



SUNCOM INDUSTRIES • INC
Helping People Reach Their Potential
Northumberland, Pennsylvania

Spring/Summer 2024

SUN Lights

SAVE THE DATES!



JOIN US ON THE GREENS!
The 36th

Blair Judy Golf Classic
Monday,
JUNE 10, 2024

Frosty Valley Country Club
Sign up today: suncom.org
It's a swinging good time!

Suncom's Family
Picnic at Knoebels



Pavilion L
Saturday
September 7
Fun, Food & Friends!

19th Annual SLAM DUNK – Cheers!

It was a wintry day on January 6, 2024, when Suncom held the **19th Annual Dirk Sojka's Slam Dunk with Bison Basketball** at the Sojka Pavilion. There was no way we would miss out on the fun, smiles and memories to be made. Thankfully our corporate sponsors Geisinger, Weis, WQKX, and Bucknell were all on the team again this year. This year we also added 2 teammates – Hiller Architectural Group and HEPCO Construction, Inc., who cheered on Suncom and helped support our construction project. Our silent auction boasted over 300 prizes donated from community and businesses for fans to score. Breaking a record for the 'Slam Dunk' fundraising, Suncom raised over \$76,000 from in-kind and monetary donations. Our deepest thanks to our biggest fans Gary, Sandy and Lisa Sojka... who make it all possible.



Dirk Sojka Slam Dunk Sponsors

Special People - Special Recognition

Suncom was founded over 58 years ago by determined, strong, and committed people. They took a dream and made it reality. Since that time, many people through our history have made a commitment, have offered their hands and strength to build this organization, and to provide support in our good times and tough ones. In October, at the Annual Board of Directors' meeting, we were able to recognize **Al Reeves** and **Roger Dietz** by obtaining citations



Senator Lynda Culver and Al Reeves

from the PA State Senate for their dedication and service to Suncom. Al Reeves has been on Suncom's Board of Directors for 47 years, serving as an officer for 39 of those years. Al's support and leadership have been a constant for Suncom, helping Suncom navigate through the years and changing times. Al continues to be an active member of Suncom's board. Roger Dietz retired after 43 years as a Suncom employee. His service to Suncom and our people has made a difference in the lives of so many. We wish him well in his retirement.



Senator Lynda Culver and Roger Dietz

A Message From Peggy Vitale

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WE'RE HIRING!



Moving Forward...

As part of our consolidation plan, Suncom has put 2 properties on the market for sale. They are the 404 Susquehanna Trail in Northumberland and the Bloomsburg site at 169 W. 9th St. These locations have served Suncom well, providing service locations for hundreds of people and staff over the many years, as well as being the places for many wonderful times and great accomplishments. As with anything in life, the time has come to move forward, and we take our history, our memories, and create new plans. Suncom can focus less on properties and more on people, reducing our overhead and excess building space.



Our building construction project at 128 Water Street brings several departments together, including Accounting, 2380 Adult Training Facilities – Lewisburg and ATW, and 2390 CIES Prevocational program. The renovated building offers improved work and program environments, is more economical with better use of space, and is an investment in our future moving forward. Suncom will continue to offer quality, solid services throughout our region, both community and facility-based, to help people reach their potential. It is what we do...it is our mission.



You make the difference...

At our Annual Board of Directors' dinner meeting in October, Suncom was able to recognize some amazing people – our staff – for their years of service to Suncom and most importantly the people we serve. It is the perfect time not only to reflect back on our accomplishments but acknowledge the power of people and the impact they have on each other. Our staff is the strength that makes the difference.



Dedication Donation

In Memory of

Donald Faylor by Gloria Karchner
Luke Rebuck



2023 Sunlight Donations

Dr. & Mrs. Charles Benoit
Robyn Snyder

Service 1st Federal Credit Union



"Slam Dunk" Benefactors

Slam Dunk Level:

\$5,000.00 & Above

Bucknell University's Athletic Staff
(In-Kind)

Charles & Betty Degenstein
Foundation

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(In-Kind)

Gary, Sandy & Lisa Sojka

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- 94.1 WQKX (In-Kind)

Weis Markets

Fast Break Level:

\$2,500.00 - \$4,999.99

Service 1st Federal Credit Union

3-Pointer Level:

\$1,000.00 - \$2,499.99

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Bonus Shot Level:

\$500.00 - \$999.99

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*Our Special Thanks to our "Teammates"
Bucknell University Men's Basketball Team
& Mascot Bucky Bison*



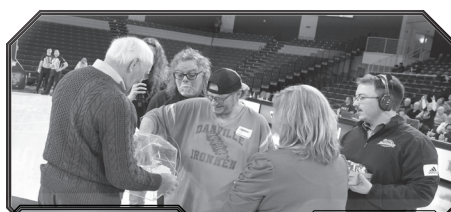
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94.1 WQKX
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 Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble
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 Williamsport Crosscutters



MY Work

In partnership with the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), CIES will be offering a summer work skills development for several high school students for 4 weeks. This hands-on opportunity offers valuable soft work skills and job expectations, learning outside of the classroom to help them on their work career path. The students will work at different job sites and have CIES staff right there coaching them towards a positive **My Work** experience. Summer of 2024 is the third year of the **My Work** program, and it continues to grow with the number of



work sites and students enrolled. Summer learning that leads to success later in life – helping people reach their potential.



*When you see me...
out and about!*

*l-r: Josue; Nathaniel;
and Mary*



I'm in our community volunteering, working, doing things I like, learning about businesses, shopping, and participating in the community.

Suncom's programs help foster that community connection bringing us together to join our talents, interests, and abilities for the greater good of all of us.

CIES Supported Employee of the Year



CONGRATULATIONS to **Donald Reese!** Because of your hard work and commitment to **Community Strategies Group (CSG)**, you were selected as **CIES Supported Employee of the Year**. Your journey shows what ongoing support, hopes and partnerships can achieve. *Way to go Donald – you are awesome!*

CSG supported employer and Donald Reese

A Celebration of Abilities • 2024 Award Winner

Presented by: Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Mental Health and Developmental Services



Casey Smith arrives at Suncom ready to greet his many friends. He enjoys taking on leadership roles, and is passionate about helping others and contributing to the program. His positive attitude and friendly demeanor light up the room! If Casey sees a friend struggling with a task, he steps up to help. Casey also volunteers at the YMCA and EOS Therapeutic Riding Stable.

Always up for an adventure, Casey is one of a kind, and we are thankful to be a part of his journey in life.

Those We Lost

2023

Elwood Diehl
Erin Doebler
Geoffrey Rachau

*We are saddened by the
loss of these friends.*



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*From what we get,
we can make a living.*

*What we give,
however, makes a life.* – Arthur Ashe

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