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**MVA HEALTH CENTERS CELEBRATES 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ON AUGUST 15  
Free health screenings, children's activities, food and entertainment offered**

**Fairmont, W.Va.**— Monongahela Valley Association of Health Centers (MVA) is marking its 60th anniversary on Wednesday, August 15, 2018 with a free community celebration from 3 to 6 p.m. at its 1322 Locust Ave. location.

The first 30 children to arrive will receive a free backpack filled with school supplies, and all kids can enjoy face painting, games and other activities. The event will also feature free food and entertainment and a number of health screenings, including free sports physicals, foot exams, blood pressure checks and vouchers for free diabetic eye exams.

"We appreciate the support we have received from the community for 60 years, and we look forward to seeing you at our anniversary celebration," said Nancy Vandergrift, MVA President.

Established in 1958 as Fairmont Clinic, MVA is recognized as a Federally Qualified Health Center that receives federal funding and operates to serve the medical needs of all patients. This enables MVA to see patients regardless of insurance status and income level, and to offer a sliding fee scale based on ability to pay. This community based organization is governed by a patient majority board of directors.

MVA delivers more than a dozen services to patients of all ages including family medicine, pediatrics, behavioral health, optical, laboratory, and pharmacy. MVA has locations in Fairmont, Shinnston and Mannington and also provides school-based care services at East Fairmont High School, North Marion High School, Monongah Middle, Monongah Elementary and new this school year to East and West Middle Schools.

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