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BridgeValley Hosting MLK, Jr. Day to Serve Volunteer Fair

South Charleston, WV, January 18, 2016—The Office of Student Life at BridgeValley Community and Technical College is hosting a Volunteer Fair on January 18 as part of its Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service activity. Organizations from the Charleston area will be set up at the South Charleston campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about local volunteer opportunities, as well as the chance to participate in a service project during the fair.

Representatives from the following agencies will be participating: American Red Cross; Habitat for Humanity of Kanawha and Putnam County; KEYS 4 Healthy Kids; Literacy Volunteers of Kanawha County; Step By Step, the Child Welfare Transitions Project; WV Free; and the YWCA Mel Wolf Child Development Center. Service activities include assembling volunteer packets and labeling awareness brochures, participating in a Listening Project training, creating a square foot gardening template for school gardens, and writing letters to the troops.

"This is the first Volunteer Fair to be held on our campus," said Jeanne Smith, Director of Student Life. "Not only is this a great opportunity for attendees to learn more about agencies that are making a positive impact in our local communities, the 'hands on' projects also give participants a chance to make the MLK, Jr. Holiday a 'day on' instead of a 'day off'."

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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 new 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.