Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys News Release

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MILL HALL – Peanuts characters come alive in Mill Hall! The Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys (BENV), in partnership with the Keystone Central School District and KeystoneCares, sponsored a Santa’s Workshop for Kids event on Sunday, December 8, 2019.at the Central Mountain Middle School in Mill Hall. The theme this year was “A Charlie Brown Santa’s Workshop.” Beginning on Saturday evening, club members and other school and community volunteers, led by Kiwanis committee co-chairs Lisa Sente and Penny Meyers, set up activity stations in the gym and cafeteria featuring games and crafts with a Peanuts comic theme. Club members were assisted in putting on the event by members of local Kiwanis family Service Leadership Program clubs - LHU Circle K Club, CMHS Key Club, and CMMS Builders Club. Also helping were volunteers from KCSD, Keystone Cares member organizations, and family and friends of club members. Sunday was a busy and fun day as over 250 local kids and their families attended the event. In addition to spending time talking to Santa and Mrs. Claus -- plus Frosty the Snowman and a few of the Peanuts characters like Charlie Brown himself and Snoopy -- kids enjoyed everything from making their own snow globes, to writing letters to Santa, coloring snap bracelets, designing their own tote bags, playing games and listening to a story from several guest readers, to picking out a book of their own to take home! Books were provided by a generous grant from the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation. There also were treats, a Charlie Brown Christmas movie, and raffle prize drawings -- just a fun day! This is the sixth year Kiwanis Club of BENV has sponsored the Santa’s Workshop, a free community event made possible by generous donations from area businesses including Avery Dennison, First Citizens Community Bank, Walmart, and Arby’s. The event is also supported by BENV fund raisers like the annual Kash Bash scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2020 at Sons of Italy in Lock Haven. Based on the many happy attendees, both young and not so young, Santa’s Workshop was a great success again this year. Santa and Mrs. Claus have promised to attend next year as well.

Photo descriptions:

Photo 1 (Santa and Mrs. Claus) Santa and Mrs. Claus visited by a little one.

Photo 2 (Craft Station) Youngsters getting creative at a craft station.

Photo 3 (Race) Kids compete in race carrying candy peanuts.

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