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As we look towards the Thanksgiving holiday, I am reminded that thankfulness is something I try to practice every day, and hopefully it becomes “top of mind” for most of us during the month of November.

And, speaking of giving thanks, it is a privilege to serve as the president of the Allentown Chamber of Commerce. Like any healthy business, it is really about the people and partners who provide a productive environment of collaboration that makes us strong. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the key people in the Allentown Chamber: Thank you Patrick McNealis, 1st Vice President, and Meghan Silvia, 2nd Vice President, who both bring so much energy and great ideas to our Chamber board.

Each board member is committed to economic growth and prosperity in Allentown and we share critical business information at each board meeting. Thank you for all you bring to the Allentown Chamber and thanks for playing a critical role in the health and growth of the Allentown business community.

Below are the Allentown Chamber partnership organizations:

- Dan Bosket, Community Action Development Corp. Allentown
- Bernie DeBias, City of Allentown
- Tamara Dolan, Allentown Parking Authority
- Virginia Haas, County of Lehigh
- Tyrone Russell, Lehigh Valley Faces
- Ann Biernat-Rucker, West End Alliance
- Pastor Bob Stevens, Hamilton District Main Street Program
- Dave Wildonger, Allentown School District

Thanks also to the staff, Liz Regan and Betsy Kohl, who keep us moving forward and a HUGE thank you to Miriam Huertas, who continues to serve the Allentown business community tirelessly for almost ten years.

So, give thanks and come join us on **Thanksgiving Sunday, November 27th** at Miller Symphony hall and celebrate our 20th and final **Lehigh Valley Christmas in Concert** with us! Music, food, friendship and merriment! Happy Thanksgiving!