

Montgomery County Community Foundation awarded the first round of grant for 2019 this week with surprise visits! Eight awards were made totaling \$133,642 as follows:

**Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County:** \$2,500 to increase the museum's STEM and Computer Science offerings especially for children and support for the 2019 exhibit on Emergency Preparedness. *The grant was made possible by William and Amy Roth Fund and the Anita Rugar Fund.*

**Friends of Sugar Creek:** \$1,862 will provide support for their Kids, Canoes, and Crinoids educational program for youth ages 10-14 to be held in July. *The David and Sheridan Hadley Health and Wellness Fund, the Paul and Irmgard McKinney Fund, and the Community Fund made the grant possible.*

**Mountie Mission, Inc.** accepts donated items such as household goods, furniture, and clothing that is made available for those with need. They received \$25,000 to purchase a van so that they can make pick-ups and deliveries as needed. *The A.F. Ramsey Trust Fund and the Community Fund made the grant possible.*

**New Beginnings Child Care** received \$17,400 for movable partitions, furniture and furnishings that will create much needed additional classroom space in the gym. *The Roland Brooks ad Helen Johnson Wynne Fund, the Damon C. and Bernice Seaman Wray Fund, and the First Merchants Charitable Foundation Fund made the grant possible.*

**North Montgomery School Corporation** received \$6,000 to support the expansion of their Early Learning Academy into Sommer and Sugar Creek Elementary Schools for the next school years. *The Tom and Cynda Mellish Fund and the Dr. Fred and Elizabeth Daugherty Trust Fund made the grant possible.*

**Walnut Township Community Organization** received \$10,280 to add a restroom to their Community Building. *The Dr. Fred and Elizabeth Daugherty Fund, the Barbara and Larry Frye Fund, and the Community Fund made the grant possible.*

**Waveland Strong, Inc.** received \$42,600 for new lighting at the town park, along with additional and upgraded electrical service. The park is in the center of town and is the venue for the monthly Farmers' market and Movies Under the Stars events. *The Community Fund, the Mike and Rhonda Mitchell Family Fund, and the Community Youth Engagement Pass-through Fund made the award possible.*

**Wayne Township Community Improvement, Inc.** received \$28,000 to help fund the construction of a permanent, covered stage in the Waynetown Park. The park hosts a variety of events throughout the year including the Freedom Fest, Fish Fry, baseball tournaments, Christmas in the Park, etc. *The Community Fund and the Clark and Nancy Sennett Fund made the grant possible.*