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The Everhart Museum's Stef Colarusso, Director of Programs, Recognized at Power in Purple Event

Stefanie Colarusso, director of programs at the Everhart Museum, was recognized by the Pennsylvania chapter of the Alzheimer's Association "Power in Purple" event. Power in Purple celebrates extraordinary women in the community who embrace the mission and vision of the Alzheimer's Association. Through the work that Stefanie does with the aging population through the **Everhart Connects Program**. "Stefanie embodies the values and qualities honored at this event in many ways," said Ryan Schofield of the Alzheimer's Association, "we love having Stefanie as part of our family at Alzheimer's Association and we were honored to have her be a part of Power in Purple 2019."

Everhart Connects is a program developed to serve our aging population, specifically patients suffering from Alzheimer's and Dementia, along with their caretakers. The Everhart Museum hopes to create an open dialogue and safe environment for both parties to participate collaboratively.

In addition to serving on the committee for Walk to End Alzheimer's and participating in the Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Conference, Stef is also working on a 3-year study in partnership with Dr. Cullen of the University of Scranton to see the long term Effect of an Artist in Residence Program on the Cognitive Functions of Adults Diagnosed with Early-State Alzheimer's Disease as Reported by Caregivers or Other Significant Informants.

For more information about the Everhart Connects Program or the 3-year study, please call 570-346-7186 x521.



Attachments area

Back Row L-R: Ann Bennan (Walk to End Alzheimer's), Erin Brennan (Walk to End Alzheimer's), Stefanie Colarusso (Everhart), Cyndi Colman (Visiting Angels), Teresa Osbourne (State Aging Commision), Phyllis Gallagher (Alz Advocate),

Front Row L_R Ann Grega (Geisinger), Alyssa Maria (Home Instead), Kathy Wright (Jewish Home), Christine Marcos (Moses Taylor Foundation)

The Everhart Museum is open: 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm on Thursday, Friday and Monday; 10:00 am – 5:00 pm on Saturday; and12: 00 pm – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Admission is \$7/adults, \$5/students & seniors, \$3/children 6-12, and free to guests five and under as well as Everhart Museum members. For more information, contact the Museum at 570-346-7186 or email general.information@everhartmuseum.org.

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About the Everhart Museum: Founded in 1908, the Everhart Museum of Natural History, Science & Art is the largest general museum in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The Everhart Museum, located in Nay Aug Park in Scranton, is a not-for-profit institution dedicated to the collection, care, and display of a diverse array of artifacts, including natural history, science, and fine arts. Through our exhibitions and programs, the Everhart Museum has become an invaluable regional resource for educational and cultural opportunities. General support for the museum is received from the Lackawanna County Office of Education & Culture, the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, and the City of Scranton. For more information on the Museum, visit our website at www.everhart-museum.org or contact us at 570-346-7186.