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Short Title: WVU SGA to collect donations for “Tomorrow is Mine”
Primary Sponsor: Amelia Jones, Senator
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Whereas, The Mission Statement of West Virginia University promotes seeking opportunities to serve others and committing the highest quality of service; and

Whereas, The Vision Statement of West Virginia University advocates partnering with our communities to bring needed and valued solutions to real-life problems; and

Whereas, West Virginia Forward is a collaboration between three entities, West Virginia University, Marshall University, and West Virginia Department of Commerce. Their vision is to advance the economic future of West Virginia through statewide efforts. According to their mission statement, “This partnership has developed into a larger, statewide effort to identify West Virginia’s unique assets and pair them with economic trends that will leverage growth and development opportunities to strengthen and diversify all regions of the state,”; and

Whereas, The idea is to target West Virginia’s goal of 60% higher education completion for all students. According to the HEPC program with West Virginia Climb, the goal is to target 100 higher education graduates from smaller southern counties (like McDowell, Mingo, Boone), to make it to 60% by 2030; and

Whereas, West Virginia Forward has agreed to partner with the student governments at West Virginia University and Marshall University to lead the volunteer effort to collect donations from every higher education student government in the state to send to the camp called “Tomorrow is Mine” for 43 campers. The camp was designed to give at-risk lower
socioeconomic kids in the southern counties an experience of college and having activities that they would not have access to otherwise; and

**Whereas**, The care packages are filled with college branded items so that these kids receive a connection back to college in order to instill the thought of college in their minds as something attainable. Each school is to send small items with the school’s logo: pens, pencils, folders, t-shirts, etc. In addition to the college branded items, each student government is encouraged to write letters of encouragement for the campers to read; and

**Whereas**, As representatives of the student body at the university who “Goes First” in leading change in the state of West Virginia, it is our responsibility to lead the effort to give back to the youth in our state; and

**Therefore, be it resolved by the Student Assembly of West Virginia University:**
Supports and partners with West Virginia Forward and Marshall University to lead the volunteer initiative to participate in collecting donations for 43 campers attending West Virginia Forward’s “Tomorrow Is Mine” camp for at-risk youth in southern West Virginia. Donations will be collected by October 18th, 2019 and will be packaged by the West Virginia University Student Government Association on October 23rd, 2019.