

Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance WV (DBSA) and William R. Sharpe Jr. Hospital joined forces to provide Christmas decorations for Welch Community Hospital in McDowell County. Michelle Markovich, assistant director of William R. Sharpe Jr. Hospital, contacted Diana Thompson, Executive Director of DBSA WV to see if there was a way the organization could help to replenish the hospitals decorations that were destroyed in recent flooding.

“I knew there were people in Buckhannon and Upshur County that would be willing to donate ‘gently used’ Christmas items for a good cause.” So, Ms. Thompson began asking local churches if persons had items to donate, also she stopped by yard sales and ask for donations of items that did not sell. “We received beautiful Christmas trees, boxes of lighting and bulbs and lots of Christmas decorating items. Some new gift items were also donated for the patients in McDowell County.” Thompson said.

“Partnering together can create a bridge anywhere in the state, and this is a way to help residents feel like home in the hospital,” Markovich said. Partnering with DBSA WV a community organization and William R. Sharpe Hospital is a way to do that. Forging healthcare partnerships is essential for DBSA WV to achieve its goal also. Partnering with other groups helps DBSA to get its literature on various mood disorders and where people can find support group meetings across the state as well.

For information on depression, bipolar, PTSD, anxiety and other mood disorders stop by the DBSA office at 61 Marion St. Buckhannon, 11-2 Monday to Friday and speak with a trained peer support specialist, we are there for you. Call 304 472-2662 or look us up on the web...www.dbsawv.org. Our motto is, “We’ve Been There, We Can Help”.