Thank you! We truly appreciate your support of our Senior Leadership Montgomery Program. Your generosity helps Leadership Montgomery to increase community engagement and invest resources to help improve the County. Thank you for helping to support our mission of making Montgomery County a better place to live and work.

Program Overview:
The Senior Leadership Montgomery Program seeks to engage one of the County’s greatest resources, its 55+ population. Through an 8-month long, 8-session commitment, program participants graduate knowing more about the issues and leaders that are shaping their community, while developing new relationships with a cohort of active seniors. The connections made can help participants become better engaged in their communities and make those communities even better places for them and future generations.

Program Highlights:
- Exposure, education and dialogue about current County issues
- Each session is held at a different and unique location throughout the County.
- A wide range of interactive experiences, community tours and presentations by the leading experts in the field.
- Invaluable connections with local leaders in the public, private and nonprofit sectors
- Nonprofit team projects - The 2017 class provided 328 hours of service to the following nonprofit organizations: Comfort Cases, Manna Food Center, Equipment Connections for Children, Hospice Caring, Adventure Theatre, KindWorks, Asian American LEAD, and Hearts & Homes for Youth.

Curriculum:
- History of Montgomery County
- Bus tour of the County with stops including the historic Boyds Negro School, Red Wiggler Community Farm, BlackRock Center for the Arts
- Overview of County government structure, budget and demographics
- Public safety issues including a visit to the jail, hands-on police and fire training exercises and a ride-along with police and fire department personnel
- Q&A Coffee Session with the Montgomery County Council and lunch with the Montgomery County Delegation.
- Training on how to be an effective board member, followed by a nonprofit board fair.
• Real estate development, housing, health and transportation issues in the County
• An in-depth exploration into the education system and arts in the County
• Overview of the safety net and nonprofit organizations that support them

**Speaker Highlights:**

• Aruna Miller, District 15, Maryland House of Delegates
• Dr. Jack Smith, Superintendent, Montgomery County Public Schools
• Marilyn Balcombe, President & CEO, Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce
• McLean Quinn, VP of Land Acquisition and Development, EYA, LLC
• Margaret Latimer, VP and Provost, Germantown campus and Collegewide STEM Unit, Montgomery College
• Montgomery County Councilmembers: Roger Berliner, Marc Elrich, Sidney Katz, George Leventhal, Nancy Floreen, Hans Riemer
• Gerald Cichy, Commissioner, Montgomery County Planning Board
• Rob Goldman, President, Montgomery Housing Partnership
• Clarence J. Snuggs, Director, Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs
• Joseph Frandoni, Deputy Director, Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County
• Brent Reitz, President, Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital
• Chief J. Thomas Manger, Montgomery County Department of Police
• Chief Scott Goldstein, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service
• Gretchen Zekiel, RSVP Manager, Montgomery County Volunteer Center

**Venues Highlights:**

• Glen Echo Park, Glen Echo, MD
• Stella Werner Council Office Building, Rockville, MD
• BlackRock Center for the Arts, Germantown, MD
• Montgomery County Correctional Facility, Boyds, MD
• Adventist Healthcare Shady Grove Medical Center, Gaithersburg, MD
• Public Service Training Academy, Rockville, MD
• White Oak Community Center, Silver Spring, MD
• Boyds Negro School, Boyds, MD
• Red Wiggler Community Farm, Germantown, MD
• Historic Red Brick Courthouse, Rockville, MD
• Levine School of Music, Silver Spring, MD
• Montgomery College, Germantown, MD
Participants:
- Age range: 59 to 78, average age: 66
- 31% retired, 22% semi-retired, 47% working full time, 18% working part-time
- 22% were people of color

What Participants Have to Say:
- “One of the best investments I've ever made on a personal and professional level.” - Ernest “Chico” Rosemond, Georgetown Univ. McDonough School of Business
- “Each meeting day makes me know more about the county in ways I never knew before and I better understand how things work. But mostly – I am so impressed and proud of the caliber of our people and programs. It's so impressive.” - Jeanne Wolfson, Freddie Mac
- “I didn't understand the breadth and complexity of services provided by the county. I also didn't realize the power of the County Council. As a result, I'll be looking for ways that I can get involved.” - Dorothy Unger
- “After listening to the speakers, I am seriously considering volunteering to be on an advisory board.” - Phyllis Soo-Hoo, Marriott International, Inc.
- “You've given us an excellent overall view of how the county works.” - Ramonia Lee, The Inter-Faith Chapel
- “I enjoyed learning about the County, meeting the County Executive and County Council, developing an appreciation for the police, fire and jail functions, learning about the vibrant arts community, and being introduced to a new nonprofit.” - Tim Stranges
- “So rewarding to see the dedication of Montgomery County public servants plus I am more aware of what is going on in MOCO. Since our session every time I see a fire truck or police car I appreciate even more their contributions and challenges.” - Ginny Wolf
- “It reinforced how grateful I am to live here, where public servants are professional, competent and humane and where we value everyone.” - Luisa Montero-Diaz, Mid-County Regional Services Center
- “I found a Board position and an unexpected volunteer activity” - Helen Blumen, Milliman, Inc.
- “The program expanded my awareness and broadened my network which is a solid start. I value the continuing support and activities provided by the Leadership Montgomery organization.” - Sol Glasner