## Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.: Dedicated to community engagement image of the CEC office dog

BRIDGEPORT, W.Va. (WV News) — When Devanna Corley, principal and director of strategic client development, joined the team at Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) in Bridgeport, she had no idea how seriously the company took community service and engagement.

In fact, Corley said she was amazed at the efforts taken by CEC to forge relationships and encourage volunteerism.

Corley has a long history of working alongside public and private entities to serve meals, raise money and leave communities better than she found them.

Whether it was raising money for playground renovations, new desks for an elementary school, the Frank and Jane Gabor Folklife Center at Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College or new buildings on the campus of West Virginia University, stocking an area food bank or sponsoring a little league team, she has always found and continues to find herself at the center of volunteering.

When she joined the Bridgeport team in 2019, she quickly learned that CEC Community went beyond the four walls of the building.

"CEC looks at the community differently; they not only encourage but they expect for employees and staff at all levels to step up and give back," Corley said.

CEC is a unique employeeowned company that not only encourages personal and professional development of the team but has an initiative called CEC Community

"The mission of CEC Community is to serve, enrich, and enhance communities through the contribution of Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc., employees' personal or professional time and talents," Corley said.

The employee-driven initiative strives for meaningful employee contributions through neighborhood involvement, career path insight, community-based education, charitable giving, and volunteerism.

"Whether we're giving back to school boards or participating in food drives, we like to really be rooted in the communities where we work, she said. "It's important to us to be involved as civic and social leaders and provide what is needed in the community.'

Many employees within CEC's Bridgeport office have adopted the mission and spend countless hours serving others.

Among them is Joseph Robinson, P.E., a vice president with the company. Robinson has been gardening since ne was a young boy; he has a passion for sharing his understanding of agriculture with others.

He has been very involved with the West Virginia Strawberry Festival and has served as the Strawberry King, a title he does not take lightly. He uses the platform to share his knowledge and encourage farming in West Virginia.





Robinson is not alone in his efforts. There are many others within the Bridgeport office who are invested in their communities, churches and civic organizations like the United

The CEC Bridgeport office is supportive both financially and physically in the initiatives they

Corley served as a previous president of the United Way Board. and she oversaw and helped lead the Marion and Taylor County United Way to an unprecedented fundraising goal, exceeding the \$500,000 threshold to raise a whopping \$520,489 in 2020 at the peak of the pandemic.

"CEC was pleased to support the campaign. The United Way is a vital organization to our communities, and we are proud of what Devanna, Brett White and the Board accomplished," said Dennis Miller, Bridgeport office lead.

Corley is most proud of CEC's commitment to not only provide monetary support but to encourage physical activities, including the recent Day of

More than two

Action.

dozen employees from CEC's Bridgeport offices volunteered their time painting, doing landscaping and power washing in the Philippi area, helping to complete ongoing projects

"We really try to give back to counties where we not only work but live," Corley said. "We aim to be contributors and partners with our clients and the residents."

Maggie Miller, CEC intern, helped organize the company's

participation. "It's pretty evident that CEC values community involvement," she said. "As a company we really do value helping people and getting out

don't just

sponsored by the Tygart Valley Way.

of CEC. He greets everyone who walks in the door and everyone loves him." she said. "Everyone who comes in knows Winston, so I thought it would be fun, especially for a fun activity like volunteering, to market him and utilize him as our office mascot."

walk the walk."

group Monday, featuring an

"He's just kind of been the face

Miller said she was also responsible for designing the T-shirts worn by the CEC

From planning, to contributing financially, to putting their sweat behind projects, CEC engages with the communities they serve with the goal to make them better.

Civil & Environmental Consultants' office is located at 120 Genesis Boulevard in Bridgeport.

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secure the much-needed funds to improve their water system. This picture was taken during the celebration and check presentation in Coalton.

2. Eli Gain and Devanna Corley presented the Doddridge County High School baseball boosters with a monetary donation to make their group a reality and to fund concession stand operations. Eli and his family reside in Doddridge County.

3. Maggie Miller and Devanna Corley pose with Senator Joe Manchin during a recent event in Morgantown discussing the American Rescue Plan funding.

4. Kayla Corley, Devanna Corley and Steve Cain proudly support WVU Medicine Children's Hospital.

5. Devanna Corley and Coach Bob Huggins have a long history going back to her days at WVU. She was happy to learn that CEC was also a large supporter of the Norma Mae Huggins Endowment.

6. Jim Christie presents Jeff Lusk and the staff at Hatfield McCoy trails with COVID-19





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"As a leader at CEC, and as campaign chair for the 2020–2021 United Way of Marion and Taylor Counties annual campaign, I understand how critical great leadership and support are for our communities. I believe in the generosity of our community, because I see it every day working at CEC. When people are in need, CEC is there to support them. It's as much a part of our day as delivering great service to our clients. We're all in this together."

**DEVANNA CORLEY, Principal** 



