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Philanthropy celebrated statewide with Community Foundations Week

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Celebrating the impact of philanthropy and advancing its work is the focus of the 2016 Community Foundations Week and National Philanthropy Day this week in West Virginia. West Virginia Governor Early Ray Tomblin declared November 13 – 19th, 2016 Community Foundations Week. For more than fifty years, community foundations make it possible for West Virginia citizens, businesses, and organizations to create permanent philanthropic resources for the current and future needs of our communities from basic human needs to creating innovative solutions that transform our towns, cities and counties.

“Community foundations provides the democratic opportunity for individuals from all walks of life to be philanthropists in small, medium, and large ways with over 30 community foundations, affiliates, and area funds around the Mountain State serving fifty two of our state’s fifty five counties,” shares Paul D. Daugherty, president and CEO of Philanthropy WV which also serves as the statewide network of community foundations.

One of the greatest ways to ensure a strong community, economic vitality, educational success, and effective community leadership is through the active presence of a community foundation that allows for local community-based endowments. These endowments provide permanent philanthropic resources that build stronger West Virginia communities and improve the quality of life for all citizens.

Some of the events celebrating Community Foundations Week includes:

- **November 16th – Parkersburg Area Community Foundation’s Lunch and Learn program in Gilmer County (Glenville, WV)**
- **November 17th – Eastern WV Community Foundation Partners in Philanthropy Reception including presentation of their Mini-Grants to Teachers in Martinsburg, WV**
- **November 17th – Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley (Wheeling, WV): Annual Donor Appreciation Luncheon**
- **November 17th – Hardy County Community Foundation (Moorefield, WV): 2016 Spirit of Hardy County Awards Program**
- **All Week – Your Community Foundation (Morgantown, WV) celebrates several Major Gift Announcements**

“The variety of events and programs taking place celebrating the impact of community foundations and local donors are numerous across the state. We encourage others to contact their local community foundation on their celebration events,” noted Daugherty. With the year end fast approaching, it’s a tremendous time for citizens to make an investment to advance their communities by supporting their local community foundation. For more details on finding your area’s community foundation, visit: www.Keep5Local.org.

Philanthropy WV is the statewide leadership organization serving the private, family, corporate, and community foundations, corporate giving programs, and private philanthropists. With over 80 members, the organization fulfills its mission of “Strengthening Philanthropy in the Mountain State”. For more details, visit: www.philanthropywv.org and follow on twitter: @PhilanthropyWV.