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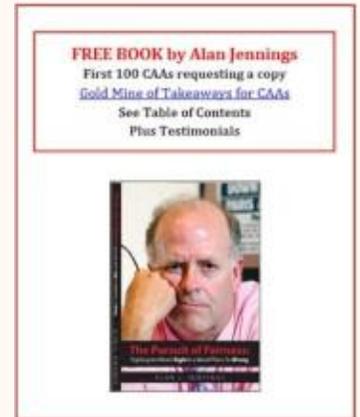
Community Action News

I. Lessons from Four Decades as a Community Action Leader – **FREE BOOK OFFER**

[Anti-poverty warrior Alan Jennings: How do you replace the irreplaceable?](#)

The Morning Call – Allentown, PA – Alan Jennings is one of the most pragmatic people I've run across in my 16 years of writing about the Lehigh Valley. The champion for the less-fortunate recognizes reality — much of it sad reality — like few people do, and fights like hell to change it. Ironically, the one reality I don't think Jennings has grasped is how much of a difference he has made to his community.

Maybe I can change that. Jennings told The Morning Call's Kayla Dwyer on Wednesday, after announcing he would retire in May, that he knows he made a difference: "I just didn't make anywhere near the difference I intended to make." As executive director of the **Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley**, he's spent a lifetime fighting the causes and effects of poverty. Yet he said if he were to be judged solely on that, his efforts failed because the poverty rate has increased. The reality is, the rest of us failed Jennings...



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- ⇒ [The Pursuit of Fairness: Fighting for What's Right in a World that's So Wrong](#) by Alan Jennings
- ⇒ [New Book by CAA Executive Director: Successful Advocacy for Community Change](#), RoundUP, Feb. 2020

Additional news coverage and ACLV's latest annual reports

- ⇒ [Alan Jennings to step down from Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley in May](#), WLVR
- ⇒ [2019-2020 Annual Report](#) – [2018-2019 Annual Report](#)



[We Have Work to Do](#) – Message from Alan Jennings

**You want to make American great again?
Every one of us can do more to ensure that we leave no one behind.
That's what a civilized society does.
Each of us has to give a little. Some of us even more.
But we must, collectively, acknowledge that we are all in this together.**

Alan Jennings

We Have Work to Do video

II. Virtual Annual Meeting: ACLV's Programs & Call to Action from Executive Director

[Longtime leader Alan Jennings leaving Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley](#)

Lehigh Valley Live – Easton, PA – The Bethlehem-based **Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley** is losing its longtime leader, Executive Director Alan Jennings, next year. In what Wayne Barz, president of ACLV's board of directors, called the worst-kept secret, Jennings announced Wednesday at the anti-poverty agency's annual meeting that he will be leaving next May. The meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic...

Barz, who has worked with Jennings for 20 years, spoke of his "fiery, fervent and passionate life mission to shove back as hard possible on the root causes of poverty in the Lehigh Valley and the world." ...Jennings, 62, has been a part of the nonprofit since December 1980, which he joined after graduating from Dickinson College, and has served as its executive director for 30 of those years. He has taken it from a \$500,000 budget and a few employees to a \$30 million organization that owns \$9 million in real estate...

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