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United Way of Washington County, MD Receives Generous Grants

HAGERSTOWN, MD (February 12, 2015) –United Way was awarded two grants in support of Western MD Volunteer Connect and a new initiative, Summer Lead & Learn.

The Alice Virginia and David W. Fletcher Foundation awarded $6,458 in December, 2014 and today, the Community Foundation of Washington County also granted $6,458. The combined grants, along with United Way's support will provide an opportunity to focus on growing community-wide volunteerism and creating a youth summer program for 12-15 year olds.

United Way of Washington County, MD, (UWWC) is committed to help people to overcome adversity and become lifelong learners, as well as enhance the quality of life of Washington County, MD. With its new initiative, Volunteer Connect, UWWC will engage nonprofit agencies in improved volunteer management and provide assistance with actively recruiting community volunteers. Computer-ease gives nonprofits an added tool, Volunteer Connect, without the expense of hiring someone. "Volunteer Connect is much bigger than United Way. It is county-wide. This is a cost-effective opportunity for agencies to improve volunteer recruiting and promote their needs." stated Melissa Reabold, UWWC executive director. "The grant funding is focused on civic engagement which ultimately can impact the overall well-being of our community."

UWWC will also begin Summer Lead & Learn, a new program that is a summer volunteer- and project- based opportunity for youth, 12-15 years old. SLL will provide a limited number of youth the opportunity to learn more about societal issues and their social responsibilities, thus becoming leaders for a better community for all. The program is set to launch in June and will include three two-week sessions. Individuals can attend one week, two weeks, or all if they choose. SLL is a fee-based program. More details will be made available at the end of this month.

Mission: Through strategic leadership and investments, United Way of Washington County, MD will impact community improvement and inspire collaborations to address critical needs in Education, Income and Health.

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