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United Way Hosts 9th Annual Day of Caring

CHARLESTON - More than 650 people from local businesses and organizations will volunteer their time on **Wednesday, September 17, 2014** as United Way of Central West Virginia hosts its 9th annual Day of Caring event. This is the largest Day of Caring event with record numbers of volunteers and project sites! The volunteers will be paired up with local non-profit agencies in Kanawha, Putnam, Boone, Clay and Logan Counties. Volunteers will assist with hands-on projects such as painting, cleaning, landscaping, and much more.

Day of Caring will begin with a kick-off rally at the **Charleston Civic Center from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.** A kick-off rally will also take place at the same time in Putnam, Boone, Clay and Logan Counties. Participants will then head to their project site to begin their volunteer work from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Day of Caring promotes the value of volunteerism and demonstrates that we can work together to create positive change in the lives of children, families and seniors.

Among the 56 project sites are:

Kanawha County

- **YWCA Shanklin Center:** located at 515 Elizabeth Street, Charleston; volunteers will assist with painting, pressure washing and landscaping to help spruce up the area around the resident apartments and the courtyard.
- **Kanawha-Charleston Health Department:** located at 108 Lee Street East, Charleston; volunteers will assist with painting a large room inside the Health Dept.

Putnam County

- **EnAct, Inc.:** Located at 2741 Main Avenue, Hurricane; volunteers will assist with storing and stocking shelves in the new clothing pantry.
- **John Henson Senior Center:** located at 2800 Putnam Avenue, Hurricane; volunteers will assist with painting, building shelves and cleaning the inside and outside of the Senior Center.

Boone County

- **First Responder Thank You Picnic:** located at the Madison Civic Center, 261 Washington Avenue, Madison; volunteers will host a picnic for the community's first responders as a way of saying thank you for their hard work and dedication.
- **Catholic Charities:** located at the Upper Big Branch Memorial and New Coal Heritage River Walk; volunteers will assist with landscaping the area around the UBB Memorial and cleaning the area around the Coal Heritage River Walk.

Clay County

- **Buffalo Creek Watershed:** located at the Buffalo Creek Trail; volunteers will assist with construction of a walkway, brush removal and filling the walkway with gravel to create a smooth walking surface.

Logan County

- **LEAD Community Organization:** located at 1027 Holden Road, Cora; volunteers will assist with repairs of the new LEAD office and will also host a clothing giveaway in the parking lot.
- **PRIDE Community Services, Inc.:** located at 699 Stratton Street, Logan; volunteers will assist with landscaping, painting, laying block and cleaning the PRIDE central office which houses the Head Start Center and Earl Jarvis Senior Center.

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.unitedwaycwg.org or call 304.340.3500.*