

Hi Everyone,

I'm sorry I am not able to be there in person, but I am home sick today. I was excited to be able to express the positive impact Chief Roca has had on my career over the almost 5 years I've known him.

My name is Sarina Vas and I am the Community Intervention Supervisor with Pinebrook Family Answers, Lehigh County, and the Allentown Police Department. Chief Roca oversees this program and truly has been an advocate for the program and the growth it has made since it first began in 2017. This program allows a CIS to receive referrals from the Allentown Police Officers for consumers who might be struggling with their mental health, drug and alcohol dependency, housing for the homeless population, the list goes on. With this program we connect these consumers with the appropriate services to help them get back on their feet and at times avoid incarceration or reincarceration.

I'm sure many of you already know how passionate and committed Chief Roca is to his work. I've seen him work so many long hours, but still was always available for me if I needed advice on a case or a quick vent session. He has been an advocate for the CIS program, as well as so many other programs with the goal of helping as many people as possible in the community we can. Not only does Chief Roca support and oversee these programs he also makes his presence in the community often. You will see him at so many events and always will be willing to speak with anyone who wants advice or just to voice concerns they may have.

It is hard to find someone with the characteristics of Chief Roca. He truly cares about the community and doesn't do this work just for a paycheck. He always has gone above and beyond. I want to thank him for being an inspiration to me and for always encouraging me to follow my dreams as far as my career has gone. He is a great role model and I hope he will become our permanent chief. I cannot think of anyone more deserving.

