

# **MONONGALIA COUNTY DRUG COURT POLICY ON COMMUNITY SERVICE**

## **Community Service:**

**Phase I** community service is activity that is provided by participants free of charge to approved community agencies cleared with the Treatment Team. The purpose of community service is to

1. provide useful work for community agencies for the aid of others,
2. to “pay” for the home confinement fee,
3. to provide full and structured daily activity when combined with treatment,
4. to practice full daily activity, build stamina, and build organization skills for transition into full time employment and/or school while maintaining recovery,
5. to build a recent resume and positive reference, and
6. to interact in work and social settings different from the addiction culture of the participant.

Please see requirement grid for specific minimum hours required in each Phase.

**Phase II and III** community service continues in purpose as above. See requirement grid for specific minimum hours. In addition, the Treatment Team will consider requests for activities to count toward community service hour requirements which are activities above and beyond family, community, and fellowship/recovery activities but are determined to be activities which foster personal growth, which are educational, which place the participant in a new community situation and interaction, and require the participant to step outside their comfort zone. Participants must research and plan such activities and present them to the Team for approval well in advance of the activity. Such requests will not be entertained by the Judge during hearings and must be submitted to the Treatment Team for prior approval. **Working participants shall not call off work in order to complete community service, however, if a participant has verifiable vacation days listed on their paycheck, they may schedule vacation days for community service. This must be planned in advance and approved by the DCC.**