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Putnam Aging Senior Santa Program Celebrates 2nd Year

In its second year of operation, Putnam Aging's Senior Santa program sees wonderful support

Saint Albans, WV – December 19, 2017 – This year, seniors of central West Virginia who need it most will be receiving bags bursting with Christmas gifts to warm their holiday spirits this year from Putnam Aging's Senior Santa drive.

Each gift bag contains a variety of items to bring comfort and cheer this time of year, with the agency having been able to assemble over 150 gift bags from an overwhelming outpouring of support valued at over \$3600 this year.

This Senior Santa Program is the descendent of an earlier community program, but this is the second year in which Putnam County Aging Program has led community efforts to raise and distribute gifts for seniors in our community.

"The community support this year has just been overwhelming," said Jenni Sutherland, Putnam Aging's Executive Director. The wave of support for the purchase of practical and thoughtful gifts for local seniors has been beyond what we could have hoped for. This is a clear statement by the people of this community that their seniors matter.

Gifts were provided by Putnam County Bank, Alpha Lambda Master of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, B Ridge Bears 4 – H Group, River Ridge Church, Putnam County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHR), Charleston Area Medical Center Teays Valley Hospital, John Henson Senior Center, United Way of Central West Virginia, Providence Baptist Church in Scott Depot, Staff at Putnam Aging, Amedisys Home Health Care, St. Mary's Home Health Service, Kindred at Home, Teays Valley Physical Therapy, Putnam County Young Democrats, Putnam County Republican Women, United Bank in Teays Valley, WV State Police, and the staff at Family Care Teays Valley as well as other anonymous groups and individuals. On behalf of all the seniors, we thank everyone who donated to this year's program!

Putnam County Aging Program is a nonprofit organization serving the aged and disabled of central West Virginia. The agency has been providing services including in home care, nutrition, transportation, and more to seniors in communities across central West Virginia for over 35 years.

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