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BridgeValley Celebrates Giving Tuesday

South Charleston, WV - BridgeValley Community and Technical College celebrated Giving Tuesday on December 3rd by launching a \$3,000 campaign to raise funds for its new on-campus food pantry, Nourish Every Student Today (NEST). Giving Tuesday is a nationally recognized day of giving where millions of people around the world come together to support causes they believe in and communities in which they live.

This year, BridgeValley invited staff, faculty, students, board members, community members, and industry partners to give their time and talents to local organizations or donate to the BridgeValley Foundation. To date, the campaign has raised just over \$2,200. Donations are still being accepted online at www.bridgevalleyfoundation.com/donate and non-perishable food items may be dropped off to the Montgomery or South Charleston campuses throughout the year.

BridgeValley chose to launch the NEST project because 48 percent of community college students face food insecurity. "We want to overcome this obstacle and keep them focused on their education and on track to a brighter future", said Alicia Syner, executive director of institutional advancement.

BridgeValley Community and Technical College was founded on March 20, 2014, and serves a six-county region including Fayette, Raleigh, Nicholas, Clay, Putnam and Kanawha counties. The college operates two campuses in Montgomery and South Charleston, along with the addition of the Advanced Technology Center. BridgeValley awards one-year certificates and two-year associate degrees in many fields including civil, mechanical and electrical engineering technology, business and health management, nursing, dental hygiene, business technology, medical assisting, diesel technology, computer information technology, and welding.

About BridgeValley Community and Technical College

BridgeValley Community and Technical College promotes student success, prepares a skilled workforce, and builds tomorrow's leaders by providing access to quality higher education. BridgeValley Community and Technical College will be the college of opportunity for a diverse learner population, offering leading-edge technology, innovative ideas, and dynamic service to our students and our communities.

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For more information about BridgeValley Community and Technical College financial aid opportunities, programs of study, workforce training and community education and events, call (304) 205-6600 or; or check the College's website:

<http://www.bridgevalley.edu>