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**2018 JDCAP AWARD NOMINEE
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO A VOLUNTEER**

The Montgomery County Youth Center nominates Pamela Martin, Executive Director of Expressive Path, for the Distinguished Service Award to a Volunteer. Pamela started Expressive Path in January 2014. Expressive Path's mission statement is as follows, "Expressive Path is a non-profit organization committed to enriching, educating and inspiring at-risk adolescents by providing resources for them in the areas of; theater, dance, music, humanities and the visual arts. Expressive Path creates diverse opportunities in the arts for youth to explore their talents and have outlets to express themselves on a positive path".

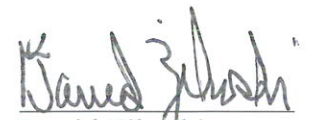
Pamela contacted the Youth Center in 2013 and informed us about her idea of creating an organization to provide at-risk children the opportunity to participate in the arts that might not otherwise have that opportunity. Pamela's first volunteers began at the Montgomery County Youth Center in 2014 and we have maintained a very close working relationship. The programs and lectures that have already been provided to the Youth Center include the following; visual art workshops, poetry workshops, painting workshops, photography workshops, dance classes and guitar lessons. An additional workshop developed over the last year is a furniture painting program. Last year small wooden chairs were painted each with a different theme by the Montgomery County Detention residents. This year a table was painted. All of the furniture was then donated to a local County run day care that didn't have the necessary funds to adequately supply furniture for the children. Every workshop and lecture has received positive reviews from the residents and staff. Pamela has accumulated a large and extremely talented pool of volunteers that offer their time to the residents of the Montgomery County Youth Center.

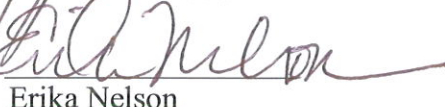
Pamela is retired from the Montgomery County Aging and Adult department and has devoted all her time to the volunteer efforts of Expressive Path. Pamela's commitment to helping at-risk children on her time is truly extraordinary. The impact on the residents at the Montgomery County Youth Center through the volunteering efforts of Pamela Martin and her organization, Expressive Path, is inspiring. It should also be noted that Pamela's organization maintains contact with some of the youth to continue working with them following their release from the Youth Center. Also, during guitar lessons, Pamela's organization lends guitars to the residents while they are in the facility so they can practice. Expressive Path will donate instruments to children in need as well. Pamela is an exceptional volunteer that is worthy of distinguished recognition.

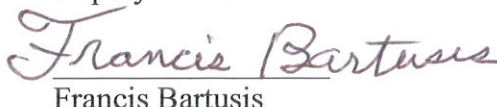
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