

Montgomery County Community Foundation Grant Cycle 2 Awards

Crawfordsville Main Street received \$8,130 (Roland Brooks and Helen Johnson Wynne Fund, Directors Fund, William and Amy Roth Fund, Walter Hulet Fund) to support their Downtown Beautification Initiative called, The Power of Small Steps. The project includes additional LED snowflakes for the light poles on US 231, north of Market Street; flower pots at FUSION 54 to coordinate with those at the Court House; additional hanging baskets; recycling receptacle on West Main Street.

Fuzzy Bear Preschool received \$4,300 (Walter Hulet Fund, Irwin Lee Detchon Fund) to purchase educational materials. Fuzzy Bear is located in Ladoga and serves as preschool and/or day care for nearly 80 children. The program is among the 2% of preschool ministries in the state to be Paths to Quality Level-3 certified.

North Montgomery School Corporation received \$21,309 (Walter Hulet Fund, Thomas and Mary Beth Harmon Fund, Leland and Dolores Epperson & Family Fund) for their Early Learning Academy. The ELA provides students who would not otherwise have preschool experience, the opportunity to build early literacy and numeracy foundations before entering Kindergarten. It will allow for a part-time teacher's aide position and will purchase child safety seats which will be required for preschool students starting January 1, 2018.

Youth Service Bureau received \$25,900 (Walter Hulet Fund, Tony and Cindy Cosenza Fund, Max W. Johnson Fund to honor Mary Francis "Fran" Johnson), will be used to support the Alternative School, a partnership between YSB and the three county school corporations. The school focuses on credit recovery for high school students who may have been suspended, expelled or just not benefitting from the traditional educational setting. In the three years the school has been operational, 113 students have recovered 290 credits and seven students graduated high school while in the program. The grant will also support the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, Teen Court, and Child Abuse Prevention Council. Statistics show that many families are struggling with issues of poverty, mental health issues and criminal behavior, and are not able to concentrate their energies on healthy parenting of their children. YSB programs help by taking on some of those responsibilities, allowing children opportunities they might not otherwise have.

North Montgomery School Corporation received \$8,525 (Faye O. and Anna Winter Schenck Fund) to be used for the health and welfare needs of students. School Nurses are in a position to see student needs that others might not recognize and this allows them discretionary funds to address needs which families may not be able to provide.

Historical Society received \$16,031.41 (Irwin Lee Detchon Fund) to make various improvements at the Lane Place. Built in 1845, it was the home of Senator Henry and Joanna Lane. A new air-conditioning unit will be installed upstairs; a window frame repaired; electricity will be run to a light pole; various exterior repairs and touch up painting will be completed.

Servants at Work, Inc. (SAWS) received \$2,500 (Kathy and John Steele Fund, Dr. William and Nancy Doemel Fund) to build ramps for local individuals who are wheelchair-bound. The ramps are constructed and installed by volunteers, some of whom are local too.

Sunshine Vans received \$10,500 (Herman Dicks Fund, Paul and Irmingard McKinney Fund, Barbara and Larry Frye Fund, Walter Hulet Fund) to purchase 10 digital radios and related equipment for the vans. About 800 people are served annually. The vans give family members and caretakers relief from the worry of providing transportation to those in their care.

Trinity Horizons, Inc. received \$9,000 (Irwin Lee Detchon Fund) to purchase a pre-owned passenger van to replace an aging vehicle used to provide transportation to program participants to and from jobs, appointments, service projects, etc. Trinity is a faith-based, residential life transformation program for men seeking freedom from the destruction of addiction.

Women's Resource Center received \$4,000 (Faye O. and Anna Winter Schenck Fund, Walter Hulet Fund) to purchase baby items for the "Great Expectations" program, pregnancy tests and ultrasound supplies. WRC served 431 families in the past year. In the past year, 176 families attended "Great Expectations" program, and 399 pregnancy tests and 508 ultrasounds were performed.

Youth Camps, Camp Rotary received \$3,000 (Nucor Steel Fund, Coach Rick and Deb Schavietello Fund, Anita Rugar Fund, Steve and Diane McLaughlin Fund) to replace windows in the Bunkhouse at Camp Rotary. The 80-acres of primitive woodlands bordering Sugar Creek provide a pristine natural setting for a multitude of group outings, such as Scouts, retreats, trainings, and reunions.