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**Café Montgomery to Celebrate Grand Opening Thursday, April 10**  
*Partnership between Montgomery County and the Business Enterprise Program  
Provides Upgraded Facility and Grab and Go Food Options*

**DAYTON, OH** – Café Montgomery, a newly remodeled café in the Montgomery County Administration Building (451 West 3rd. Street) in Dayton, will host a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 10:00am to mark its Grand Opening. This newly renovated facility is the continuation of a longstanding partnership between Montgomery County and the Business Enterprise Program (BEP) of Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD).

“We are excited about the great food and drink offerings that will be available in Dayton thanks to this unique partnership with Montgomery County,” said Mindy Duncan, Deputy Director of the Bureau of Services for the Visually Impaired (BSVI) at OOD. “It is another example of government working together to provide both quality services to the community but also increased economic opportunities for the blind.”

Café Montgomery will offer grab and go snack options and a salad bar, along with several menu options such as sandwiches and Panini’s, while serving Starbucks coffee and a full line of coffee and specialty drinks. In synch with Montgomery County’s go-green initiative the café will also feature green/sustainable packaging and products.

“We want the people to feel cared for and served,” says Keith Trammel, the current café operator. “Giving customers quality food options and the best drinks around here is a way to do that.”

BEP connects food service and entrepreneurship at government buildings throughout Ohio. The federally funded program, administered by OOD, offers people who are legally blind franchise-like opportunities to manage cafeterias, convenience stores, snack bars and vending machines in state, federal and county buildings.

The prior operator’s move to another location opened up the opportunity for a remodel of the facility which has been at the county administration building since 1972. Trammel, the current operator, brings 20 years of experience in the BE program and a wide background in food service to the café. The café also employs three Dayton area residents.

BEP has more than 120 food service and vending enterprises in Ohio and these entrepreneurs employ more than 140 Ohioans.

*OOD is the state agency responsible for assisting individuals with disabilities to live independently, gain meaningful employment or receive disability benefits through the Social Security Administration. [www.ood.ohio.gov](http://www.ood.ohio.gov)*