

## Leadership Montgomery: Class XXIX

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October 26, 2012

Dear Capitol Heights Merchant:

There were over 600 homeless children in Montgomery Public schools last year. While they receive breakfast and lunch at school during the week, they depend on irregular and undependable food supplies during the weekend. Many of them return to school on Monday hungry and tired, with little inclination to study or learn.

Leadership Montgomery, now in its 29<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Montgomery community has, through one of its project teams, under taken to address this problem. Using donated funds, the team and Capitol Heights neighborhood volunteers will purchase foodstuffs from the Montgomery Area Food Bank at 18 cents per pound. Between three and five pounds of nourishing food will be placed in backpacks and given to eligible children at the close of school on each Friday. They will return the packs on Mondays.

The project will begin at Capitol Heights Middle School during the week of Thanksgiving. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.** \$25 WILL PROVIDE ENOUGH FOOD FOR FIVE CHILDREN FOR ONE MONTH. \$200 WILL BUY THE SAME FIVE KIDS ALMOST ENOUGH FOR THE REST OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

### **BACKPACK ITEMS INCLUDE:**

Peanut Butter (12 ounce jar) and a sleeve of crackers	Snack mixes
Beans and franks (pop-top can)	Raisins (snack size boxes)
Beef stew (pop-top-can)	Pudding cups
Cereal (one oz. bowl)	Juice boxes (100% juice)
Fruit cups	Milk (does not require refrigeration)
Vegetable cups (corn, green beans, etc.)	Cereal or granola bars

Donations to Leadership Montgomery<sup>1</sup> may be sent in the attached, stamped envelope. E-mail your questions to the project team at [robertblane@msn.com](mailto:robertblane@msn.com), or call 272-7122.

**WE THANK YOU FOR JOINING THIS CAPITOL HEIGHTS INITIATIVE!**

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