

## MCCF 2017 GRANT CYCLE #1

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** is pleased to announce awards for the first grant cycle of 2017. MCCF manages over 170 endowed funds, each established by donors with great visions of making Montgomery County a better place to live. Twelve grants were awarded totaling \$124,087.

### *COMPETITIVE, UNRESTRICTED AWARDS*

**Boys & Girls Club of Montgomery County** received \$45,000 (Community Fund) which will be used to repair, pave, and stripe half the parking lot. This will provide a safer surface for the navigation of both vehicles and pedestrians, and the lines will encourage the most efficient use of the parking spaces as possible.

**Crawfordsville Parks & Recreation Department** received \$3,300 (Women of Wisdom Fund, honoring Rev. Chris Hotopp-Zachary, Mary Vi Leaming RN, and Meda Lorton, Damon C. and Bernice Seaman Wray Fund, Maude Dockins Trust Fund) to support Camp Things with Wings, the annual day camp held at Camp Rotary each summer. The camp exposes children to the wonders of the outdoors and is inclusive of all children, regardless of their needs.

**Half Way Home** received \$20,000 (Max K. Tannenbaum Unrestricted Fund, Dennis and Dee Hohlbein Fund) which will be used for part-time salaries. Hiring part-time help will free up board members to focus their efforts on the sustainability of the organization rather than the day-to-day operations. Half Way Home is a 180-day residential sober living program for women.

**Mountie Mission** received \$5,000 (A.F. Ramsey Fund, Marty Pool Fund, Amy McFerran Fund) to support its annual Back to School Backpack project. In addition to the backpack and school supplies, children are given a week's worth of new school clothing. Located in Ladoga, the program serves the entire county.

**South Montgomery School Corporation** received \$25,969 (Community Fund, Chase Fund, Leonard and Louise Winchell Fund, Michael D. and Sally A. Hinkle Fund, and the Earl F. and Ruby B. Elliott Fund). This will be used to support the new Little Mounties Preschool opening this fall at Walnut Elementary School. Specifically, the money will be used to purchase safety seats for the busses, learning resources materials, curriculum, and for the creation of a reading nook inside the classroom.

**Waveland Strong** received \$11,842 (Michael and Rhonda Mitchell Family Fund, Montgomery County Physicians Fund, Dr. Fred and Elizabeth Daughtery Fund). This will be used to make park improvements, specifically to the shelter, and to promote events such as Movies Under the Stars and the Farmers Market.

**Waynetown Police Department** received \$7,976 (Florence Shultz Trust Fund, Clark and Nancy Sennett Fund, Tom and Cynda Mellish Fund, Dale and Linda Petrie Fund, Larry and Susan Griffith Fund, and the James G. and Susan Smith Fund). They will purchase the Drunk Busters program that includes pedal carts, special goggles that simulate intoxication, and a trailer for hauling the equipment. The experience will be shared with each of the high schools as well as other youth and community organizations.

## ***PROACTIVE GRANTMAKING***

The Luella Brake Fund was established many years ago with the intent to provide assistance to individuals who are blind or who have impaired vision. Since there were no proposals received which would fulfil that intent, the MCCF Board took a proactive approach. After inquiring about the needs of the five public libraries in the county, it was decided to take the available funds and to distribute them evenly among them.

Each of the libraries received \$1,000 to use in any way they see fit to address the needs of patrons with low vision. This could be large print books, audio books, or adaptive devices for computers. The five libraries are:

**Crawfordsville District Public Library**

**Darlington Public Library**

**Ladoga - Clark Township Public Library**

**Linden Public Library**

**Waveland - Brown Township Public Library**