

# Martinsburg Seventh-Day Adventist Church

**16 Trees – 47 Volunteers – 97 Hours Volunteered**

## Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree Planting at Martinsburg Seventh-Day Adventist Church

**This wildly successful project was two years in the making!**

Two years ago, a church congregant gave Pastor David Livergood a brochure for the Carla Hardy WV Project CommuniTree program. David loves nature and trees, so he was very interested in learning more.

After seeing what was involved, the Martinsburg Seventh-Day Adventist Church decided to pursue their very first community tree planting project this fall.

They currently maintain over ten acres of mowed grass. Their dream was to plant more trees for people to enjoy their site, connect with nature, and protect the environment.

At the church service the

day before the planting, David lettered each of the trees and asked people to pick "their" tree that they would like to plant with their family.

On planting day, Sunday, November 11, we engaged 46 volunteers, including 17 youth and 29 adults.

All of the volunteers were excited to plant their tree and eager to work. Some had never planted a tree before, while others had planted trees but did not know the correct way to do it properly.

Though the temperature was



very cold there was no wind. After getting the ice and water out of the holes, Zach Norris from Cacapon Institute led a demonstration on how to plant the trees. After a group picture, they went to work.

It was great to see all working together. Thanks to all of the volunteers, we were able to finish the project in just a few hours. Good job, team!

### A word from the Project Leader, David Livergood:

*"I and a number of people found the "how to plant a tree" demonstration very educational. A number of us walked away saying "oh that is how you plant a tree."*



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