

# MONTGOMERY'S *Kids*

## Spring Montgomery's Kids Newsletter 2017 "It Takes a Village!"

Thanks to you, Montgomery's Kids has great stories to tell. Since you began helping us we have made 170 wishes come true in just two years. Your dollars have changed the lives of these children and youth.

A few examples of the support you have provided include:

- A gift card for a young woman to buy new clothes for a job interview
- Funds for an adolescent to take a Biology course in order to go to college
- A metro card for a student commuting to Montgomery College to complete a course
- Payment for two brothers to go to soccer camp
- A cap and gown for a graduating senior



L is a young woman facing discharge from foster care. She is working and going to college full time. Over the past two years we have been impressed by her resilience and drive. Her efforts were recently challenged when her car broke down. She thought she needed over \$1,000.00 worth of work on it and didn't know where to turn. She relies on her car to get to work and school. Her social worker called and asked if we could help pay to get her car fixed. Fortunately, the work needed on the car was less than expected and we were able to cover the cost of

fixing the car. L's work schedule and schooling were uninterrupted. Montgomery's Kids was able to provide the safety net that other youth can count on from their families.



O is a twenty year old former foster child who moved out on her own. Her caseworker asked Montgomery's Kids to buy her a bed as her son was using the bed she owned. She has a bad back which was being aggravated by sleeping on the floor. We took her to Mattress Firm on

Rockville Pike where she was able to pick out a mattress that was comfortable for her back. The amazing manager at Mattress Firm also allowed her to pick out a bed frame for free. She was thrilled.

We are now gearing up for the approach of summer and the special challenges summer brings. We will get requests for camp and other summer programs - those wonderful experiences many of us had that formed who we are.

Many children in Montgomery County need help - as of the beginning of March there were over 500 children eligible to be served by Montgomery's Kids. The key to Montgomery's Kids' success is our desire and ability to help these children who have been abused and neglected and have different experiences than their friends and classmates. We want these children to have "normal" experiences. Through our efforts we are enhancing the quality of life for many children who have had traumatic experiences. Your dollars can help us do this.

Your donation makes a difference in our community:

- **\$100** helps provide transportation for a child going to summer camp
- **\$150** helps provide tutoring for youth who have struggled in school this semester
- **\$150** helps provide a community pool membership
- **\$200** helps provide books and new clothes for youth at the beginning of the school year
- **\$250-\$350** helps provide tuition for a child to go to summer camp

**Special thanks to the Montgomery Village Rotary Club, Women Who Care and all of you for so generously supporting Montgomery's Kids.**

We need to grow and we need your help to do it. Please share this newsletter with friends who might help us support these children and youth. Encourage them to check our website and send

us their emails at lkshedlin@montgomeryskids.org  
so we can share more of our needs and our great success stories.

**TO DONATE, CLICK [www.montgomeryskids.org](http://www.montgomeryskids.org)**

Thank you,

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