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Hello to you Community Members,

July 26 marked the start of a favorite pastime for Westmoreland County Residents...Steelers Camp at Saint Vincent College!!!

We are a proud Steelers Nation. You will not find fair weather friends in this neck of the woods. So ask yourself, "Why is this so, why do we relate to our Steelers so much?" Could it be the hard work and dedication of each member of the team? Is it their perseverance? Maybe it's their commitment to work through the inhospitable weather? Is it their drive? Motivation? Perhaps, it's all the above. It just seems that in Western PA, once a Steelers fan, always a Steelers fan.



Take a moment and reread the qualities just listed. What would it take to create these same qualities for our own communities?

Maybe you are lucky enough to already be actively involved in your community, but if not, I challenge each one of us to step up and be a positive influence in our communities; find a cause, organization or civic group where your service could make a positive difference where you live. Become a fervent fan of your community. Who can you cheer on or help in some way?

Not sure where to start? Call 211 and choose option 1 to talk to a resource person to find out who in your community may be looking for volunteers. The website, www.volunteermatch.org is a great place to start as well. Ask friends and neighbors and look in your local newspapers to see what organizations may be looking for help as well. Are you interested in city councils or board positions...can you start attending meetings to see if your skill set would be a positive fit?

Community leadership requires the same hard work, dedication, commitment, drive and motivation that we cherish in our beloved Steelers. Westmoreland County is filled with individuals who share those same character traits. Let's all have a successful season this fall and cheer on each other as we improve our communities.

In your service,

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