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Lori Richardson, Director of Development for Haven House, and I are excited to be the new peeps leading the Non Profit and Business Partners Council. Haven House is focused on restoring hope and renewing lives and Just Born is committed to sweetening lives here in the valley so I think we will make a great team. We both have big shoes to fill. I want to thank Drew Maron, Laurie Hackett and William Vogler who were all instrumental in creating this council and providing the leadership over the last 4 years. We are also excited to work with Lorie Reinert at the Chamber who is a rock star!

In addition, I want to welcome new board members to our NPBP council: Amy Saul, Moravian College's Associate Dean of Career and Civic Engagement and Lissette Santana, PPL's Senior Manager for Corporate Relations. These ladies join a great diverse group of peeps on our NPBP council from non-profits and for profits with a variety of backgrounds from different regions of the Lehigh Valley. We continue to bolster our team to help fulfill our purpose to strengthen collaboration between non-profit organizations and business partners to build capacity of non-profits resulting in a vibrant community.

Our council has done an amazing job creating events and collaboration opportunities to deliver on our purpose including our wildly successful annual Collaboration Conference. At our most recent Collaboration Conference, we surveyed the 200 attendees during the conference (via texted responses) asking them what topics/events would be most beneficial for them that the NPBP Council could focus on delivering. This insight has provided the direction of where the NPBP Council will focus in the upcoming year. In addition, many of the attendees expressed a desire to get more involved and so we will also be looking at developing committees & other opportunities for more people to collaborate.

I don't plan to release my private emails nor build a wall. I do commit to foster more collaboration to make the Lehigh Valley a more vibrant and sweeter community.