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Serving the Aged and Disabled since 1975

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Putnam Aging Saves Christmas

Putnam County Aging Program's Local Partnership with area businesses saves Christmas for clients

SAINT ALBANS, WV – December 19, 2016 – Over the last 8 years, seniors in Putnam and surrounding counties had been fortunate to be included in the efforts of a local nonprofit gift drive program specializing in gifts for seniors in need. But this year, for various reasons, that program was not in operation so the holidays looked bleak. Fortunately, Putnam County Aging Program stepped in with the launch of a new Senior Christmas Gift Drive. The agency reached out to area groups to see if they would have interest in partnering to be sponsors for some of the areas aged and disabled. The request was met with wonderful support!

In addition to items donated by agency staff and seniors that participate in our John Henson and Buffalo Senior Center, the partnership included AllMed, CAMC Teays Valley, River Ridge Church in Hurricane, Teays Valley Physical Therapy and the WV State Police. Through such, the training room at the agency was filled with food and gifts for distribution to seniors and disabled persons letting them know they are loved and cared for and appreciated. A total of 67 people were sponsored through this effort this year and there is hope that it will grow even bigger in the years to come. Their gifts included anything from clothing, to food, paper products, cleaning supplies, books, puzzles and more.

Putnam County Aging Program wishes to extend a warm THANK YOU to everyone who donated and all the agencies that came together to make this gift drive possible. Together we can accomplish great things and lift the spirits of many across our communities.

Anyone interested in donating to or helping with a program such as this for next year is encouraged to call the agency and leave your contact information with Karen Johnson, Older Americans Act Director at 304-755-2385 so that we can keep in touch with you and include you in future efforts.

A local nonprofit serving central West Virginia, Putnam County Aging Program has been providing a variety of services to the aged and disabled including in-home care, transportation and nutrition services for over 36 years. If you would like more information about the services provided that might be a help to you or someone you know, please call and speak with our on staff Social Worker, Jadea Edwards at 304-755-2385.

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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 Senior Gift Drive contributors, please call Jacob Duchaine (304) 755-2385 Ext 1126 or email JDuchaine@PutnamAging.com

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