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DAYMARK HAS ANNUAL MEETING AT BERRY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB, WELCOMES NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Daymark Board of Directors held its annual meeting at Berry Hills Country Club on September 15 and welcomed new officers and several new board members as well. New officers are:

Pat Moyers, Chairperson

Keith Pauley, Vice Chairperson

Allison Ballard, Treasurer and

Lauren Estep, Secretary.

Also joining the Board of Directors as new members are Elizabeth Amandus, Felice Joseph, Jamie O'Connor, Patrick O'Malley, and new Youth Representative Hannah Iskra.

Becky Ceperly, Greater Kanawha V alley Foundation Director, attended and spoke about the importance of Philanthropy.

Pictured at right are Pat Moyers, Chairperson, Becky Ceperly, and Allison Ballard, Treasurer and Immediate Past Chairperson.

Retired Juvenile Probations Officer, Paula Bland wins West Virginia Child Care Association's Community Child Care Worker of the Year award

Paula Bland, recently retired Juvenile Probation Officer, was honored at the West Virginia Child Care Association's All About Us Day on October 28. Daymark staff submitted the nomination and were there to see Paula receive it. People at Daymark, at Juvenile Probation, and in the community where asked for information about Paula for the nomination, and they all kept saying, "she really cares about her kids." They all said "her kids." One of the supervisors in our program even said, "her kids aren't just kids on her caseload, she considers them *her kids."* And who are her kids? They are youth who are in the juvenile justice system and she their probation officer.

Paula Bland has been helping youth for a long time. She is described as "old school who doesn't take any lip." She is well known in our agency as a probation officer who visits the agency and visits her youth – often. She doesn't just sit in her office and make referrals. She consistently listens to her youth and works the extra hours, goes the extra mile, or makes the extra call to do what's right or what's in the best interest of the children and families that she serves.

She has been in juvenile probation since 1983 after working in adult probation and at the Commission on Aging. She was instrumental in starting and organizing the probation GED program and continues to encourage college/vocational training for her youth. In additional to her regular probation case load, she specializes in youth who are sexual offenders. (*continued on page 2).*

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But her community work has never stopped at the end of the work day. She has also served as a volunteer with Keep a Child in School, the Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation, and at Highland Hospital. She is active in her church and sings in her choir. For the last 15 years, she has donated her time with the Capital High School Voices in Perfection show choir traveling and chaperoning countless spring break and weekend trips.

Daymark program staff admire her not just for how well she takes care of the youth that she serves, but also for how helpful she is to program staff. She is a wealth of knowledge of community resources and a useful source of information.

She cares, she's consistent, she's smart, and she works hard. Ask one of the show choir kids who have attended a Broadway play in New York City with her, and they will tell you how much fun she is and that she loves to have a good time. She's not just making a difference in the lives of *her kids*, she's making a difference in the lives of other kids as well.

So thank you Paula Bland for knowing so much, for caring so much, and for doing so much for so many young people. Daymark is proud of your accomplishments and will miss you in retirement.

Paula is pictured below and in scenes from the 2015 Gala, page 5, bottom right,

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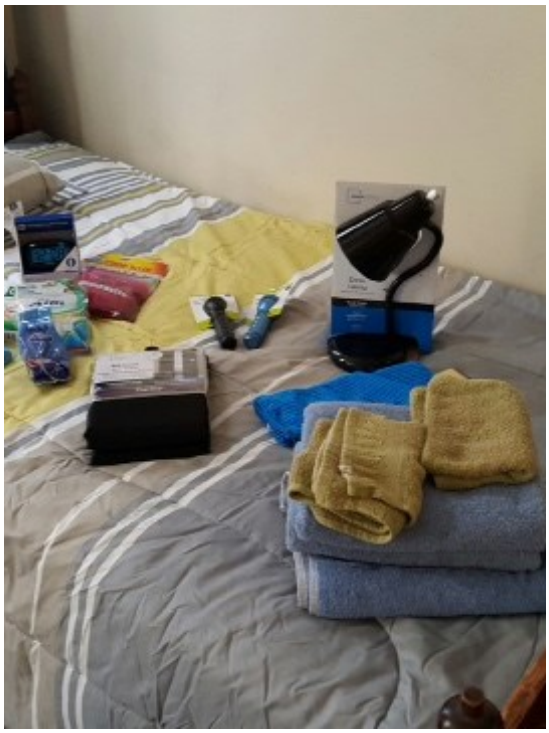
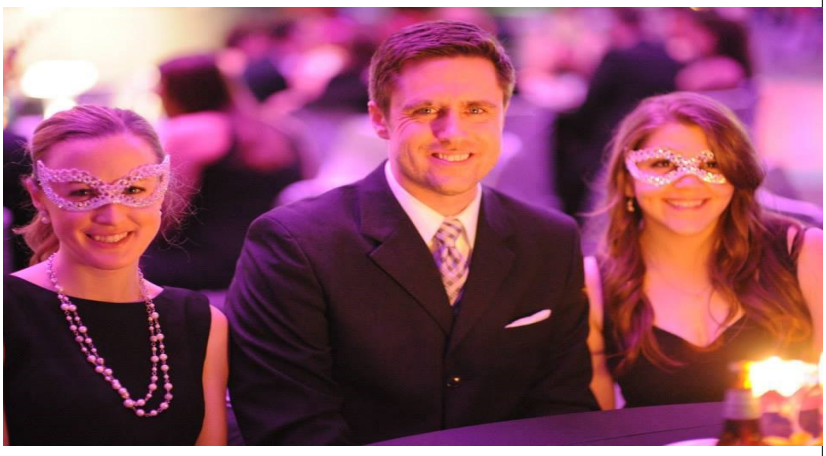
United Way Day of Caring volunteers did outside clean up work at Turning Point's Homewood Facility, including pressure washing the siding and porch.

Employees at the Riverwalk Plaza BBandT donated beds, linens and apartment supplies to the New Connections Transitional Living program, sprucing up apartments for our young adults.



Scenes from the 2015 gala — Pandora's mystery



Daymark's 2015 Gala, Pandora's mystery, was an exciting evening of masked dancing and dining honoring our founder, Ardath Francke, winner of the 2014 Pandora's Hearts of Today award. The 2016 Gala will be at Berry Hills Country Club on March 19!

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