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**West Virginia Senior Santa Delivers Gifts to Needy Seniors**

Partnership of local organizations seek to provide for seniors this year

**SAINT ALBANS, WV** – December 17, 2014 – West Virginia Senior Santa is a program that brightens the holiday season for our seniors by delivering gifts to those who need them. The program's goal is to let seniors in our community know that they are loved, cared for, and appreciated.

This time of year should be about wonder and warmth, but some seniors find themselves alone and without basic necessities. WV Senior Santa is delivering gifts of food, clothing, blankets, hygiene supplies, gift baskets and more to hundreds of local seniors.

This will be WV Senior Santa's 8<sup>th</sup> year in operation. The program began in 2007 when the office of Dr. Bridget Stevens DDS gave Heavenly Hams to three lonely seniors who otherwise would have received no gifts that year. That act of kindness grew in the following years, as they sought to help as many seniors as they could, partnering with churches, organizations and individuals.

The program's gift distribution grows every year. Last year the program delivered gifts to nearly 150 local seniors. This year, the program is working to deliver over 200 gifts! Gifts are generously donated and delivered by Dr. Bridget Stevens, Putnam Aging staff, and countless volunteers.

Anyone interested in helping bring Christmas to our seniors is encouraged to call (304)768-5616.

A nonprofit serving central West Virginia, Putnam Aging is pleased to partner with WV Senior Santa, as well as providing in-home care, transportation, and nutrition programs to the elderly and disabled.

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For more information about West Virginia Senior Santa, or to schedule an interview with members of Putnam Aging's staff or WV Senior Santa contributors, please call Jacob Duchaine (304) 755-2385 Ext 1126 or email JDuchaine@PutnamAging.com