

MNDC has been busy!

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## Time is almost up....

Summer is a busy time at MNDC as we keep our youth busy and productive! If you know of a student (8 - 18 years of age) who could benefit from [Project Oasis](#), we're still accepting applicants. This 10-week program meets at Glenfield Park. Students learn leadership and good character skills and also play in a basketball league.

Girls entering grades 5, 6 & 7 may join the Girls Leadership Program. They'll have fun as we explore what it means to be a leader – now and in the future. Each week, we'll learn about interesting careers, find out what it takes to get there and meet amazing women in our community who are living their dreams! To register, [click here](#).

During both programs, youth from our [Project Life Culinary Arts Program](#) will be selling and serving food and snacks at the Project Oasis Cafe.

## Our Featured Program

### Project Oasis Summer Employment Program



Chefs Brian Hatchett and Alexis Dickerson with Master Chef Abe Dickerson serve dinner for the crowd.

This winter and spring students have been busy getting ready for a summer job through the Project Oasis Summer Employment Program. Students between the ages of 14 - 18 spent ten weeks preparing for the world of work through classroom instruction. They learned entrepreneurial skills, financial literacy, resumé writing, appropriate business attire, business planning, and more. The result is that they'll be more knowledgeable about the job market and work force; have a better understanding of organizational team work; and be better prepared to present themselves to prospective employers.

MNDC celebrated their success on July 1st at the Park House and gave out assignments for summer employment. ([read more](#))



## Board Member Spotlight

### MNDC Adds Program to Help Veterans



Clarence Jackson wants to get it right for veterans. Looking back, this desire started 43 years ago when he re-entered the civilian life after serving for five and a half years in the Air Force as a Personnel Specialist. Suffice it to say that the information he received about accessing various benefits was uneven and incomplete. His most painful memory is when he was desperately in search of a job only to be told that he was one day past the deadline to be hired under a provision for discharged vets. Never mind that he had been a regular visitor at this veterans office, explaining his struggles yet never receiving the critical information that ([read more](#))

## MNDC Seeking Board Members



MNDC is growing -- adding new programs and services. With that growth comes the need for individuals to join our Board of Directors. Members can make a big impact on the

individuals we serve and the community at large. Interested in what it takes to be a board member? Then read on.

First and foremost, you should embrace our mission "To empower and support disadvantaged individuals, youth, and families to achieve an improved quality of life through training, education, and advocacy"...right here in our community. You should also be able to attend monthly board meetings and even join a subcommittee. Throughout the year, we have a number of events that board members are encouraged to attend. If you have services that you could provide to MNDC, please let us know. And last? Members should have the ability to contribute financially either personally or through others whom you introduce to MNDC.

If becoming a member of the Board of Directors sounds like something you'd like to do, please contact Al Pelham at [albertpelham@aol.com](mailto:albertpelham@aol.com) or 973 744-9094. He'd be happy to explore it with you.

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## Upcoming Events

### Join us at our Annual Project Oasis Gala!

Save the date! Sunday, September 25th from 3 - 7 p.m. is when our Annual Fundraising Gala takes place at the Upper Montclair Women's Club, 200 Cooper Avenue. The theme will be "A Taste of Montclair" and will feature delicious food from area restaurants as well as various stations including a "casino," tricky tray, and interesting vendor booths. We will honor several individuals at the event and highlight our work in the community. Tickets for the event are \$100. To purchase tickets, [click here](#).

If you would like to support this event, you may purchase a Sponsorship at various levels: Gold, Silver, Bronze, and Casino, each with its own set of valuable benefits. Additionally, MNDC is taking ads for the journal, priced \$50 - \$300 depending on the size. For more information, please visit our [website](#).



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### Book Bag Event Scheduled for August 28th



The Book Bag Event is coming! Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for further information! We'll announce it on [Facebook](#), our [website](#) and more.

### Speaking of Facebook...

How much do you like us? Are you willing to make it public by going to our [Facebook](#) page and hitting the LIKE button? Try it and we promise to keep you informed about all things MNDC.

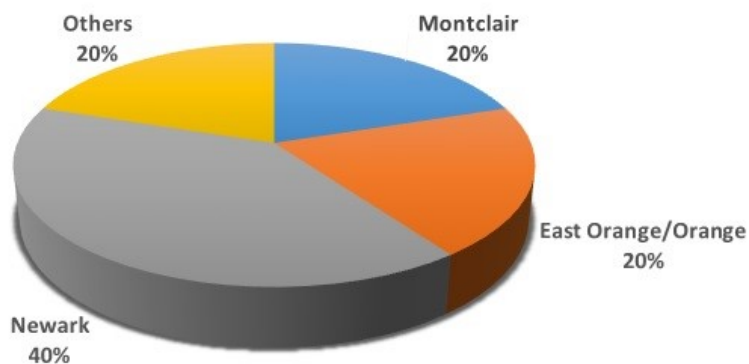


## Funding Update

### Our CSBG Funding Gets a 62% Increase

CSBG, the Community Service Block Grant, provides funds to assist state and local communities like ours to reduce poverty, revitalize neighborhoods and empower low-income families to become fully self-sufficient. In 2016, MNDC received \$176,180.37 in funding. During the 2nd quarter, the contract was amended, bringing the total funding to \$284,745.52. I think you'll agree that's good news as we can now do even more to improve the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors and make our community stronger.

MNDC also provides SSH/SSH-TANF Homeless Prevention services. The chart below shows our activity from January 1 - June 30, 2016.



## 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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