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VIA Awards \$17k in Grants at December Member Meeting

Doylestown, PA – The Community Response Committee of the Village Improvement Association of Doylestown (VIA) selected three recipients to receive a total of \$17,000. These organizations receive financial awards to support programs within the Central Bucks community. The grants were delivered at the VIA's December meeting.

The first grant was presented to the Central Bucks Family YMCA for their Bucks County Darkness to Light Coalition. This one-time grant of \$3,000 will be used to purchase Stewards of Children participant workbooks and cover training costs to enable 200 individuals to receive the training.



(See picture one). Pictured here are (left to right):
Ms. Ro Molyneux, Project Facilitator, Central Bucks Family YMCA
Mr. Zane Moore, President & CEO, Central Bucks Family YMCA
Kathleen Meyer, Chair, Community Response Committee, Village Improvement Association

The second grant was presented to Doylestown Township Park System. This one-time grant of \$10,000 will be used for a Sensory Enrichment Trail pod that will provide assistance to a large number of residents who otherwise have difficulties visiting the park.



(See picture two). Pictured here are (left to right):

Barbara Lyons, Chair, Sensory Trail Project

Kathleen Meyer, Chair, Community Response Committee, Village Improvement Association

Stephanie Mason, Township Manager, Doylestown Township

Ken Snyder, Doylestown Township Board

The third grant was presented to CB Cares Educational Foundation. This one-time grant of \$4,000 will be used to produce a Community of Concern booklet for distribution to the Central Bucks School District. The purpose of these materials will be to enhance and support the organization's current message of alcohol, tobacco and other drug prevention at the middle and high school levels.



(See picture three). Pictured here are (left to right):

Ms. Kimberly Cambra, Executive Director, CB Cares Educational Foundation

Kathleen Meyer, Chair, Community Response Committee, Village Improvement Association

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The Village Improvement Association of Doylestown was founded in 1895 to support and enhance the quality of life in Central Bucks County. In 1923, the VIA opened Doylestown Hospital and today, VIA members continue to oversee the governance of this award-winning healthcare system. The organization has grown to more than 300 members and still pursues the goals of the founding members through service and education. The VIA's largest fundraiser is the Bucks County Designer House & Gardens, a Community event that draws 7,000 visitors each year.

For more information about the VIA and membership opportunities, please visit our website, www.via-doylestown.org or call (215) 345-2347.