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FAYETTE COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

Uniontown, PA – In celebration of National Volunteer Week, Fayette County Community Action Agency's Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will host its first Volunteer Fair April 20 at Uniontown Mall.

Community Action team planner Keeley Forrestel said RSVP currently boasts more than 200 members, age 55 and older, that support various volunteer efforts throughout Fayette.

However, Forrestel said, the goal of the fair is to connect volunteers of all ages, commitment and skill levels to organizations in need.

"We know that volunteer fairs happen throughout the country, so we thought it would be nice to have one in Fayette County because there's a high need here for volunteers to support nonprofit organizations," she said. "We want to make sure those interested in opportunities for internships or simply offering an hour or two of their time can know their available options."

Forrestel said the fair is also a chance to showcase all the positive things Fayette County has to offer.

"When I moved to the area, I really wasn't aware of all the organizations and great things happening here in the communities," she said. "We want to show that there are people working toward making the county a great place to live and they have a chance to get involved in that.

"I think by getting involved in your community, you appreciate it that much more."

Fayette County Commissioner Angela Zimmerlink urged all county citizens to volunteer because it not only benefits the community, but studies show volunteers are healthier mentally and physically.

"I thank all volunteers who lend their time and talent to causes they care about in their community," Zimmerlink said.

Commissioner Dave Lohr said Fayette County has the greatest volunteers who selflessly donate time, money and other resources - especially in times of extreme need.



“Every catastrophe that hits, our citizens respond,” Lohr said. “They work endlessly to try and help people return to a normal life - but not just in catastrophes.

“There are volunteers to help with social issues, delivering meals to shut ins, firefighters and others - and we have some of the best.”

Fayette County Commissioner Vince Vicites said community action is one of the most active agencies for volunteerism and the county is blessed with an abundance of great volunteers.

“Volunteers have helped Fayette County move forward over the years and we are fortunate to have so many volunteers from all walks of life,” Vicites said. “But to continue this effort, we need volunteers for the future, so please volunteer and help our community.”

The free Volunteer Fair takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1368 Mall Run Road in Uniontown.

For more information, call Forrestel at 724-437-6050, ext. 4306, or contact RSVP coordinator Megan Aston at ext. 4276, or via email at maston@fcaa.org.

For more information about Fayette County Community Action Agency or RSVP, visit www.fccaa.org.

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