

MNDC has been busy!

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Here's what we've been up to....

Welcome to MNDC's quarterly newsletter. You are important to us so we want to keep you informed about the positive impact we're making for our community. It's all about people helping people and we're glad you're part of it!

In case you don't know how MNDC started, take a look at our [history](#). It all began in 1969....

Al Pelham featured on The Giblin Report

MNDC Executive Director Al Pelham was the featured guest on Assemblyman Tom Giblin's "The Giblin Report." Click [here](#) to watch it!



Our Featured Partner

Won't You Drop In?



Three days a week during the school year, a community of seniors gathers at the Park House at Glenfield Park in Montclair. Called the Do Drop In, this special group comes together for camaraderie, reconnecting, education and entertainment...and food!

A typical day will feature 50 or so seniors sitting in small groups chatting over a cup of coffee about the good old days ([read more](#))

Camaraderie abounds with these nonagenarians (96, 97 and 90 years of age!)

Board Member Spotlight

An Agent of Hope



Rev. Craig Dunn has a long history with MNDC. It started when he was 10 years old and took his first martial arts class. After that he got involved with their basketball league. Now as an adult he's served as a long-time Board member and is currently President of the MNDC Board. Having grown up in Montclair, Craig remembers how the people in his neighborhood looked out for each other, teaching skills like ([read more](#))

Client Corner

On the Road to Success

Chelsea Wilkins is the kind of girl to make a mom proud. That goes for those who worked with her over the years at MNDC, too. She's currently deciding which college to attend next fall, but she wasn't always on that path.

In elementary school, Chelsea struggled. She would often get pulled out of her regular classes for special instruction. This continued into middle school, only by then ([read more](#))



Upcoming Events

Project Life

Running from April 22 - June 24, [this youth employment program](#) is geared to prepare young people for the world of work through classroom instruction during spring followed by internships during the summer. Students aged 14 - 18 are eligible for this 10-week program where they'll attend classes at Montclair State University to help improve their chances in our competitive economy. Classes meet for 3 hours on Friday nights and consist of business education, entrepreneurial skills, financial literacy, résumé writing, dressing for success, business plans, and more. Click [here](#) to register.

Summer Oasis

This free, [six-week summer program](#) runs from July 5th to August 12th and provides Montclair students with a positive way to spend their time and grow in leadership and team skills. Certified teachers work with students in enrichment and tutorial sessions followed by organized sports. 8 - 12 year olds meet on Mondays and Wednesdays. 13 - 18 year olds meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Click here to [register](#).

Annual Project Oasis Fundraiser

Save the date: on **Sunday, June 26th**, we'll have our **Annual Fundraiser** where we'll update you on the terrific work MNDC is doing in the community. Stay tuned for more information. For sponsorship opportunities, please call the office at 973 744-9094.

Project Life - The Culinary Career Institute

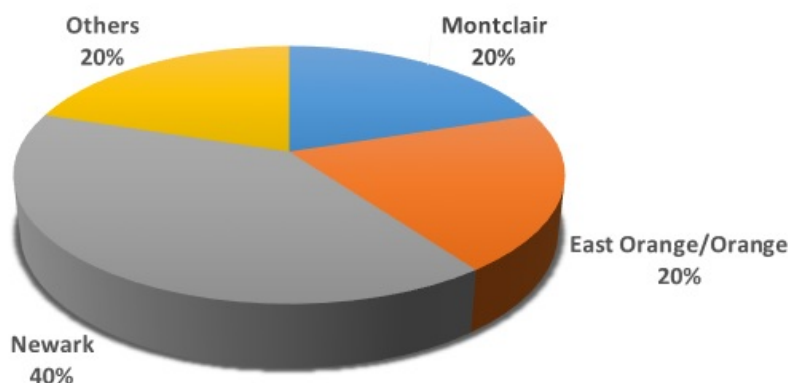
Teenagers 15 and older can gain basic culinary and food safety skills as well as nutrition and healthy eating knowledge in this [10-week program](#) at Montclair State University. Upon completion, students will receive a certificate of completion making them eligible to work in paid culinary service positions over the summer. Classes will take place on Fridays from 5 - 8 p.m. from April 22 - June 19. Click here to [register](#).

Funding Update

What are CSBG and SSH? Our Most Important Funders.

It's true -- we wouldn't be able to do our important work without [CSBG](#), the Community Service Block Grant and [SSH](#), Social Services for the Homeless. These funds provide assistance to state and local communities like ours to reduce poverty, revitalize communities and empower low-income families to become fully self-sufficient. In other words, they help improve lives of our most vulnerable neighbors and make our community stronger.

The chart below shows where MNDC has provided SSH/SSH-TANF Homeless Prevention services from January 1 - February 29, 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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