See what MNDC has been doing!

Montclair Neighborhood Development Corporation

See What MNDC is Up To!

MNDC is always busy with the many programs we run for families in our community. Take a look at what’s happening now!

Current Programs

Career Development Institute Has Begun

The Career Development Institute (CDI-I) is in full swing. Orientation took place on April 5 at the Wally Choice Community Center with 28 students enrolled. This is a 10-week program where students learn about business education, entrepreneurial skills, financial literacy, résumé writing, dressing for success, business plan writing, and more.

Youth pastor and inspirational speaker Michael Spence addressed the students as did Executive Director Al Pelham, board member Rev. Craig Dunn and Councilwoman Dr. Renee Baskerville. Also in attendance were Mayor Jackson, Councilman Bill Hurlock, Ann Mernin of Toni’s Kitchen, Deputy Chief Young and Garth Guthrie from the Montclair Police Department, board members Rev. Craig Dunn, Tara Myers and Clarence Jackson. MNDC staff - Diane Anglin, Instructor; Elaine Spears, Director-Program Services; Luis Agrelot, Case Manager; and Madeline Guthrie, Project Consultant were also in attendance. Several members of the Montclair Fire Department attended and the students were impressed and in awe that they came in their firefighter protective gear.
Introducing CDI II - MNDC's Job Readiness Program for Graduates

MNDC's Career Development Institute (CDI) is growing! Not only do we prepare high school students for the work world but we've just launched CDI II, a job readiness program for high school graduates between the ages of 18-24. It includes two weeks of class instruction followed by a three-week paid internship. Click here for more information.

Time to Register for Project Oasis Summer Camp

It’s time for students to register for Project Oasis Summer Camp, a free six-week summer program taking place July 1 – August 9, Monday – Friday from 5 – 8:30 p.m.

Students ages 9 – 18 in the Montclair area (including Bloomfield and Belleville) can enroll for this summer camp that provides a safe, positive outlet. (The only cost is $10 for a program t-shirt.) The program meets at Glenfield Park in the Wally Choice Community Center where certified teachers provide enrichment and tutorial sessions for the students. At the end of the evening the youth play a friendly (but competitive) game of basketball under the guidance of a coach.

Registration is Open for Culinary Career Institute

Students 15 years or older may register for the Culinary Career Institute. This 6-week course is for youth from Montclair and surrounding communities and will meet at the Wally Choice Community Center on Thursdays, May 23 – June 27, 5 – 8 p.m. Upon successful completion of the program, students will operate a concession stand in Glenfield Park.
Past Events

Our Senior Intern Presents MNDC Services

Another year has gone by in the Rutgers University Intern Program. Our senior intern, Ms. T. Peart was assigned a project by Rutgers: to design a display of MNDC’s services and present it at the agency fair on March 29. Ms. Peart created a great display. Mr. Agrelot of MNDC attended the fair to share in the informational agency project. Good job, Ms. Peart!

Interesting Programs for our Seniors

Our seniors who are a part of the Do Drop In group had some interesting programs this past March: Stop the Bleeding; Pedestrian Safety; Do you have Enough Insurance?; and What to do in case of an Accident. They also went to the movies and saw Tyler Perry’s A Madea Family Funeral.

For Women’s History Month the women took time to share their journeys.

Spring Fling was a Hit!

MNDC, in cooperation with the Montclair PBA Local 53 and Montclair Township, Department of Parks & Recreation, held their annual Spring Fling on April 13. Children participated in an egg hunt and visited with Mr. Bunny for a photo. Lunch was served and the
children enjoyed the face painting activity.

Many thanks go to Councilwoman Baskerville, PAL, Brother to Brother, Montclair Cobras Football League, Reaching Out Montclair, Montclair Anglers, and Eureka Lodge #52.

We Have Many Socks to Give Away

For the second year, MNDC participated in the Bloomfield Township Health and Human Services Department "Knock, Knock Give A Sock" event. It was held in April at the New Light Baptist Church where Vernon Miller is the pastor. Many shelters and community aid organizations operating out of Essex County participated and will distribute the new socks to a target population of low to moderate income and homeless individuals.

Upcoming Events

Join us as we support our community partner, the Montclair African American Heritage Foundation, Parade and Festival June 1, 2019

Save the Date for our Casino Day Fundraiser
Mark your calendars for MNDC’s Casino Day to take place at the Park House in Glenfield Park on Sunday, September 21. More details to follow.

Bake & Bounce with MNDC
June 2, 3-5 p.m.

Montclair Bounce, a collaborative project of Toni’s Kitchen and the YMCA of Montclair, will feature a week full of creative events and learning experiences to help us connect with one another. MNDC is partnering with Reaching Out Montclair with a Bake & Bounce event for children and adults. We’ll create cupcakes, bake and frost them and enjoy the scrumptious dessert. All this, while learning the history of cupcakes and some fun facts. Come shake and bake with us at the Wally Choice Community Center.

Funding Update

We Received a CSBG Grant of $53,000

MNDC was awarded a Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) in the amount of $53,000 for 2019. Many thanks to the Board of Freeholders, and President of the Board Brendan Gill who says, “The MNDC works tirelessly to enhance the quality of life for all Montclair residents. I am pleased that this resolution passed without delay.” This 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.

MNDC also provides SSH/SSH-TANF Homeless Prevention services. The chart below shows our activity from January 1 - March 31, 2019. We were able to provide rental assistance, relocation, and PSE&G assistance for 12 families in the amount of $27,818.82.
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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