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UNITED WAY HOSTS 11th ANNUAL DAY OF CARING

Hundreds Gather to take part in Community Service Day

(Charleston, W.Va.) September 13, 2016 — Nearly 630 people from 54 local businesses and organizations will volunteer their time to do great things for our community on **Wednesday, September 21, 2016** as United Way of Central West Virginia hosts its 11th annual Day of Caring event.

Volunteers representing people of all ages will bring the 'Picture A Better Tomorrow' fundraising and service campaign to life! They will be paired up with local non-profit agencies in Boone, Clay, Kanawha, Logan, and Putnam counties and assist with 48 hands-on projects such as painting, cleaning, landscaping, construction and more.

"Through Day of Caring, volunteers have the opportunity to help local people and service agencies to 'Picture a Better Tomorrow,' whether that's through assisting with projects such as flood rebuilding or constructing handicap accessible ramps for the disabled. It's a day of hard work and fun while supporting our communities and making a difference in the lives of those in need," said John Ballengee, president of United Way of Central WV.

Day of Caring will begin with a **kick-off rally at the Appalachian Power Park from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.** A kick-off rally will also take place at the same time in Boone, Clay, Logan and Putnam counties. Participants will then head to their project site to begin their volunteer work from 10:00 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.

Community Service Director Lisa Hudnall said, "We couldn't be more thankful for so many dedicated volunteers. This year volunteers include area college and high school students, numerous retired and senior volunteer groups and employees from more than 50 businesses that generously allow their employees to take time to give back to our community."

RALLY SITES:

Kanawha/Clay County Projects
Putnam County Projects
Boone County Projects
Logan County Projects

Appalachian Power Park
Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene
Salamy Building, Whitesville
PRIDE Community Services

AMONG THE 47 PROJECT SITES ARE:

Boone County

- **Upper Big Branch Miners Memorial:** Whitesville; volunteers will pull weeds and mulch the USS Memorial landscape and place floor coverings in the caboose exhibit.

Clay County

- **United Way and Believe in WV:** 2286 Upper Two Run Road, Maysel; volunteers from DOW Chemical will build up to 50 twin size beds for flood victims. Materials will be purchased from 84 Lumber at a discount with donations made to the United Way of Central WV Flood Emergency Fund. With support from the Community Lutheran Partners, Believe in West Virginia will provide 25 new twin size mattresses. Enterprise Holding volunteers will transport the mattresses to the project site.

Kanawha County

- **Adopt A Highway:** Downtown Clendenin; volunteers from the University of Charleston Radiologic Science Department will “clean up” flood affected roads in Clendenin with bags, gloves and vest provided by Adopt A Highway.
- **Community Development Outreach Ministries:** 212 D Street, South Charleston; volunteers from United Bank and TW Metals will pressure wash the outside of the building, clean windows, paint outside doors and back entrance, mow grass, spread weed killer and grass seed.
- **Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council:** 321 Virginia St. W, Charleston; BB&T volunteers will repaint and stain benches and boxes as well as pallet fencing and file cabinets. They will weed gardens and flower beds, clean the bunkrooms, kitchen appliances auto body shop and repaint the front of the building.
- **Rea of Hope Fellowship Home, Inc.:** 1429 Lee St., Charleston; United Way of Central WV Board of Director volunteers will be painting resident apartments.

- **Ronald McDonald House:** 910 Pennsylvania Ave., Charleston; with the new Ronald McDonald House scheduled to open in October, volunteers from Unicare will assist with the final touches that will make the facility so special. From hanging pictures to making beds, the house will be prepared for families to relax and feel at home as they care for their child.
- **Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club:** 301 Tennessee Ave., Charleston; volunteers from Ernst & Young will be painting, mowing and assisting students with homework.

Logan County

- **PRIDE Community Services, Inc:** 699 Stratton St., Logan; volunteers from Herman & Cormany and the New River Group at Morgan Stanley will construct a wheelchair accessible ramp and access steps at two residences, providing easier accessibility for elderly and disabled families in need.

Putnam County

- **Goodwill Industries:** Putnam Village Shopping Center, 33 Corporate Center Drive, Teays Valley; volunteers from Fifth Third Bank will spend the day learning Goodwill's mission and working directly with donors, associates and customers at the Putnam County storefront.
- **Putnam Aging:** 2558 Winfield Rd., St. Albans; Hurricane Walmart volunteers will be assisting in the reorganization of the central office by cleaning, purging, landscaping.
- **Teays Valley Church of the Nazarene:** 3937 Teays Valley Road, Hurricane; volunteers from Enterprise will help clean out, replace sheetrock and paint the Teen Center that was damaged during summer flooding. Winfield High School volunteers will join with representatives from the Putnam Wellness Coalition to put up a canopy and refresh sand on the volleyball court.

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

ABOUT UNITED WAY OF CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA: *United Way of Central West Virginia is a volunteer-led, volunteer-driven organization representing Boone, Clay, Kanawha, Logan and Putnam counties. From the board of directors to fundraising volunteers to others who lend a hand each year, all 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.unitedwaycwv.org or call 304.340.3500.