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Mother's Day bailout campaign

Hospitality leaders highlight efforts to boost region's tourism industry

It's enough money to let them go home for Mother's Day. It's enough money to let them go home for a vacation. It's enough money to let them go home for a well-deserved rest.

Kenney said during a press conference held at the Independence Visitor Center. “To support the long term survival and revival of our restaurants and hotels and other hospitality businesses we need to welcome back our visitors.”

He noted that before COVID, tourists spent $7 billion in the region and the tourism and hospitality industry had contributed nearly $1 billion in city and state tax revenue and supported 70,000 businesses in Philadelphia.

“COVID has impacted all of those numbers and it's projected to take several years to fully recover from the impact of COVID,” Kenney said. “However, Philadelphia has a competitive edge in this industry and this summer starts the beginning of our tourism comeback.”

City Council bill would benefit airport workers

City Council introduced legislation Thursday to ensure that airport workers at Philadelphia International Airport (PHL) receive family-sustaining wages, affordable health care and paid sick leave.

The legislation, known as the PHL Prevailing Wage bill, would provide a specific classification of airport workers to receive a minimum $15.06 per hour, an additional $4.54 per hour for health insurance and up to 36 hours of paid sick leave annually, among other benefits.

“These hardworking people at the airport serve our community and the casinos and the convention center,” Councilmember Kenyatta Johnson said during the hearing. “And we need to do more to ensure that they are treated fairly and paid a livable wage.”

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Candace McKinley thought by this point, Philadelphia would be tapped out. She’s the lead organizer of the Philadelphia Community Bail Fund, which saw a huge influx of $1 million in donations after the summer of racial justice protests.

So when she set her fundraising goal for the fifth annual Black Mama’s Day Bailout, she had doubts. McKinley thought wrong.

With four days left in the 2021 campaign, she and her staff have already raised $37,000, enabling them to free at least 25 people in time for the holiday. It’s enough money to let them expand beyond mothers, and start bailing out other Black women, and transgender and gender-nonconforming people.

“We’ve just been surprised and encouraged by people’s generosity,” McKinley told BILLS PENN. “And also...