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(MONTGOMERY, Ohio) – Montgomery honors volunteers during National Volunteer Week (April 10-16, 2011)

Ever wonder who plants the 20,000 colorful flowers in Montgomery's medians, ramps and parks? Or who are the Montgomery Fourth of July Parade organizers and how did they get involved?

As April 10-16, 2011 has been designated National Volunteer Week, and with 63 board and commission members and over 500 short-term, project-based volunteers, Montgomery wishes to thank these generous volunteers for their service, leadership and talents.

Volunteers continue to enhance our community's lifestyle while maximizing tax dollars by generously sharing their time, resources and talents. Nationally, in 2009, the volunteering rate increased to 26.8% of the population. Fundraising, collecting and distributing food, providing labor or transportation and tutoring are the top activities for volunteers across the country. Here in Montgomery, volunteers raise funds for service projects in the parks and other worthy local causes. Volunteers also generously give their time and labor in sprucing up our parks or by planting hanging baskets or flower beds in road medians.

Community members also volunteer for service clubs, faith-based organizations, schools and in their own neighborhoods. These volunteer opportunities bring Montgomery families together to cultivate a unique, connected, engaged destination composed of "citizens" rather than "residents."

"The City of Montgomery greatly benefits from the contributions of our board and commission members and the collective efforts of families and neighbors who beautify and enrich our community. We are encouraged to see that national trends are also true for Montgomery, that volunteering is on the rise, and we are able to continue to provide excellent services with continued support from our volunteers," noted City Manager Cheryl Hilvert.

If you would like to join this team of dedicated citizens making a difference locally, log on to <http://www.montgomeryohio.org/volunteer/> and complete the volunteer profile form at the bottom of the page.

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