrastros, and Third Base. We also want to thank Maylath Orchards who always donated pumpkins to the event, but suffered a severe crop loss due to the rain.

Nothing would be possible without the armada of volunteers who helped out including two of our cooks, Catherine and Zane, Denise Stadnick and her students from Weatherly Area High School, the Serento Gardens Student Board, the Hazleton Area School District, the Hazleton Area High School SADA club, the Hazleton Police Department, the Heights Terrace Elementary/Middle School Cheerleaders, Tom Allegretto and his team of community members from White Haven, Fr. John McHale of St. Patrick's Church in White Haven, Weatherly Borough Manager Harold Pudliner and all of Weatherly Borough, Steve Stamatopoulos who organized and conducted the Bicycle Safety Rodeo, the McCann School of Massage Therapy Students, and Hazleton's own Tony Pacelli who DJ'd the whole event for us.

It also takes a lot of money to put something like this together and we thank our major donors including DeAngelo Brothers, the Dryfoos Group, the Greater Hazleton Health Alliance, FNCCB, LCCC, Rossi Coal, and Terry and Karen Duffy, along with the countless smaller contributions that made it all possible.

And finally, we are deeply grateful for all the wonderful publicity support that got the word out,: the Hazleton Standard-Speaker/Citizens Voice, Panorama Media Group, SamSon Productions, Service Electric Cablevision, and WYLN.

This was an army of dedicated people who all pulled together for this Agency I love and the work my

staff have dedicated our lives to, and we thank you all.

Ed Pane, president and CEO,

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