

September 25, 2023

Press Release

For Immediate Release:

For more information, please contact, Eric J. Ruth, [info@kellyn.org](mailto:info@kellyn.org)

### **Meals on Wheel of the Greater Lehigh Valley joins inaugural partners to Develop Local Food System**

Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley joins seven other local organizations to support the development of a strong local food system in the Lehigh Valley that will provide balanced, healthy food to the region's ever-growing population.

Meals on Wheels of the Greater Lehigh Valley combines with the Bethlehem Area School District, Kellyn Foundation, Lehigh Valley Health Network, Penn State Extension, Rodale Institute, Bethlehem Food Co-Op, and Second Harvest Food Bank to help build locally grown food production and develop an established local food infrastructure.

Erik McGaughey, CEO, states "Meals on Wheels is extremely excited to join this wonderful initiative. It is imperative that we all join to support our farmers, develop a food infrastructure, and provide healthy food to our Lehigh Valley population.

"As the global leader in regenerative organic agriculture, Rodale Institute understands the importance of building more resilient regional food systems that benefit public health," said Jeff Tkach, CEO of Rodale Institute. "The Institute has deep roots in the Lehigh Valley, and we look forward to improving the local food supply with our partners."

Eric J. Ruth, CEO of Kellyn Foundation states "We are very pleased that Meals on Wheels is joining the team. With Meals on Wheels, Second Harvest and Kellyn all engaged, we are confident that all Lehigh Valley residents will benefit from this initiative."





[www.kellyn.org](http://www.kellyn.org)



**PennState  
Extension**

