



LEHIGH VALLEY  
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To whom it may concern,

Valley H.O.P.E is a new community resource room intended to provide basic necessities for those currently homeless, (including veterans, individuals and families), individuals and families transitioning out of homelessness (including veterans) into housing, recent Fire and / or Flood victims (within 2 months), returning military individuals / families within 3 months of returning).

Valley H.O.P.E. items are offered to approved social service agencies, nonprofits, government, public, hospitals, homeless shelters, treatment centers, individual(s) and others approved.

These are offered only by appointment **Walks ins will not be allowed and are not permitted.**

Valley H.O.P.E. is similar to that of a Thrift store. **All items are Free**

Valley H.O.P.E. will be open starting October 2016. This resource room is opened one day per week. By scheduled appointment only.

### **Who we will help?**

- Current homeless veterans, individuals and families
- Recent fire / flood victims (2 months or less)
- Homeless individuals and families transitioning out of homeless (less than 6 months)
- Returning military service men / women
- Other emergencies approved by CEO

### **Valley H.O.P.E room will consist of the following:**

1. A Clothing section: Clothing for new born up and including adults of all sizes of new and / or gently used
2. A Household items section: Small appliances, lights, clocks, pictures, kitchenware's, laundry basket and cleaning start up kits, toys, games, small furniture items, personnel hygiene items and more. These are items are where one person can carry.
3. Attire section: Dresses for women, Suits for men, including essentials such as purses, shoes, ties, shirts, jewelry, etc.
4. A dressing room is available in the resource room
5. We have created a small library filled with books, movies, music cd's.

**There are no guarantees what you are in need with the items above will be available during a scheduled appointment. We have a needs list if something isn't available and will do our best to fill your request within 2 weeks if possible**



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### **Guidelines:**

- Donations received are placed in our room as soon as possible
- All items are free and there are limits on the amounts
- A referral form must be completed prior to any appointment scheduled
- Referrals are sent and reviewed by Kevin Cope CEO
- Within 5 days of receipt the agency / individual will receive an approval or denial and a day / time (appointment)
- Individuals / Families are offered one appointment. If they are a no show and we are not notified in advance, there may not be a second appointment
- If there is something not available at the time, we'll put this on our needed, see if we can have this donated and contact you within 2 weeks if we can
- We will not provide items on hold- all items must be taken that day
- We do not provide transportation, no deliveries are allowed by any volunteers
- We do not provide large furniture items, large electronics, TV's, Beds, etc. We recommend you contacting either Outreach Depot in Hellertown or Restore in Whitehall.
- We do not provide any financial assistance, including money or cash
- Valley H.O.P.E. is operated by all volunteers and are nonpaid

We encourage all the community service providers to send us their information so we can display your information on our service provider table. Materials should be sent to Kevin Cope, 4418 Wagner Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18020

Valley H.O.P.E. is operated out of the Executive Education Academy Charter School at 555 Union Blvd., Allentown, Pa.

All problems, concerns, questions can be directed to attention Kevin Cope CEO / Founder Lehigh Valley Business Group.

Valley H.O.P.E. Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/LVHOPE>

Lehigh Valley Business Group website: [www.lvbg.org](http://www.lvbg.org)

LVBG Valley H.O.P.E. section on our website @ <http://www.lvbg.org/valley-hope.php>

We will continue to build on the Valley H.O.P.E. website page with additional information, resources and additional value information.

Thank You for allowing us to help those in need through-out our community