



4Montgomery's Kids
Fall Update

"I want to thank you all at Montgomery Kids for all the help. When I was down on the floor, you all came to help and stretched your hand."

These are the words of a young person we have helped. There are over 400 children who have been removed from their homes because of child abuse and neglect. These children suffer trauma from the circumstances that led to foster care. They are grieving for the home and people they left. They are the focus of our work.

4Montgomery's Kids (formerly Montgomery's Kids) is a local nonprofit agency that helps Montgomery County's most vulnerable children and youth. 4MK supplements what children who have experienced abuse and neglect, those in the Child Welfare system, receive from the state and county services. Resources we provide help normalize a child's life experiences, and help youth transitioning out of foster care find housing, jobs, and other resources. We help create a brighter future for these children.

We need your help to continue this work

A few of those young people wrote:

"I just wanted to thank you Montgomery's Kids. I appreciated everything. If it was not for you guys helping me with the cost for Certified Medication Technician (CMT), I wouldn't have my current job. I appreciate it sincerely. Y'all are the best!"

"Through the 4Montgomery Kids Program, I received funding for meals when I served as a Student Page for the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis.

Thank you 4Montgomery Kids for your generosity to youth in foster care."



"Thank you so very much for helping me out with school and buying me a laptop.

I'm a college student and it's very much appreciated. "



From July 2017 to July 2018 (our last fiscal year) 4MK provided assistance to 122 children. Since July, we have helped an additional 45 children. We supplemented their educations with college books, computers and money for extracurricular activities. This summer we sent 40 children to summer camp. Young people transitioning out of foster care received security deposits, furniture, food, gift cards, and work clothes.

Social workers also have told us how children benefit greatly from the opportunities and services you helped us provide.

"I am so thankful for Montgomery's Kids who has poured out opportunity time and time again for current and former youth in foster care to succeed toward self-sufficiency. They have blessed youth with financial support for higher education pathway for college/vocational training, housing and employment stability, and personal health care. Personally, it has been especially challenging to locate funds for emancipated youth; however, Montgomery's Kids has been a tremendous source of help and hope when the need arises. The state needs more organization like them."



"Providing assistance for "things" has enabled many of my clients to achieve a sense of normalcy in their anything but normal lives. 4Montgomery Kids paid for a parking pass at University of Maryland while one of my clients was a student commuter, bought a new Ipad for a hearing impaired client and purchased gym memberships for several of my clients -- and that's just a few ways 4Montgomery kids helps make a difference in one life at a time!!!"

Our Donor Community

We are especially grateful to all our individual donors who provided donations which allowed us to help our community's children. When we have the funds we can respond quickly to the needs of these children and youth. As a result of our success, more and more requests are coming in and we continue to need your help as much as ever!

Spotlight on a donor: Diane Burch is the owner of a small business in Montgomery County. She cares deeply about its residents, particularly the four legged ones. While Diane has been a consistent donor to 4Montgomery's Kids, she has also been a major supporter. Diane has trumpeted the cause to her clients and friends who have gone on to become supporters in their own right. She has truly shown how members of a community can come together to become a greater force. Thank you Diane, for increasing the size of your contributions by personal advocacy.



New Community Partners

We would also like to thank local organizations that have graciously supported 4MK since our last newsletter. Most recently **Sequel**, a women's clothing store in Wildwood Shopping Center, Bethesda, donated a percent of their sales from an evening event.

The **Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rotary** and the **Metropolitan Women's Club** have made generous contributions to 4MK. We also received a grant from the **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage CARES Foundation**.

Bach and More in Bethesda

On November 10, donors were treated to a performance by award winning pianist Sam Post. Sam is co-founder and -music director of the Kassia Music Collective and on the faculty at the Levine School of Music. He delighted the audience with classical music and his original compositions.

Here is how you can help:

- \$25 will provide a gift card to celebrate a child's birthday
- \$100 will support transportation costs for going to work or college
- \$200 will provide an opportunity for recreational activities
- \$300 will provide a laptop to help children complete school
- \$500 will help with security deposit in an apartment

We cannot do this without your help. Please donate below or send a check to

4Montgomery's Kids, 7903 Springer Road, Bethesda, MD 20817. Our county's most vulnerable children and youth depend on you!!

Please remember that we are now **4Montgomery's Kids**. This is our way of letting our community know that we are there for them.

4Montgomery's Kids is a 501(c) 3 organization. 100% of all donated funds go directly to resources for children and youth.

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