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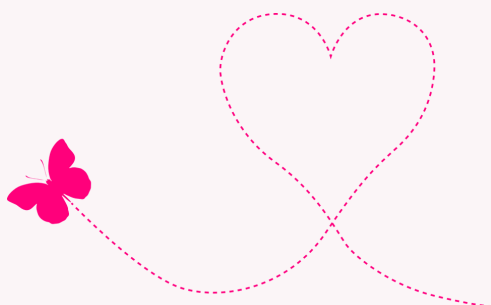
February 2019

## Foster Grandparents Observe MLK Day of Service



MOVRC Foster Grandparent volunteers recognized school administrators, teachers, and school support staff in our service with a token of appreciation in honor of MLK Day 2019. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to equality, social justice, economic advancement, and opportunity for all. He challenged us to build a more perfect union and taught us that everyone has a role to play in making America what it ought to be. Dr. King recognized the power of service. He famously said, "Everyone can be great because everybody can serve."

Pictured above are FGP volunteers and school administration at Walton Elementary in Roane County, West Virginia.



If you didn't get a chance to volunteer on MLK Day of Service, that's okay.

Thousands of organizations around the country are looking for help year round. Search today for volunteer opportunities and get connected to an organization near you.

# National Day of Service 2019



On January 15, 2019, National Day of Service was held at the Capitol. Senior Corps, AmeriCorps and VISTA directors and members had the opportunity to meet with Senators and House of Delegate members throughout the state.

Senator Greg Boso and Delegate Mick Bates introduced National Service groups during the legislative session.

Some interesting facts about National Service in West Virginia:

- Last year, **Senior Corps volunteers served at more than 600 locations across West Virginia**, including schools, food banks, homeless shelters, health clinics, and youth centers.
- Over 3,800 National Service volunteers serve West Virginia each year.
- Last year West Virginia received **\$12.2 million** in funding for National Service.
- Programs include: **AmeriCorps, VISTA, and Senior Corps**. Funding is provided by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), a Federal Agency.
- National Service programs support over 600 nonprofits, schools, and service agencies in West Virginia. They are the volunteers reading to children, teaching job skills, and the retirees giving back after a long career.
- In 2018, **West Virginia ranked #1 in the Nation** for producing AmeriCorps volunteers.
- Since 1994 over 13,000 West Virginians have served approximately 19 million hours in AmeriCorps and earned Education Awards totaling \$32.4 million.

Pictured above are Senior Corp Directors and Foster Grandparents from Kanawha County.

# Community Development Updates



## Rural Development



February 15th is the deadline to register for a February 19th USDA ReConnect Broadband Workshop in Buckhannon sponsored by the West Virginia Broadband Enhancement Council, the U.S. Department of Agriculture—West Virginia Rural Development office and the West Virginia Department of Commerce. There is an option to register to attend by webinar as well. Fred Rader will be attending from MOVRC. All program and registration details are in the link below. Contact Fred or Luke with any questions.

<https://wvbroadbandworkshop.eventbrite.com>

Applications for the USDA Community Connect Grant Program are due by April 15, 2019.

<https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/community-connect-grants>

USDA has also recently released an E-Connectivity Tool Kit that helps determine the best match in USDA funding for broadband projects. It can be accessed at this address:

[https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/508\\_RDeConnectivityToolkit121918.pdf](https://www.rd.usda.gov/files/508_RDeConnectivityToolkit121918.pdf)

If you have not yet confirmed your interest in pursuing planning or broadband deployment projects with Community Development staff, please do so soon. Projects ongoing in Tyler, Jackson, Calhoun, and Roane counties may influence asset location decisions in Wirt, Ritchie, and Pleasants. Coordination in funding and design will be important to maximizing broadband coverage across our region.

# MOVRC Loan Program Updates

MOVRC's EDA-RLF, the US Economic Development Administration Revolving Loan Fund, received a Risk Rating of A. The USED A ranks the revolving loan program on an annual basis under 15 different criteria. The MOVRC EDA-RLF's rating of A is the best rating that can be awarded. Currently MOVRC's EDA-RLF has available to lend \$2.1 million dollars. Help us maintain our rating by promoting our lending programs to small businesses. We cover the entire state of WV with our various lending programs.





The Mid-Ohio Valley Workforce Development Board hosted a Roberts Rules of Order Workshop February 7th. This workshop was presented by John Sorrenti, and covered Roberts Rules on the correct way to conduct formal meetings.

The Workforce Development Board will be holding a youth mentor event, in Mason County at Victory Church on February 21, 2019. This event will be similar to the one held last November and will be focusing on entrepreneurship skills.

Mark your calendars for the first local Reverse Job Fair to be held on April 18, 2019 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, at WVUP. All job seekers are welcome to register on the Workforce website at [www.wdbmov.com/reverse-job-fair/](http://www.wdbmov.com/reverse-job-fair/)



Our Executive Director, Carol Jackson, recently attended an SERDI Marketing Fly In meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. During the course of the two day meeting discussions focused around addressing challenges, opportunities and strategies for regional councils to identify and promote a brand for the organizations. Those in attendance learned from successful regional councils on how to handle media in time of crisis, re-invent strategies in outreach and best uses of social media. 75 SERDI members were in attendance and Carol represented the State of WV.

