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# "Give Where You Lead" Making the Connection Between Leadership and Philanthropy

The Montgomery County Community Foundation is proud to be partners with Congressional Bank and Leadership Montgomery to sponsor "Give Where You Lead," an annual charitable giving opportunity for the Leadership Montgomery community that inspires all of us to consider philanthropy to be an integral part of our personal and professional lives.

This year, thirteen volunteers - representing Leadership Montgomery classes from 2001 to the current class of 2007 - formed the "Give Where You Lead" Steering Committee with the responsibility to give away five \$1,000 grants to community based nonprofits in the county. MCCF staff helped the group identify a pressing community issue for their grantmaking; learn about county nonprofits addressing that issue; and select a final list of grantees.



The Steering Committee members join Bob Willey (Congressional Bank) and Sally Rudney (Montgomery County Community Foundation) to honor this year's "Give Where You Lead" Grantees.

The Leadership Montgomery Steering Committee decided to focus this year's giving on county nonprofit organizations working with low income pregnant or parenting teens and young single parents. Why? Because they were concerned to learn of the estimated 500 pregnancies last year in county high schools and of a few pregnancies in middle schools.

The five nonprofits selected to be the 2007 "Give Where You Lead" grantees are:

### **Community Ministry of Montgomery County**

For the Friends in Action Program which provides mentoring support to young single moms to help them make responsible decisions on behalf of their children.

#### **Crossway Community**

For the Family Leadership School which helps young, single mothers in Wheaton earn their GEDs, achieve financial self-sufficiency and stabilize their families

#### Florence Crittenton Services of Greater Washington

For its SNEAKERS and PEARL programs which help adolescent girls and teen mothers avoid risky behaviors and succeed at school.

#### Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington

For the Hispanic Teen Med-Ed Clinic in Gaithersburg which provides the County's growing population of Hispanic teens with bilingual, age-appropriate reproductive health education so they can make healthy lifestyle choices.

#### Family Services Agency

For the Early Head Start Program which provides teen mothers at Gaithersburg High School with childcare, counseling, and parenting classes so they can earn their high school degrees and learn how to best care for their children.

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The Montgomery County Community Foundation (MCCF) is dedicated to building charitable giving by county residents and businesses in an efficient, rewarding and tax-smart way. MCCF currently houses 125 "donor advised" funds, established by individuals, families and companies to make grants to the causes most important to them in Montgomery County, in the region, and anywhere else they want to give. To these donors, their MCCF charitable giving funds "feel" like a private foundation, but without the time and expense. MCCF made \$4 million in total grants last year.

MCCF also houses the Sharing Montgomery Fund which makes grants to county nonprofits working with low-income children and families. With support from many of MCCF's donoradvised funds, the Sharing Montgomery Endowment Fund, and gifts from other county residents and businesses, the Sharing Montgomery Fund has made over \$1 million in grants to nonprofits which support the continued health and vibrancy of our community.

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