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Penn State Extension Honors Valley Youth House
Award for building strong youth, families, communities

December 1, 2009 – Valley Youth House received the Friend of Extension Award at the recent Annual Meeting of the Penn State Cooperative Extension. The Extension cited Valley Youth House for their four-year collaboration with the Extension on delivering high-quality, science-based prevention education programs for the youth of the Greater Lehigh Valley.

The Cooperative Extension each year recognizes those who work with the service to advance their mission of building strong youth, families, and communities. Also honored was Channel 69 for the weekly *Garden of Eve* television program. The Annual Meeting featured a tour of the new Penn State Lehigh Valley campus, and an address by Dr. Ann Williams, Chancellor of the campus.

Valley Youth House is a Lehigh Valley-based social services agency devoted to assuring that every child in our society will have a chance to develop into a healthy, productive, and responsible adult. The agency offers a range of residential, counseling, mental health, and life-skills education services in Lehigh, Northampton, Bucks, Montgomery, Carbon, Luzerne, and Philadelphia Counties.

Valley Youth House has offices in Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Warminster, Norristown, and Philadelphia, and a full and part-time staff of more than 300. The agency serves 12,000 youth and their families each year, more than 90% of whom are from the Lehigh Valley.

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