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## Applications NOW Being Accepted

### Summer Oasis Program

It's time to sign up youth for Summer Oasis. The program starts on July 7 and will include MNDC's popular basketball program as well as life skills programs. Girls can play basketball or be included in the Oasis Ladies program, featuring tennis. To register, [click here](#).

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### Project Oasis Summer Employment Program

MNDC was awarded a grant from the Montclair Township to employ Montclair students. MNDC contracts with citywide partners, who agree to train the students for approximately 4 weeks. MNDC has placed students into intern position with agencies such as the Salvation Army, Montclair Township, Toni's Kitchen, Montclair Municipal Court - Judge Anthony Fresco, United Way and other partners. Interviews for jobs will begin the week of June 19th - June 23rd. Employment will begin July 9, 2017. Please call Elaine Spears, to schedule an appointment at 973-744-9094. Documents must be provided prior to the first day of work: Social Security cards, birth certificates, leases, tax return or W2, Public Service Bill, 4 pay stubs or unemployment award letter, SSI award letter, and Promise of Employment letter.

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### Project Life

MNDC is in the business of helping prepare young people for the world of work through Project Life, their youth employment program. For ten weeks during the winter and spring, students 14 - 18 years of age will receive classroom instruction at Montclair State University followed by paid internships in the summer.

At the conclusion of the program students will be more knowledgeable regarding the job market and work force; have a better understanding of organizational team work; and be better prepared to present themselves to prospective employers. We can't wait to update you on their progress!

Last year, these students successfully completed their classroom instruction and were sent out on summer internships.



## ESL Program has Begun!

MNDC - Reaching Out Montclair is taking registrations for their new ESL Program running from May 30 - July 20 from 7 - 8:30 at the Glenfield School on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Certified teachers will teach classes for level 1 through 3. To register, call Madeline Guthrie at 862-485-8470.



## South End Wellness Day- June 10

Come to the [South End Wellness Day](#) on June 10 from 1-4 p.m. at the Garden State Community Bank Lot, 323 Orange Rd. It will feature health screenings, activities such as Tai Chi, Zumba and children's jump rope contest, and lots of yummy and healthy food from local South End eateries.



## Back-to-School Store Coming



Believe it or not, it's time to register for the Back 2 School Store so elementary children can have all the gear they need come the new school year. Sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women in Essex County, this program provides economically disadvantaged Essex County elementary school children with clothing, school supplies and other necessities. A personal shopper will accompany each child through the "store" helping him or her choose items that reflect their style and favorite color. This allows children to focus on learning with the self-esteem and enthusiasm that comes with having what they need for school.

The event will take place on Sunday, July 30th at B'nai Shalom, 300 Pleasant Valley Way in West Orange. Click [here](#) for more information. To register, please complete our [application](#).

## Current Programs and Opportunities

### Maya Angelou Project for 10 to 12-Year-Old Girls

MNDC Maya Angelou Project, a structured support and

literary program for 10 to 12-year-old girls, is in session. Instructors facilitate the sharing of experiences in a safe, healthy environment through role playing, journal writing, drama, dance, art, and a reading and writing group. All activities address a theme such as, Being A Girl, Trusting Yourself, Friendships, Body Image, Conflict Resolution and ([read more](#)).



The Maya Angelou Project will help girls develop confidence and gain self-esteem.

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## MNDC Offers Fitness Classes

Interested in toning up and getting fit? Through a joint venture with MNDC, Maasai Fitness is offering classes at the Wally Choice Community Center from April 1 - December 16 on Saturday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m.. Choose from cardio kickboxing, Pilates, yoga, stretching, Tai Chi, toning, abs, and body sculpting.



The cost is \$160 or a drop-in rate of \$10 per class. For more information, contact Stephanie Jones at [sdjfitness@gmail.com](mailto:sdjfitness@gmail.com) or 862-202-3566.

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## Project Oasis Student Suspension Program (POSSP)



MNDC runs an innovative program, Project Oasis Student Suspension Program, to help African American and other minority students who are suspended or requiring other forms of support such as class credit recovery, mentorship, or cooling off periods, all within the Montclair School system. Students are able to meet with and receive instruction from certified teachers, counselors and mentors at an MNDC location so they can stay current with their school assignments. They may also receive counseling, and take personal development and life skills sessions.

## Recent Happenings

### Winter Oasis STEM Program

This winter, students in MNDC's STEM program were busy! Their latest project included learning about volcanos and what causes them to erupt. Of course, we had to build and paint our own volcanos and then learn about the chemical reactions of vinegar and baking soda. Messy and fun!



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### Spring Fling

On Saturday, April 8, the Spring Fling was held at the Wally Choice Community Center located in Glenfield Park. It included an egg hunt, photo with Mr. Bunny (Dr. Renee





Baskerville, 4th Ward Councilwoman), and face painting. The event was sponsored by the Department of Recreation & Cultural Affairs in conjunction with PBA Local 53.

## MNDC Serves at Homeless Connect Day



Montclair Mayor Robert Jackson along with Madeline Guthrie and Taneshiah Harris of MNDC on Homeless Connect Day.

On March 23rd, MNDC participated in the Annual Essex County Project Homeless Connect Day at Branch Brook Park. This event brings together various service providers who can help our neediest residents with health screenings, counseling, haircuts, information on housing and public benefits and more.

MNDC connected homeless individuals with needed services and resources and also set up case management appointments where needed and provided useful items such as clothing, hygiene products, socks and more.

## MNDC Volunteers at Comcast Cares Day Project

MNDC had a great day of volunteering on April 22nd with Comcast and Immaculate Conception HighSchool at the Comcast Cares Day project at Cody Field. More than 20 of us gathered to clean up Cody Field, rake leaves, pick up debris, paint stairs to the press box, repair the ticket booth, and add some plantings just in time for spring.



## Senior Corner

### The Veggie Mobile Provides Fresh Produce!



Since Montclair no longer has a grocery store in the area, our seniors -- especially those with limited travel options -- are finding it difficult to get fresh produce. Thankfully, the Veggie Mobile has them covered.

As City Green's newest food access initiative, the Veggie Mobile will bring farm-fresh and healthy food to the Park House on a weekly basis -- stay tuned for details! Items can be purchased with cash, Families First SNAP Cards (EBT), Double Value Coupon Incentives (City Green Bucks), WIC Cash Value Vouchers, WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)

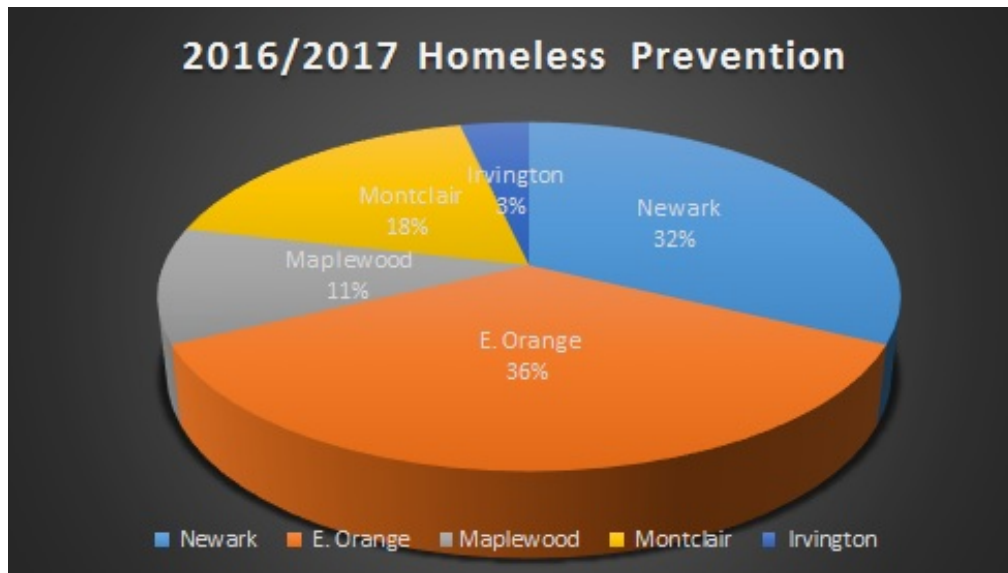
## Funding Update

### SSH/SSH-TANF Grant

For SSH/SSH-TANF Homeless Prevention services, from September 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017, MNDC provided back rental assistance, as well as relocation and PSE&G assistance for 28 families in the amount of \$59,328.

To be eligible for assistance, households must fall within the Federal Poverty Guidelines that the government provides to MNDC and all CSBG agencies.

Size of Household	100% of Poverty	125% of Poverty
1	\$12,060	\$15,075
2	\$16,240	\$20,300
3	\$20,420	\$25,525
4	\$24,600	\$30,750
5	\$28,780	\$35,975
6	\$32,960	\$41,200
7	\$37,140	\$46,425
8	\$41,320	\$51,650
For each additional family member add:	\$4,180	\$5,225



## Our Mission

**The mission of the Montclair Neighborhood Development Corp. is to empower and support disadvantaged individuals, youth, and families to achieve an improved quality of life through training, education, and advocacy.**

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