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Montclair  
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## The Holidays are Coming

### Help us Donate Thanksgiving Baskets



The Holidays are a great time to relax and gather with friends and family. For some they can also be stressful financially. To help ease the pressure, we plan to give out 45 Thanksgiving baskets to families in need in our community. Won't you help us?

Please consider donating turkeys and other items on our [list](#). By doing so, you will enable families to have a proper Thanksgiving dinner and gain the dignity that comes from being able to provide for their family. We thank Partners in Health for their generous donation.

We'll need your turkey on 11/21 and other food items by 11/17.

To register to receive a Thanksgiving basket, go [online](#) or drop in at the MNDC office.

## Join us at our Holiday Party on December 4th

### Come & Mingle Jingle with MNDC

Sunday, December 4, 3 - 6 p.m.  
Woman's Club of Upper Montclair  
200 Cooper Avenue

Celebrate the holidays with an afternoon of jazz and refreshments at the MNDC *Come & Mingle* party. The festivities will take place on Sunday, December 4th from 3 - 6 p.m. at the Woman's Club of Upper Montclair. We'll be honoring Mr. Bolandi, Interim Superintendent of the Montclair Public Schools as well as Mr. Israel Cronk, Executive Director of the Montclair Center Business Improvement District (BID).

Delicious food will be provided by [Euro Barbeque](#) and [Vital](#). Be sure to compete in our Ugly Holiday Sweater Contest.

The cost to attend is \$50. Pay [online](#), at the door, or drop in at MNDC. We're also

requesting that each attendee bring a new unwrapped toy.



Israel Cronk (above) and Ronald Bolandi (left) will be honored at the MNDC *Come & Mingle* event.

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## Toy Giveaway on December 17

We want the children in our community to receive a special gift this holiday season and ease the financial burden on their parents. That's why we'll be hosting the Toy Giveaway on December 17, 5 p.m. at the Glenfield Park House. This special event will include dinner and a toy for each child who attends. Many thanks to the following groups for their generous donations: The Salvation Army, Mindful Breath Foundation, the Police Athletic League, community banks, Teamster Union 177 and individuals.



Families who are interested in attending should register [online](#) or at MNDC.

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## Board Member Spotlight

### The Power of Story



Montclair runs deep in Marilyn Jacobs' blood. Born and bred in the township, she is a 3rd generation Montclairian. In fact, if you go to Glenfield Park, you may see the Owens/Catching Suite – it's named after her grandfather, Richard Owens, who founded it. Marilyn credits him for instilling in her the value of civic responsibility, asking her repeatedly how she planned to work out this role in life. She certainly took his example to heart because her passion lies in providing mentoring and career coaching primarily to minorities in corporate America. She also joined the board of MNDC and loves being able to speak to students in Project Life, MNDC's program to read students for successful employment.

The approach that Jacobs takes is to use the power of her own story. As the daughter of a single mom, she didn't have a whole lot

## Senior Corner

### Our Seniors Get Discounted Tickets to NJPAC!

It's true. Seniors in Montclair can now get access to select performances at NJPAC for free. Yes, you heard right. Free! Offered by MNDC through the NJPAC President's Fund for Community Engagement, interested persons should contact the Do Drop In staff or Elaine Spears for details.



## Our Featured Program

### Our After School Program is Up and Running!

The school year is in full swing and so is our Winter Oasis After School Program. This year's revised program for 4th - 8th graders welcomes the addition of a 4-H STEM Program (science, technology, engineering and math) where students learn through various project-based sessions each day. Also new this year is MNDC's collaboration with the Montclair schools through MobyMax, a tablet-based curriculum which assists students in correcting learning gaps and provides a personalized education plan.

On select Fridays, known as "Freedom Fridays," students can relax and just have fun with various activities, such as rhythms, spokenword and more. Gail Dunn, Director of Student Affairs, shares, "I'm really excited about the restructuring of the program. I think the students will enjoy it more and take responsibility for creating a nice community of learners in a fun atmosphere."

## Our Work in the Community

### MNDC Offers Services for Hispanic Community

#### Open House on November 12

Join us at our open house on November 12 from 2-4 p.m. at 11 Pine St. to learn about services MNDC offers to the hispanic

community. We will cover topics such as:

- obtaining legal status
- back payment of rent
- relocation
- employment help
- payment of utilities
- Christmas toy giveaway
- entrepreneurial business program
- tutoring, and more

Click here for a [flyer](#).



## Montclair Public Library's Little Read Takes Place at Wally Choice Community Center



What fun we had hosting a session for the Montclair Library's 8th Annual Little Read on Saturday, October 21. Designed to bring Montclair community leaders and citizens together in a celebration of literacy and community, our own Gail Dunn, Director of Student Affairs, read *Grumpy Bird*, to children at the Wally Choice Community Center.

The Little Read 2016 will benefit the Children's Department of the Montclair Public Library.

## Health Fair A Big Success



MNDC was proud to be a part of the Black Men's Health and Wellness Camp on October 8th attended by over 100 people. A collaboration between St. Michael's Medical Center and Eureka Lodge #52, participants attended a cardiac/health education lecture and had the option to be screened for prostate and breast cancer, blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, oral health and more. Many thanks to the women who convinced their men to attend!

## Veteran Services

**Are you a veteran? We can help.**

If you're a veteran, you can now take

advantage of our free services. Simply contact MNDC to set up an appointment with one of our case managers. We can help you with enrolling in the VA Health System, accessing your benefits, scheduling a physical and more. We even maintain a clothes closet for veterans looking to re-enter the work force. And just so you know, we're friendly. Call us today!



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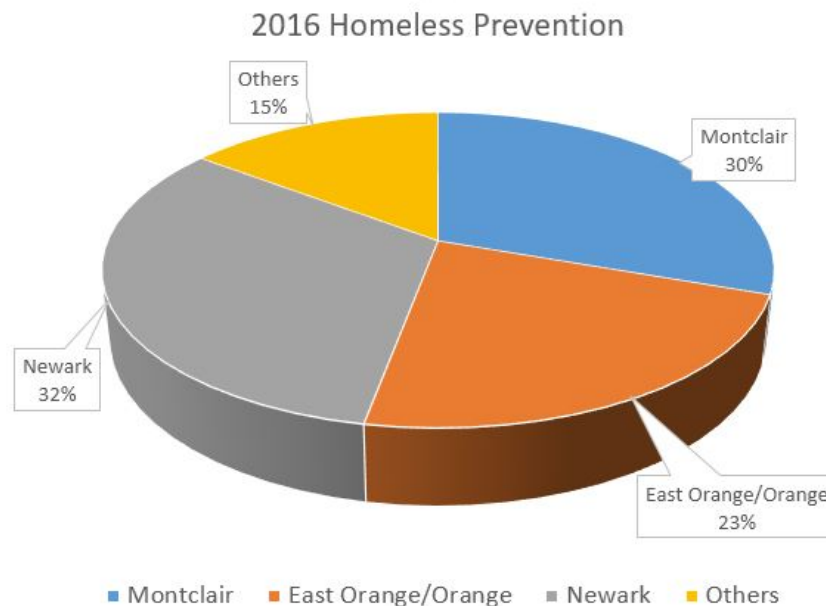
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## Funding Update

### 102 Families Helped through CSBG Funding

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 funding of \$284,745.52 to enable us to provide Summer Oasis, Project Life, case management services and more.

For SSH/SSH-TANF Homeless Prevention services, from January 1 - September 30, 2016, MNDC provided back rental assistance, as well as relocation and PSE&G assistance for 102 families in the amount of \$161,189.73. The chart below shows this activity. A new contract year for this grant began October 1 for \$100,000.00. To date, we have spent \$9,909.00, helping a total of five families.



# 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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