

What Inspires You?





About us:

Scranton Tomorrow is a business and community development nonprofit, focusing on Downtown. For over 30 years, we have worked together with community partners to bring out the best of the City.

I am the Safe, Clean, Green, and Design Project Manager, and part time. I usually refer to what I do as managing nature-based programming with volunteers.

The goal of what we do is community engagement.

**Community engagement is our opportunity to
“...change the places we live into places we love”
Erin Barnes President & CEO Main St America**



I find inspiration in, not just helping people, but helping people be successful, and being part of our community. I'd like to share a few different ways this has happened.





THE SCRANTON SCHOOL

for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Children

537 Venard Road, Clarks Summit, PA 18411

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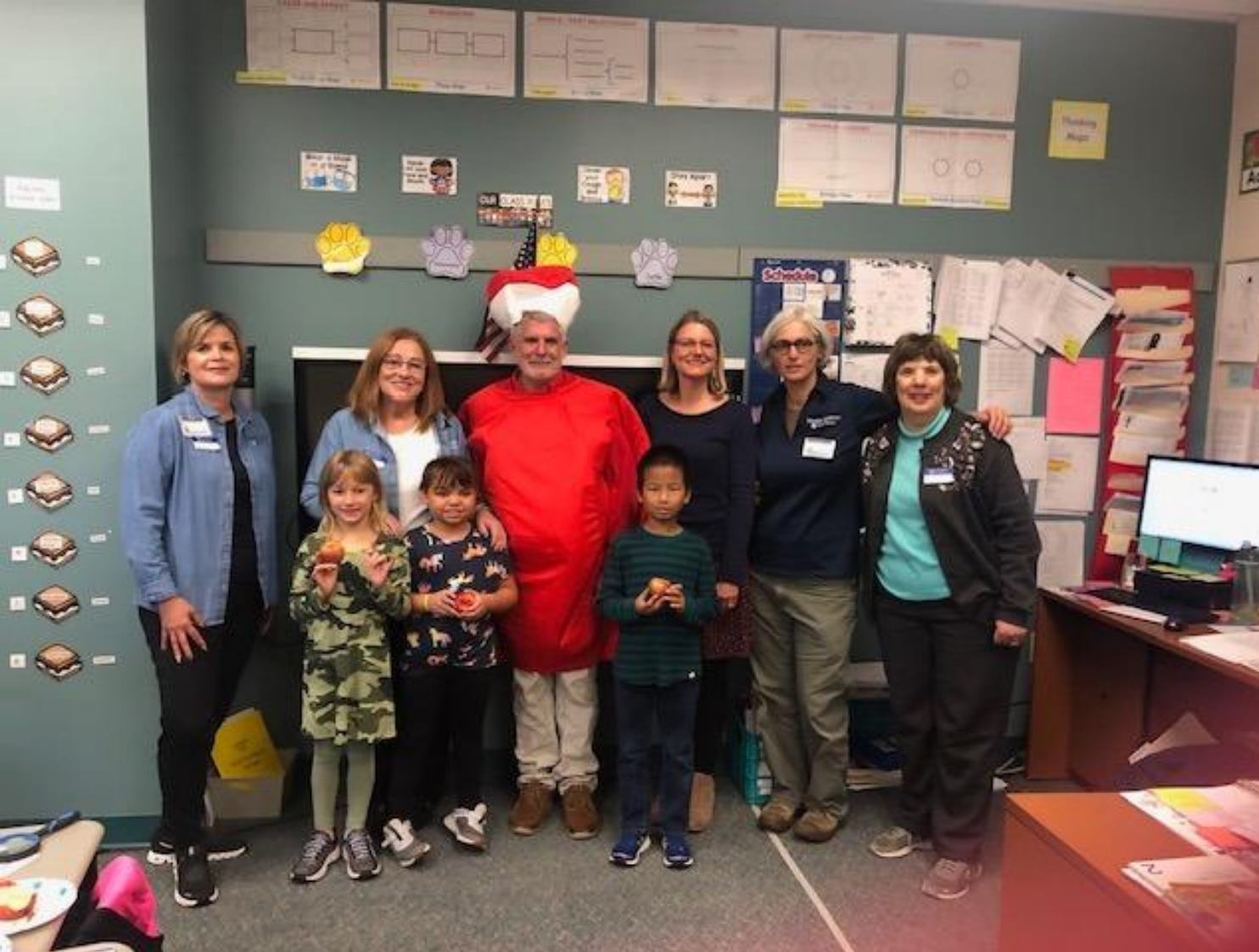


The plan was for a one visit in April to help the kids plant and then meet again downtown for planting day. That changed quickly.



**Charlie Brown may have the Great Pumpkin,
But ...**





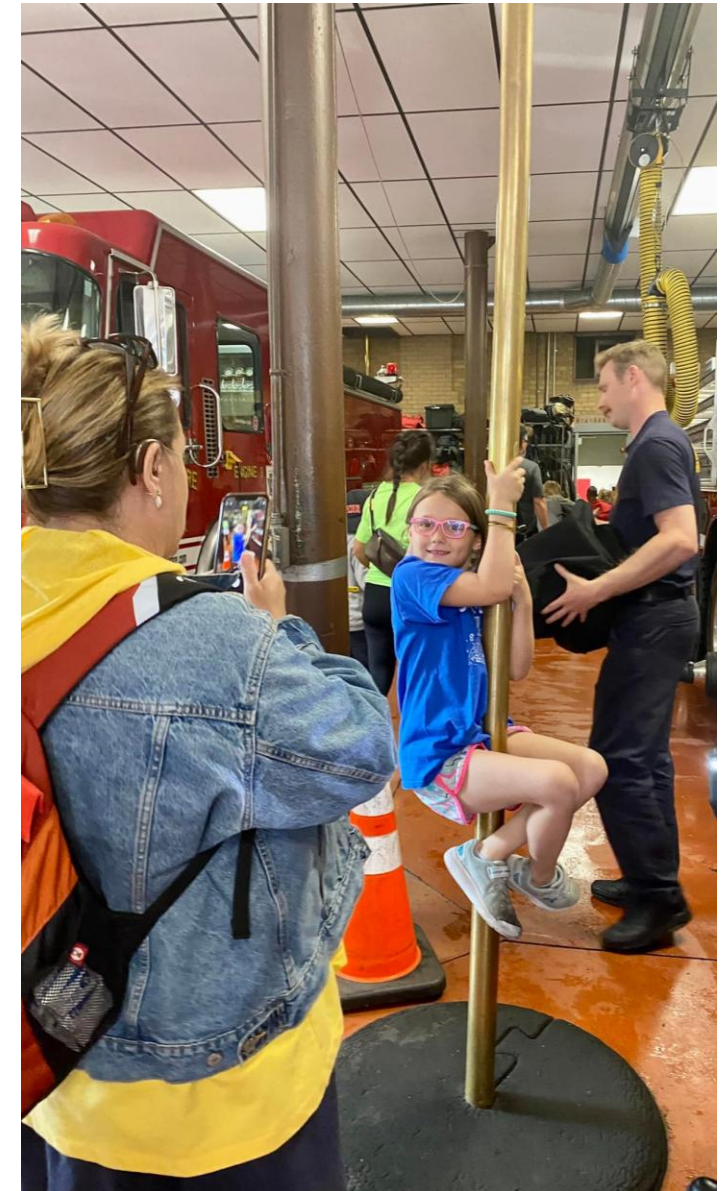
**Only Scranton Tomorrow has
Johnny Apple Steve!**

**As much as
we like
going to the
school,
Planting Day
Downtown
is what's
important.**





They met the Mayor, many public servants, first responders, and city council members





Just being kids, like everyone else, and it really doesn't where they go to school.



**“Not only did our
flowers bloom, so
did our students.”**

**MaryAnn Stefko
SSDHC**

What inspires me?

**Helping people
navigate obstacles
so we can make
something
beautiful together.**



The image shows the exterior of a two-story building. A prominent red awning runs across the front of the second floor, with the words "Lackawanna Blind Association" written in white, serif capital letters. Below the awning is a large glass storefront. The building's facade is light blue-grey. Three white, dome-shaped outdoor lights are mounted on the second floor. The ground floor has a base of stacked stone. The sky is blue with some clouds, and a portion of a dark car is visible on the left.

Lackawanna Blind Association

**The last Tuesday of every month
is their sensory experience**

How do you lead a gardening program with those who can't see?





Most often, we make gardening choices on how things look and taste. What if you can't do that?

We emphasize texture and scent.





Using the other senses deepens the connection with nature, and each other.



All of our programming has an outdoor element to it, and I wanted the same for the Blind association, so I knew planting sensory garden was a perfect project.





"I am so happy we can plant here and up close, because I can't do this at home"

What inspires me?

**Creating
opportunities in
our community for
people so we can
make something
beautiful together.**



Lackawanna County Gateway Building and





The Recovery Bank



The Recovery Bank, a tale of two buildings



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Lackawanna County
Gateway Center
Land Records Division











Danny's story



And my story

What inspires me?

**Using nature based
programming to bring
positive outcomes to our
community so we can
make something beautiful
together**



The struggle is real...









What inspires me?

The 4,654 volunteers who gave 6935 hours of service back to Scranton in 144 projects so far this year, with 2 ½ months to go.

I am very fortunate to be able to live my life's work every day with these incredible people so we can make something beautiful together.



We



Scranton