



Community Connections

Sanofi in the Poconos and Northeast PA

Winter 2025 Edition

Sanofi Sponsors 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Dreams are what we have, when hope seems bleak, but hasn't faded.

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

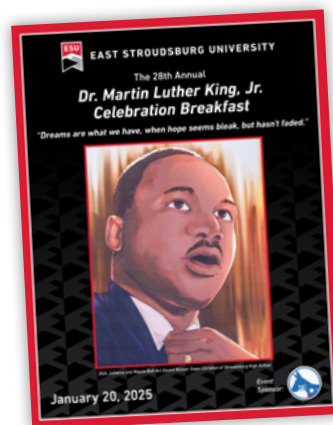
On this special day in January each year, the administration, faculty, students and alumni of East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, along with Monroe County citizens from all walks of life, come together to celebrate the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Breaking bread together, our community celebrates and promotes Dr. King's beliefs in equality, cultural diversity, freedom, respect for humanity, justice, and non-violence—beliefs upon which our nation was founded. Sanofi was a Platinum Sponsor of the event.



Community leaders (l to r) Michael Tukeva (President/CEO, Pocono Mountains United Way) with his daughter, Phillip St. James (Associate Director, Corporate Social Responsibility & Community Relations, Sanofi), Kenneth Long (President, East Stroudsburg University), Joseph Gilliland (Sr. Director of Health, Safety and Environment, Sanofi), and Tracine Baker (New Product and Innovation, Sanofi) were among hundreds gathered for the 2025 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration.



Keynote speaker Edith King-Lawrence is a 2012 ESU graduate, licensed counselor, educator, author and speaker.



The time is always right to do what is right.

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

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“Adopting” Head Start Families: A 30-Year Sanofi Tradition Continues

On a chilly December morning, more than 100 Sanofi employees (Secret Santas), plus contractors, collected and hand-delivered a tractor-trailer full of gifts to Pocono Services for Families and Children (PSFC) at their Mountain Center in Tobyhanna.

The presents were purchased and hand-wrapped by our employees and donated through Sanofi’s 30th annual “Adopt-a-Family” holiday drive. The Sanofi volunteers unloaded the truck and sorted them into family groups. Large bags of colorful gifts were then distributed to 50 of the highest-need families who receive assistance from Monroe County Head Start.

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—Kristi Hammond, Executive Director
Pocono Services for Families and Children

“This year, we had over 100 employees step up and participate in this fun and meaningful team effort,” said Sanofi’s Candice Bohn, Principal Investigator – Vaccines. “The December drive complements our employees’ October 30th initiative that collected and delivered 204 pairs of new boots, plus hats and gloves, to Head Start families. We just love knowing we’re making a small difference in the lives of our neighbors in need at the holidays.”

“It’s clear the people of Sanofi have a caring heart for their community, and our families,” said Kristi Hammond, Executive Director, Pocono Services for Families and Children. “Sanofi does so much to help replace poverty, hunger, and despair with hope, empowerment, and productivity in our most vulnerable and needy citizens. With the Adopt-a-Family drive, Sanofi’s workforce has once again provided happier holidays for local, struggling families.”

Head Start is a child development program that has served low-income children and their families since 1965.



Sanofi team members Phillip St. James (second from left), Kim Hafer and Michelle Tharp had the privilege of presenting Adopt-a-Family gifts to “Grandma” Viola Warren (far left) and “Mom” Anichelle Abreu (second from right). At far right is Sanofi’s Nicole Graffin, who coordinated the gift-giving with Viola’s family.



Some of Sanofi’s “Secret Santas,” celebrating 30 years of giving back to neighbors in need.



Sanofi “Adopt-a-Family” volunteers unload bag after bag of colorfully wrapped gifts for Head Start families.