

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

*WV State Bar Joint Service Project Supports Mission WV Programs*

The [West Virginia \(WV\) State Bar Board of Governors \(BOG\)](#) and [Young Lawyers Section](#) are spearheading a joint service project to raise funds for Mission WV's emergency fund. Proceeds from the campaign will help fund Mission WV's efforts to support children in foster and kinship care and the families who nurture and provide for them.

Throughout September, the state bar groups are encouraging members of the legal community and others to donate to Mission WV. Contributions can be designated for specific items, from hair care kits to luggage, with donation amounts for specific items ranging from \$10 to \$250. A custom amount can also be donated for general support of the organization's work. Donations are 501(c)(3) tax deductible.

Approximately 6,500 children are currently in foster care in WV, with steep increases in recent years. Mission WV works to recruit foster families, create community connections, provide life-skills education, and normalize experiences for children in foster and kinship care.

A capstone event will be held to celebrate the campaign at the end of the month, with details to come. Law firms, other businesses, and organizations can also support these efforts by placing a poster with details of the campaign in their common areas. Contact Gerald Titus of the WV State Bar BOG to obtain a poster by calling 304-340-3800.

Marketing support for the joint service project is being donated by TOPDOG Legal Marketing, LLC. We pride ourselves on supporting our employees and community organizations and we like to encourage other companies to do the same. Here is a link to that page: <https://topdoglegalmarketing.com/business-that-gives-back-to-the-community/>

**Learn more or donate at [www.missionwv.org/wv-lawyer-foster-kinship-program-donation](http://www.missionwv.org/wv-lawyer-foster-kinship-program-donation).**

**About Mission WV:** Mission WV is leading a statewide effort to promote positive futures for all kids in West Virginia by providing support for those interested in foster care or kinship care to understand the system, find a placement agency, and prepare to make a meaningful difference in the life of a child.

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