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First Annual Warren County Volunteer Fair to be Held

FRONT ROYAL – Samuels Library, C-CAP, and The Wednesday Group have partnered to host the First Annual Warren County Volunteer Fair. This free, all-ages event will connect people with local non-profits in need volunteers. The Warren County Volunteer Fair is also an opportunity to learn about the impact donated time can make in our community.

“The library depends on our volunteers to continue offering vital services,” says Michelle Ross, Executive Director of Samuels Library. “Volunteers keep our library grounds beautiful, lead literacy and cultural programs for learners from all walks of life, and even help raise funds for books and more.”

Service organizations need volunteers now more than ever. According to a study by Fidelity Charitable, 66% of volunteers have decreased or ceased volunteering since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Many of our volunteers do not recognize the power of their work,” states Larry Elliot, President of C-CAP’s Board of Directors. “They change lives, they solve problems and they provide a compassionate friendship to those who need help. Their time and efforts are priceless. We can be sure that within the next six months our entire community will need a lot more volunteers to help so that no one is underserved or left out. What we learn eventually in our volunteer work is that it changes our lives too and makes us better people.”

A wide array of non-profits will be represented at The Warren County Volunteer Fair. Civic-minded individuals will be certain to find service opportunities that suit their particular skills and talents. Participating organizations include: Loaves & Fishes, The Phoenix Project, The Humane

Society of Warren County, The United Way, The Front Royal Thermal Shelter, and many more!

The Warren County Volunteer Fair will be held August 21, 12:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. at Samuels Library. Organizations that would like to participate may contact Michelle Ross at mross@samuelslibrary.net or fill out the online form: <https://forms.gle/2TPRLeQYAbq7HQ4J7>.

About Samuels Public Library

Samuels Public Library brings people, information and ideas together to enrich lives and build community. A 501(c)(3) organization, the library annually serves 200,000 visitors, checks out nearly 400,000 books, electronic and digital services, and provides essential computer access, wireless service and public meeting spaces for the community. To learn more, visit www.samuelslibrary.net or call (540) 635-3153.

About C-CAP

C-CAP is the primary social safety net in Warren County providing food, clothing, personal items and emergency financial assistance. C-CAP is an “all-volunteer” registered Virginia 501(c)(3) organization. During a normal year, C-CAP serves more than 2,000 heads of households, representing over 7,000 individuals, including over 1,000 children.

About The Wednesday Group

In March of 2020, a group of Warren County Citizens came together weekly to seek ways to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the region. The initial cadre of volunteers helped identify and address key issues of concern raised by the pandemic: food security, housing and shelter, and economic recovery. Now a registered 501(c)(3) known as “The Wednesday Group (TWG)”, our team of volunteers has expanded. TWG raises funds, recruits volunteers, and helps establish new groups dedicated to specific needs.