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## **Boone County Volunteers Participate in United Way's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Caring**

**WHITESVILLE** - United Way of Central WV will host the 8th annual Day of Caring on Wednesday, September 11, 2013. Over 600 people from local businesses and organizations will volunteer their time at one of the 52 project sites located at non-profits in Kanawha, Putnam, and Boone Counties.

In Boone County, a group of retired coal miners will volunteer their time to stain the Upper Big Branch Miners Memorial stage located in the new pavilion community park in memory of the fallen coal miners and their families.

The volunteers will get together at 11:00 a.m. for lunch at the Coal Heritage Riverwalk in Whitesville (Salami Community Building). Immediately following, they will begin their work on the Upper Big Branch Miners Memorial Stage from noon – 4:00 p.m.

“Day of Caring allows people from the community and businesses to come together to create positive change in the lives of children, families and seniors. We would like to thank all of our volunteers working together to make our communities a better place to live.” said John Ballengee, United Way of Central WV President.

For more information on Day of Caring, please contact John Ballengee at (304) 340-3503.

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**About the United Way of Central West Virginia:** *United Way is a volunteer-led, volunteer-driven organization representing Boone, Clay, Logan, Kanawha and Putnam counties. From the board of directors to fund-raising volunteers and the others who lend a hand each year, volunteer leaders ensure United Way continues to make an impact on the issues that matter most. United Way of Central West Virginia is dedicated to making sure children and youth achieve their potential through access to quality educational programs; promoting financial stability and independence; improving people's health. By encouraging all people in central West Virginia to give, advocate or volunteer, United Way wants to show the power of "living united". For more information, visit [www.unitedwaycww.org](http://www.unitedwaycww.org) or call 304.340.3500.*