

Kindness Rocks to Create a Path of Hope

The Montgomery Recreation Department is working with local artists to create a Path of Hope within the Montgomery community as a response to these unusual times. This path will be created by using stones painted by adults and children and placed around the trees and Meditation Garden at the Otto Kaufman Community Center (OKCC), 356 Skillman Road, Skillman.

A version of this idea dates back before the pandemic to 2018 with an international movement known as “Kindness Rocks,” as described on the [Today Show](#).

Participation is easy! Just find stones you like and use acrylic paints or permanent markers to create a design on the stone. Add your name if you like and finish your work of art with varnish to weather-proof. Then you can go to the OKCC and place your stones in areas allocated for the path, and while doing so you can admire the work of the others too! Just be sure to maintain social distance from other people who do not live with you.

The idea is to bring the community together through this artistic initiative.

“Art heals, it calms and inspires,” explains [Spruha Gupta](#), a Montgomery artist, who proposed the project to the township. “The process of drawing is very freeing and we can express ourselves better through drawing or painting at times than in words. It’s a wonderful way to share your emotions with the family and contribute to the community as each pebble will add to the path of hope.

We will come out stronger together,” Gupta said.

