

# BRIDGES



Building bridges to support the future of Montgomery County

Fall 2017

## News & Events

October 5 - MCCF scholarship applications open online

October 10 - Nonprofit Learning Series in Greencastle: "Telling Your Story & Evaluating Input"

October 23 - Board Meeting, Promise Indiana, 4:30 pm

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## Wheels on a Mission

Transportation and mobility needs emerged as a theme in our last round of grants. Few things are more important to us as human beings than our independence and ability to get around as we wish. We take that ability for granted until we no longer have it.

Sunshine Vans operate through the Parks & Recreation Department and help meet those needs. They received a grant in the amount of \$10,500, which will provide portable digital radios for the entire fleet of vans. These radios will improve the quality of communications and their portability will allow drivers to have them at all times. The goal is to improve efficiency resulting in better service to clients.



John Stemick (left) is ready to drive Marion Buck (center) and Rich Aldefer to their homes after spending the afternoon at the Community Center playing cards.

Marion Buck says this service is a "lifesaver" for her. She uses the vans for medical appointments and for transportation to the Community Center. Rich Aldefer also depends on the vans for those same services since his health no longer permits him to drive. In addition, he uses the vans to get to the gym for his workouts. Rich knows it is important to keep up his physical strength so that he can remain mobile.

The vans run Monday through Friday (except major holidays) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. They provide transportation to senior citizens (age 60 and older) as well as individuals with disabilities. Those wishing to ride should call at least 48 hours in advance to schedule a ride. The number is 364-5175.

Trinity Mission is a residential life transformation program for men seeking freedom from the destruction of addiction. They received a \$9,000 grant to use towards the purchase of a previously owned passenger van. A van will help meet the many daily needs of the program participants.

Trinity offers a 12-month program that centers on structure, service, sobriety, community integration, and biblical moral values. They have also incorporated a job-training component to prepare the men for full-time employment and the ability to sustain themselves and their family.

The goal is for the men to become responsible and productive members of the community and to regain their rightful place in the family.



**S**ervants at Work, Inc. (SAWs) is a first-time MCCF grant recipient. This nonprofit organization is based in Indianapolis, but they work throughout Indiana. They coordinate with local volunteers when possible to build wheelchair ramps for individuals who need them, but cannot afford them. Each ramp costs \$1,000 for materials. They have identified the need for four ramps here in Montgomery County and construction will begin soon.



*Completed ramp built by SAWs volunteers. (Photo from SAWs Facebook page)*

### GRANT CYCLE #2 AWARDS

We recently awarded grants for the second of three grant cycles for 2017. Seventeen applications were considered and eleven awards were made totaling \$113,195.41. Combined, the two cycles total \$237,282.41. The grants cover a wide range of interest areas and are listed below.

Category	Organization	Description	Amount
Community Development	Crawfordsville Main Street	Support for the Downtown Beautification Initiative; flower pots and hanging baskets, LED snowflakes, and recycling receptacle	\$8,130.00
Education	Fuzz Bear Preschool	Educational materials	\$4,300.00
Education	North Montgomery School Corporation	Support to the Early Learning Academy for child safety seats and teacher's aide position	\$21,309.00
Health	North Montgomery School Corporation	Health and welfare needs of students	\$8,525.00
Historical	Historical Society	Improvements and repairs to the Lane Place	\$16,031.41
Human Services	Servants at Work, Inc.	Materials to build wheelchair ramps for local individuals who are wheelchair-bound	\$2,500.00
Human Services	Sunshine Vans	Purchase digital radios and related equipment	\$10,500.00
Human Services	Trinity Horizons, Inc	Purchase a pre-owned passenger van	\$9,000.00
Human Services	Women's Resource Center	Purchase of baby items, pregnancy tests and ultrasound supplies	\$4,000.00
Youth	Youth Camps, Camp Rotary	Replace windows in the bunkhouse	\$3,000.00
Youth	Youth Service Bureau	Support for the Alternative School, CASA and Teen Court programs, and Child Abuse Prevention Council	\$25,900.00
		Total	\$113,195.41

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## A Gift of Grain

It's that time of the year in Indiana when the combines are busy as crops are harvested. Your crops are your livelihood, your life. You prepare, you plant, you nurture and it grows. And that's what we do with the charitable gifts entrusted to the Foundation.

Donating a gift of grain to the Foundation is a simple way to make a lasting difference. The value of the grain can be used to start an endowed fund in the name of your family for a specific local nonprofit organization important to you. Your gift of grain can also be given to any of our established funds, which are used to support many worthy charitable causes in Montgomery County.

The process is simple and we are ready to help! Just let us know of your intended gift of grain and we will set up an account at the elevator. When you deliver the grain, simply transfer the grain as a gift to the Foundation. We will provide you with a donation receipt for your gift. We will then sell the grain and receive the sale proceeds.

Questions? Please call us at 362-1267.



We are grateful for the service of our board members. Here are some fun facts about MCCC Board Member Scott Feller.

### Background Information:

For the past 20 years, Scott and his wife, Wendy, have made Montgomery County their home. They have two children, Amanda and Jake, and one grandchild, Gus. Scott is a Chemistry professor at Wabash College.

**Fun Fact about Scott:** Wendy and Scott operate a sheep farm near New Richmond and sell lamb direct to consumers through the Crawfordsville Farmers Market and Four Seasons local market.

### In Scott's words:

What is the greatest thing about living in Montgomery County?

Actually two things - the people are extremely friendly and this community invests in young people.

### Why did you choose to serve on the MCCC Board?

I strongly support the work that MCCC does to sustain and improve our community. I was honored to be asked to join a group of community leaders who are willing to give back their time and talent.

### What book are you currently reading?

*Roughneck Grace*, a collection of essays by Michael Perry

### If you could be on any TV reality show, which one would it be and why?

Years ago there was a show on PBS called *Frontier House* where people spent a summer living as a settler from the 1800s. I would enjoy the challenge.



Kelly S. Taylor  
Executive Director

## Montgomery County Harvest

Fall is upon us and Montgomery County is filled with activity of our farmers bringing in the annual harvest. Montgomery County agriculture is an essential part of our local economy. According to the 2012 Census of Agriculture, Montgomery County ranks near the top in Indiana for corn and soybean acres.

The Montgomery County Community Foundation manages three local farms totaling just over 600 acres. Scholarships are awarded to local high school students to attend college, local residents receive assistance for medical needs, and many local nonprofits reap the benefits of these farms.

You see, these farm families left their farms in a charitable trust so that the bountiful harvest would be shared with their friends and neighbors from Montgomery County forever.

Generosity and kindness are words that I use often to describe our community. We at MCCF are thankful that our community is one that shares the bountiful harvest and gives back to enhance our little corner of the world.



  
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