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**VALLEY HEALTH APPOINTS JACK THORNBURGH AS CHAIR EMERITUS**

**HUNTINGTON, W.Va.** – In recognition of exemplary service, Valley Health is pleased to announce Jack Thornburgh as chair emeritus of its board of directors.

Thornburgh received the appointment at Valley Health's recent annual board of directors meeting as a measure of the company's appreciation toward his dedicated service.

"Throughout his tenure on our board, Jack has continuously reinforced Valley Health's mission of providing quality healthcare to every segment of the population," said Valley Health Chief Executive Officer, Steve Shattls. "The direction, guidance and commitment he has provided the organization has been unwavering, and it was only appropriate that we honor him for the success he has helped us achieve."

As a board member, Thornburgh has been at the center of Valley Health for nearly 30 years. Thornburgh first became involved with Valley Health in the late 1970s when he helped bring Guyandotte Medical Services, as its president, under Valley Health's umbrella in a practice that is today known as Valley Health – Carl Johnson. Since that time, Thornburgh has played an integral role in establishing policies and implementing financial resources that have made the organization the success it is today.

"During my 30 years at Valley Health, I've had the opportunity to witness its tremendous growth and achievement both as a board member and as a patient," Thornburgh said. "I feel extremely honored to receive this recognition and am proud to be a part of an organization that provides such top-notch care to so many in our region."

Thornburgh has served the Valley Health board in a variety of leadership positions, including chairman. His service at Valley Health, however, is only the beginning of his commitment to the region.

Although now retired, Thornburgh has been extremely devoted to his beloved community, serving in many positions that culminated in his appointment in 2001 as city of Huntington's deputy mayor and director of finance and administration. Thornburgh has also served as a director for the Huntington Municipal Development Authority, a director for the Urban Renewal Authority, chairman of the Unsafe Building Commission and chairman of the Huntington Municipal Parking Board.

Valley Health congratulates Thornburgh and commends the contributions he has continuously provided to the community of Huntington and the communities Valley Health serves.

Valley Health is a network of community health centers, dedicated to providing primary healthcare services to patients of southwestern West Virginia and southeastern Ohio, reaching more than 68,000 patients each year. For more information about Valley Health or its services, call 304-525-3334 or visit [www.valleyhealth.org](http://www.valleyhealth.org).

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Valley Health is an integrated network of 28 primary healthcare centers and public health programs in southwestern West Virginia and southern Ohio that serves more than 68,000 patients each year. The Valley Health medical staff includes doctors, dentists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses and midwives. Valley Health offers services including family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, OB/GYN, dentistry, psychiatry, pharmacy services, laboratory services, X-rays and ultrasounds. For more information about Valley Health, contact Lanie Masilamani, chief operating officer, at 304-525-3334 or visit [www.valleyhealth.org](http://www.valleyhealth.org).