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**Philanthropy WV Annual Conference to Address Revitalizing WV's Communities
ANNOUNCES First Keynote!**

STATEWIDE – West Virginia's Private and Family Foundations, Corporate Foundations/Giving Programs, and Community Foundations will be descending on Huntington this October. Philanthropy West Virginia's biggest event of the year, the 2016 Annual Conference, is right around the corner!

"As leaders and partners in our communities, philanthropy is working to find solutions to some of our greatest challenges in the Mountain State," shares Paul D. Daugherty, president and CEO of Philanthropy WV. He adds, "We're thrilled to be coming to Huntington to showcase the city's progress and other strategies being used across the state and country."

The conference will be at the Big Sandy Arena's Conference Center in Huntington, WV on October 25th-27th. The conference convenes West Virginia and the region's philanthropic community to come together for professional development, continuing education for board members and trustees, networking, learning best practices, and facilitating strong partnerships. It hosts the board members, trustees, CEOs, staff, and professional advisors of private, family, corporate, and community (grantmaking) foundations; and private philanthropists.

This year's conference theme "Philanthropy Revitalizing our Communities" encourages philanthropy to show vitality in order to be a force for change in their communities. The conference will cover many areas from Huntington's revitalization to recovery efforts in communities impacted by the June floods. Conference attendees should expect speakers and programs on issues such as education, economic development, community development, health, and disaster recovery from local, state and national leaders to spur community improvement in our state.

"During these economic challenges in our state, foundations and corporations with their limited grantmaking and community giving have to get the best return on investments. We're pleased to be hosting national leader David Grant as one of our keynotes to assist foundations and corporations to enhance their outcomes to improve communities," says Daugherty.

Grant is the former President of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation and author of the book *The Social Profit Handbook*. Mr. Grant has had decades of leadership in foundations, schools, and the non-profit world. He will discuss the best practices for determining strategies that help organizations and communities determine outcomes, impact of giving, and improve their work as a result. In a time of limited resources, it is a great way to identify how can we increase support and improvement for our West Virginia communities. This luncheon keynote is sponsored by Foundant Technology.

To register and obtain more details on the conference, visit www.philanthropywv.org or call 304.517.1450. Hotel block expires soon and there is only 80 seats remaining.

Founded in 1993, Philanthropy WV is the state leadership organization for organized philanthropy that serves trustees/board members, CEO's, staff, and volunteers of community, private, family, and corporate foundations, giving programs, and individual philanthropists. Our mission is "Strengthening Philanthropy in the Mountain State". For more information, visit: www.philanthropywv.org.