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**Leon Levine Foundation supports Matthews HELP Center with  
\$30,000 Matching Grant**

The Leon Levine Foundation announced it will support Matthews HELP Center with a \$30,000 Matching Gift Grant. Donations from new, lapsed or increased gift amounts will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$30,000. The Matching Grant is in effect until December 31, 2016 or when the Match is met.

“We are excited to partner with the Leon Levine Foundation,” said Kim Gossage, MHC Board Chair. “This will give us the ability to broaden our support base and serve more individuals in our community.”

The mission of Matthews HELP Center is to help our neighbors and surrounding communities survive financial crisis by providing short term assistance. Essentials such as food, shelter, clothing, and transportation are provided to alleviate crisis and protect families, while receiving counseling to teach clients how to budget, project cash flow, identify needs and wants and change behaviors related to finances. These programs are designed to prevent and break cycles of financial dependency. MHC partners with clients for an average of 23 months and from a recent client survey showed that 84% of clients agreed that the financial assistance received from MHC was enough to ease financial strain and 66% reported that their crisis was resolved.

“At Matthews HELP Center we believe if you teach a man to fish he will not go hungry. Our work is to partner with each client, provide them with life essentials, while they work alongside MHC to resolve their financial crisis” said Kaye McHan, Executive Director of MHC.

To learn more about Matthews HELP Center and to make a gift that will be matched by The Leon Levine Foundation please visit [www.matthewshelpcenter.org](http://www.matthewshelpcenter.org) or donations can be mailed to PO Box 91 Matthews, NC 28106.

**About Matthews HELP Center**

For 37 years Matthews HELP Center (MHC), a 501c3 nonprofit, has brought the community together to support individuals and families in financial crisis. MHC serves by providing short term assistance of life essentials and budget counseling. MHC service area is defined by 6 zip codes in Matthews, Mint Hill, Indian Trails, Stallings and Charlotte.

**About The Leon Levine Foundation**

The Leon Levine Foundation’s mission is to improve the human condition by creating permanent, measurable, life-changing impact. They invest in nonprofit organizations with highly effective leadership, a track record of success and a focus on sustainability. The foundation focuses on impact in Healthcare, Education, Jewish Values and Human Services.