



Quarterly

Helping
Ease Local
Poverty

In the Community

- Matthews Chamber Luncheon – January 9th
- Matthews/Mint Hill Interfaith Poverty Meeting – January 12th
- MHC Board Planning Session – January 26th
- Town of Matthews Planning Council “Affordable Housing” Meeting – January
- Matthews Chamber After Hours Event - February 7th
- Grace O’Malley’s Grand Opening Event for Local Family Network – March 21st
- Matthews United Methodist Global Impact – February 24th
- Matthews Chamber Women in Business Event with Molly Grantham – March 26th
- Matthews Human Service Council Monthly Meetings



MHC Updates

The 3rd Quarter brought:

- **7,246** Volunteer Hours
- **\$79,103** in Financial Donations
- **13,778** Back Porch Treasures Customer Transactions

Which all gave us the ability to provide:

**1,755 services to
937 households impacting
1,505 individuals!**

Impact Story

Matthews HELP Center assists local girls with prom dresses

Matthews HELP Center recently partnered with Rocky River High School in Mint Hill to address the need of some students unable to afford dresses for occasions like Prom, School Pageants, and Quinceaneras. MHC was able to donate a total of **77 dresses** to the school. The Apparel II Class from Rocky River then stepped in to inspect, steam, repair, and size every dress to get them ready. Staff members worked with the girls in need of a dress to gather their preferred style, colors, and measurements. All of the students were so appreciative of this wonderful gift. A special thank you to our volunteer, **Dianne Stokes**, for helping to coordinate this wonderful effort!





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Community Partners

We are so incredibly grateful to the **Matthews Rotary Club** and **Matthews United Methodist Church** for their generous donations so that we could purchase a much needed new fridge and 2 new freezers for our food pantry. This will give us the ability to feed more hungry families in our community.

Thank you!

Welcome to MHC, “Snow Miser”, “Mr. Freeze”, and “Elsa”!



Upcoming Events

August 16th

“Matthews Gives Back” to School

MHC partners with Matthews Police Department on this annual program to support local children in need of school supplies to start off their school year. If your child is in need of supplies, please contact 704-847-8383 after Aug.1st. If you would like to donate school supplies for this program please email jennifer@matthewshelpcenter.org for a list of supplies.

August 20th

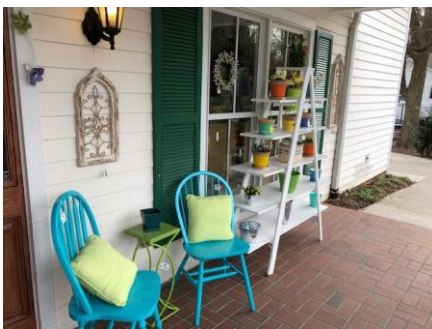
MHC 9th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Join us for a day of golf to give back those in need! The event will be held at Raintree Country Club. Registration will be available on June 14th!

Back Porch Treasures Thrift Boutique

Come shop our Spring Inventory!

Thank you to all of our volunteers to helped with Spring Turnaround this year!



All proceeds from Back Porch Treasures help local families in crisis



Check our Facebook page for weekly sale listings!



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Volunteer Spotlight

One of the many characteristics that our volunteers share is the selflessness in giving of their time to Matthews HELP Center and Backporch Treasures. **Julie Gibson**, a 17-year volunteer with us, is one that displays this quality every single day. Not only is Julie finding and pricing antiques and collectibles for us, she takes it a step further in refurbishing and refining items that customers love. When a peer needs to be away from their shift one day or several, Julie jumps in to help. She is constantly looking for ways she can help others and can often overhear Julie telling a customer about stewardship and the reason for her giving everyone the utmost in service and support. Julie and her husband, Richard, live in Wesley Chapel and have one daughter, Kim, a Union County teacher. We can't imagine not having Julie on our team! Thank you, Julie, for all of your "above-and-beyondness" at MHC!



MHC Staff Updates

We are so grateful for all of our dedicated staff members at MHC!

We wanted to welcome the newest members of our team, Lori Marek and Jennifer Fagan, our Community Outreach Coordinators, and Stephanie Fulgenzi, our Retail Supervisor. John Beasley recently rejoined our team as Receiving Assistant and Molly Hendrick Butts was promoted from Retail Supervisor to Retail Manager.

Sandra Conway, Executive Director
Sarah Galligan, Development Coordinator
Jennifer Fagan, Community Outreach Coordinator
Lori Marek, Community Outreach Coordinator
Kelly Trott, Social Work Manager
Erica Bermudez, Social Worker

Beverly Leak, Social Services Assistant
Molly Hendrick Butts, Retail Manager
Stephanie Fulgenzi, Retail Supervisor
Lindsey Stokes, Retail Supervisor
John Beasley, Receiving Assistant

★ MHC Wish List Items ★

We are currently in need of the following items for our clients:

- Laundry Pods
- Dish Detergent and Soap (small containers)
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Feminine Products
- Lotion
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Diapers