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Senator Regan Recognized for Support of The Link 4 YOUTH Programs

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[NEW CUMBERLAND, PA] Senator Mike Regan will be recognized on Tuesday, July 23, at 1 p.m. by participants of The Link 4 YOUTH's first summer camp program, made possible by a grant Regan's office supported through the Department of Education.

Regan has been a supporter and resource for the center that initially opened its doors to youth in New Cumberland to provide after-school programs. The \$500,000 in grant funds provided to The Link 4 YOUTH resulted in an expansion that included the opportunity to remain open in the summer, providing supervision, meals, and life skills to attendees at no charge to families.

Executive Director Sandra Collelo states, *"A parent stopped me today to hug and thank me for this opportunity, as she stated she could have never afforded to send her child somewhere in the summer months."*

The center's relationship with Regan's office began in 2015 when they opened their doors. Regan was supportive and became a trusted resource as they addressed the opioid crisis in the community, provided support for them to remain open during COVID-19, and supported families suffering from food insecurities.

Senator Regan will visit the facility on Tuesday, July 23, at 1 p.m. to see the outcomes of the programs he helped support before he retires in November. The participants of the first summer camp have a special token of appreciation for Regan, while the leadership team plans something more formal for later this year.

The Link 4 YOUTH is a youth facility located at 1120 Drexel Hills Blvd. in New Cumberland. It provides youth with a home away from home after school and in the summer months, a home-cooked meal, a place to study, and opportunities for life skills that include gardening and cooking. More information about the nonprofit can be found at www.thelink4YOUTH.org.