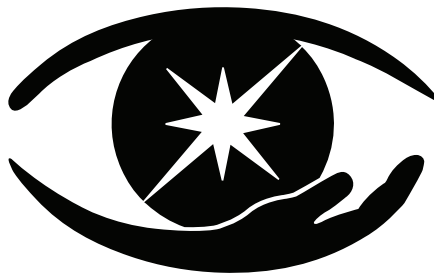


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How to Schedule Transportation

Call Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Lehigh Valley

Call Jesus Ramirez, 610.433.6018, Ext. 226

Monroe County

Call Lisa DePietro, 570.992.7787, Ext. 224

Announcements for Clients

- **New Lehigh Valley Transport Coordinator:** Jesus Ramirez has succeeded Brian Schell as Lehigh Valley Transport Coordinator upon Brian's retirement in September. Jesus has been a Transport Driver for three years and has 30 years of experience in retail sales and management, ministry, and mental health coaching.
- **New Monroe Driver:** Logan Mackin has joined Sights for Hope as a Monroe Transport Driver. He is a graduate of East Stroudsburg High School South and has also worked as a digital designer for Brock Construction Group in Wilkes-Barre, PA.
- **Dancing in the Dark:** The Greater Lehigh Valley Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of PA hosts its annual Dancing in the Dark fundraiser on Saturday, October 10, at Northampton Country Club in Easton, PA. Tickets are \$50 each for people who are blind or have a visual impairment and a guest and \$100 each for the general public. For details, call Melody Simmons at 484.226.5892 or Brenda King at 484.951.8530.
- **On Stage:** Act 1 Productions at DeSales University will present an audio-described and open-caption performance of *Dublin by Lamplight*, written by Michael West, on Saturday, October 10, at 2 p.m. Please call 610.282.1100 for ticket information.

What's Good to Know

In a study funded by the United States Department of Labor, **94% of employers** reported that accommodations for employees with disabilities, including vision loss, **either cost nothing or involve a one-time expense**. The reported median cost for those one-time expenses was \$300.

Lehigh Valley Programs

Held at the Lehigh Valley Services Center unless noted.

Programs with transportation are marked with a (T).

To register, call Rita Lang at 610.433.6018, Ext. 225, unless noted.

Lehigh Valley Client Support Group (T)

Thursday, October 1, 10-11:30 a.m.

Beginner Braille Class (T)

Facilitated by Dianne Michels. Consistent attendance is required.

Monday, October 5, 10-11:30 a.m.

Mall Walks (T)

Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 9-10:30 a.m.

South Mall, 3300 Lehigh St., Allentown, PA

Outdoor Autumn Activity (T)

Activity and location to be announced.

Thursday, October 8, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Books and Bagels

This month's book is *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann.

Friday, October 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Call Jennifer Pandolfo at 570.992.7787, Ext. 222, or Rita Lang at 610.433.6018, Ext. 225, to register.

Living through Depression Support Group Meetings

Monday, October 12, and Monday, October 26, 2-3 p.m.

Held by phone at 1.848.777.1212, passcode 219-9686#.

Call Jennifer Pandolfo at 570.992.7787, Ext. 222, or Rita Lang at 610.433.6018, Ext. 225, to register.

Lehigh Valley Programs

Women's Client Support Group

Tuesday, October 13, 10-11 a.m.

Crafters Corner Activity

Tuesday, October 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Perfect Pumpkin Cooking (T)

Spice up your cooking with this class on all things pumpkin.

Thursday, October 15, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Lehigh Valley Council of the Blind Meeting

Saturday, October 17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Write to info.lvcb1993@gmail.com for details.

Greater LV Chapter-Nat. Federation of the Blind Meeting

Saturday, October 17, 1-3 p.m.

Applebee's Bar & Grill, 3730 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem, PA

Call Kirk Hunger at 484.239.0741 for details.

Grief Care Client Support Group

Monday, October 19, 2-3 p.m.

Held by phone at 1.848.777.1212, passcode 219-9686#.

Call Jennifer Pandolfo at 570.992.7787, Ext. 222, or Rita Lang at 610.433.6018, Ext. 225, to register.

Working While Disabled Support Group Meeting

Held virtually.

Tuesday, October 20, 1-2:30 p.m.

iOS Device Workshop

Wednesday, October 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Lehigh Valley Client Calendar

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LV Client Support Grp 10-11:30 (T)	2	3
8 Outdoor Activity 10:30-2 (T)	9 Book Club 10-12	10
15 Pumpkin Cooking 10:30-1 (T)	16	17 LVCB 10-12 GLVNFB 1-3
22 Tech Talk 2-3:30	23	24
29 Halloween Party 11-1:30 (T)	30	31

Weekly Programs

Mall Walks
October 7, 14,
21, and 28,
9-10:30 (T)

(T) Programs with available transportation

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Monroe Client Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4	5 Monroe Client Support Grp 10-11:30 (T)	6	7
11	12 Depression Support Grp 2-3	13	14 Longmeadow Farms 10-12:30 (T)
18	19 Grief Care Support Grp 2-3	20 Working Support Grp 1-2:30	21 Men's Group 2-3
25	26 Depression Support Grp 2-3	27	28

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Monroe Client Calendar

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3
8	9 Book Club 10-12	10
15	16	17
22 Tech Talk 2-3:30	23 ESU Theatre 10-1 (T)	24
29	30 Halloween Party 10:30-12:30 (T) Lions Club 1-2 (T)	31

(T) Programs with available transportation

October 2026

Lehigh Valley Client Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
4	5 Braille 10-11:30 (T)	6	7
11	12 Depression Support Grp 2-3	13 Women's Group 10-11 Crafters 11-1	14
18	19 Grief Care Support Grp 2-3	20 Working Support Grp 1-2:30	21 iOS Workshop 11-1 Men's Group 2-3
25	26 Games 10-11:30 (T) Depression Support Grp 2-3	27 Lions Club 1-2:30	28

Lehigh Valley Programs - Continued

Men's Den Client Support Group

Group sessions are by phone and led by client Bryan Shumway.

Wednesday, October 21, 2-3 p.m.

Held by phone at 1.848.777.1212, passcode 219-9686#.

Call Jennifer Pandolfo at 570.992.7787, Ext. 222, or Rita Lang at 610.433.6018, Ext. 225, to register.

Tech Talk

Held virtually.

Thursday, October 22, 2-3:30 p.m.

Dominoes and Other Accessible Games (T)

Monday, October 26, 10-11:30 a.m.

Lehigh Valley Sights for Hope Lions Club Meeting

Held by phone at 1.848.777.1212, passcode 219-9686#.

Tuesday, October 27, 1-2:30 p.m.

Lehigh Valley Client Halloween Party (T)

This party is open to all Lehigh Valley clients and organized by the Visionaries client group. Bring a costume and enjoy a hauntingly good time. Please sign up and bring a covered dish.

Thursday, October 29, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Monroe Programs

Held at the Monroe Services Center unless noted. **Programs with transportation are marked with a (T). To register, call Lisa DePietro at 570.992.7787, Ext. 224, unless noted.**

Monroe Client Support Group (T)

Monday, October 5, 10-11:30 a.m.

Monroe Programs

Books and Bagels

The client book club will meet at the Lehigh Valley Services Center. This month's book is *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann.

Friday, October 9, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Lehigh Valley Services Center, 845 West Wyoming St., Allentown, PA

Phone access: 1.848.777.1212, passcode 219-9686#.

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Living through Depression Support Group Meetings

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Apple and Pumpkin Picking at Longmeadow Farm (T)

Cost of \$15.00 per person includes a pumpkin, a bag of up to three pounds of apples, a hayride, and cider.

Wednesday, October 14, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Longmeadow Farm, 561 Hope Blairstown Road, Blairstown, N.J.

Grief Care Client Support Group

Monday, October 19, 2-3 p.m.

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Working While Disabled Support Group Meeting

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Tuesday, October 20, 1-2:30 p.m.

Monroe Programs

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Tech Talk

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Thursday, October 22, 2-3:30 p.m.

A Midsummer Night's Dream at ESU (T)

Experience Shakespeare's legendary comedy *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, as performed at East Stroudsburg University.

Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

Friday, October 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

East Stroudsburg University Fine & Performing Arts Center,
125 Fine Arts Drive, East Stroudsburg, PA

Monroe Client Halloween Party (T)

This party is open to all Monroe clients. It is sponsored by the East Stroudsburg North High School Leo Club and organized by the NuVisions client group. Please wear a costume and bring a dish.

Friday, October 30, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Middle Smithfield Community Center, 5200 Milford Road, East Stroudsburg, PA

Call Jennifer Pandolfo at 570.992.7787, Ext. 222, to register.

Monroe Sights for Hope Lions Club Meeting (T)

Friday, October 30, 1-2 p.m.

Middle Smithfield Community Center

Find out more at SightsforHope.org/MonroeLionsClub.

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