



Creating a Brighter Future for Abused and Neglected Children

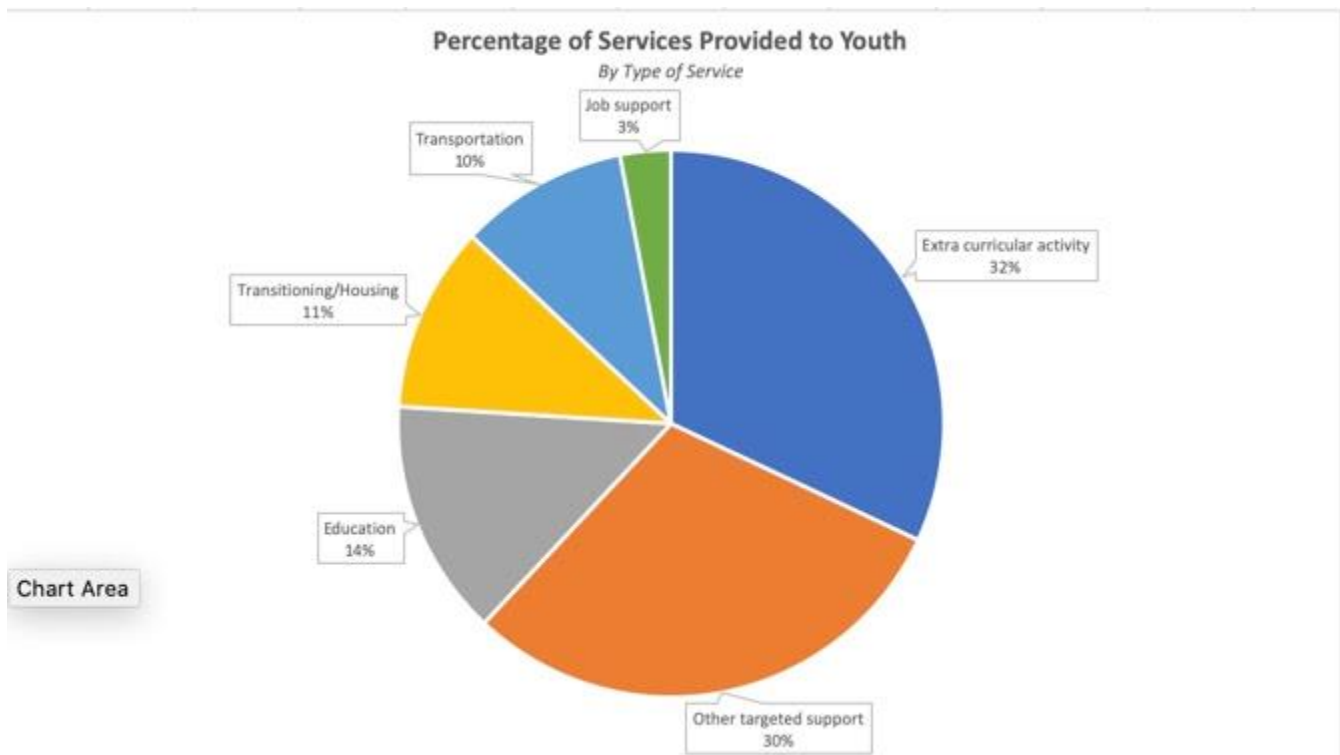
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More than 550 in less than five years! That is how many children and youth have been helped by 4Montgomery's Kids (4MK) and we can't thank you enough! In 2015, 4Montgomery's Kids began this incredible journey of helping Montgomery County's neediest children and youth receive the goods and services other children get. 4MK provides funding for:

- extracurricular activities such as summer camp, gym memberships, art classes and sports;
- educational support including books, computers and tuition;
- assistance with rent, security deposits and furniture for youth transitioning out of foster care;
- help with transportation, including gas cards, metro cards, drivers education and car repairs;
- job support with the focus on vocational training, uniforms and work clothes;
- other targeted areas such as gift cards for special occasions, prom attire, clothing and family support.

The graph is a breakdown of the way your funds have been allocated.



Moving to Independence

A high priority for 4MK has been helping youth move towards independence. Each year, with the assistance of Montgomery County social workers, we offer scholarships to a few students who are moving on to higher education after high school. This year, Kayla and Carson were selected and received their awards at the annual foster care family picnic.

Carson is going to community college and is interested in studying information technology. Kayla will be studying nursing.

While both Carson and Kayla will have their tuition covered by federal and state funds, no money was provided for transportation, books, and all the other extra expenses that go with this next stage of life. Without our funds, the full college experience would have been out of reach for these young people. As you can see from the videos filmed of [Carson](#) and [Kayla](#), they greatly appreciated our support. We wish them so much luck in this next step in their adventures.

Spotlight on a Donor - The Good People Fund

The Good People Fund (GPF), a nonprofit organization that supports small grassroots organizations in the United States and Israel recently helped a young woman who had no family and had aged out of the Montgomery County foster care system. We learned that Sarah* had a variety of needs including living expenses and transportation. 4Montgomery's Kids told GPF of her circumstances and they agreed to help her. As a result of their support, she was able to pay the security deposit and first month's rent on an apartment, buy a transportation card to get to and from school and work, take a remedial reading class, and purchase some school supplies.

By providing funds to Sarah at the suggestion of 4Montgomery's Kids, the GPF alleviated some of her financial worries and enabled her to focus more productively on her health, living situation, job, and higher education. Thank you GPF for giving Sarah greater hope for a successful future.

**name changed to maintain privacy*

You too can help these youth achieve more in life. Please give generously!! Remember 100% of every dollar you donate goes to help Montgomery County's neediest children and youth.

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