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Chris Kacsur, Vice President of the Lehigh Valley Garden Railroaders (LVGR) and Barry Yeakel, Secretary of LVGR, in collaboration with the America On Wheels Museum of Allentown, presented a check for \$1,000 to Linda Moller, VP, Patient Care, St. Luke's Hospice. A second check was presented to Brian Mendez, Patient Care Manager at Lehigh Valley Hospice in the amount of \$1,000. 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 4,000 adults and children visited the museum during November 30th through December 30th. Children 12 and under were FREE. Each March the Lehigh Valley Garden Railroaders contribute to a non-profit organization of their choice exhibiting compassion and helping the community.

For over 30 years, St. Luke's Hospice has delivered extraordinary physical, emotional, spiritual care to patients, their caregivers and their loved ones in the place they call home or in their free-standing Hospice House. Hospice is not intended to be a short term provision of care provided to a dying patient, but rather it is most effective for patients and their families in the final months of life when they can take full advantage of all the services that hospice offers. Lehigh Valley Hospice offers a team of physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses and aides along with social workers, spiritual counselors and volunteers to insure the patient's wishes during this time are honored and that there is dignity and comfort above all. Both offer a Hospice team that are dedicated to helping those of all ages finding themselves on the final passage to live their lives to the fullest in every moment. America On Wheels Museum and the LVGR recognized both organizations for their most caring work.

Photo: (Front Row): Linda Merkel, Executive Director, America On Wheels, Liz Hahn, Director of Sales at America On Wheels (Back Row) Melissa Siegfried, Director of Development - St. Luke's, Linda Moller, RN, MSN Patient Care Services of St. Luke's Hospice, Brian Mendez, Patient Care Manager, Lehigh Valley Hospice, Barry Yeakel and Chris Kacsur of Lehigh Valley Garden Railroaders (photographed by America On Wheels)