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Jim Barker, President of the Lehigh Valley Garden Railroaders, in collaboration with the America On Wheels Museum of Allentown, presented a check for \$2,000 to Wendy Benedict, Development Manager representing the Allentown Rescue Mission on February 16th. The donation was fueled by a partnership created by both organizations during the recent Holiday Train Display held at the Museum. This is a successful people-friendly annual event states Linda Merkel, Executive Director of the Museum. Over 3,000 adults and children visited the museum between November 30th through December 30<sup>th</sup>. Each year the Lehigh Valley Garden Railroaders contribute to a non-profit organization of their choice.

“America On Wheels Museum and the LVGR’s dedication and support of our men is very much appreciated. We are very thankful for our community partners. We are dedicated to helping end chronic homelessness and those less fortunate. The Allentown Rescue Mission is not just a homeless shelter, we help change lives states Wendy Benedict”.

Photo: *From Left* - Brandon Connor, Development Intern, Wendy Benedict, Development Manager, Jim Barker of President of LVGR, Linda Merkel, Museum Executive Director, Liz Hahn, Director of Events and Barry Yeakel, Secretary & Event Coordinator of LVGR.

