



Quarterly



Volunteer Spotlight



Our super **AMAZING** volunteer for this quarter is Sandra Harkey.

When you first meet Sandra you will instantly see her bright smile and feel her genuine, positive and warm heart as she has been a dedicated volunteer for over 5 years. She has MANY dual roles at MHC.

Her caring nature and attention to detail makes her a wonderful cashier for Backporch Treasures. Her love of helping children opens her heart to be a part of the Bounceback Backpack Program where she delivers backpacks to Matthews Elementary children so they will not be hungry on the weekends.

In addition, her desire to serve others, through her New Directions group at Matthews United Methodist Church, who have also hosted our Volunteer Appreciation and Holiday Dinner for over 5 years.

Thank you

Sandra, you truly are a gift to Matthews HELP Center!

Board of DIRECTORS

Welcome to our ***new members on the Board of Directors!**

MHC 2017 Board of Directors

- Chris Melton, Chair
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MHC Staff

Administration

- Kaye McHan, Executive Director
- Sandra Conway, HR Manager
- Sarah Galligan, Development Coordinator

Social Work

- Kelly Trott, Social Work Manager
- Erica Bermudez, Social Worker
- Ashley Wright, Social Worker
- Beverly Leek, Social Work Assistant

Thrift Shop

- Tim Brinson, Thrift Shop Retail Manager
- Lindsay Visentine, Retail Supervisor
- Emily Higley, Retail Supervisor
- John Beasley, Retail Receiving Assistant

WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Many thanks to our local religious organizations that have made financial contributions to help families in financial crisis during FY16/17!

- Abundant Life Church • Blair Road United Methodist • Christ Covenant • Cross and Crown Lutheran Church • First Baptist Church of Matthews • Joy Christian Fellowship • Matthews Presbyterian Church • Matthews United Methodist Church • Morning Star Lutheran Church • Mt. Harmony Baptist Church • New Charlotte Church • Pleasant Plains Baptist Church • Sardis Presbyterian Church • St. John Neumann Catholic Church • St. Michael's Anglican Church • Team Church • Weddington United Methodist Church



Did You Know these facts about MHC?

- We are 37 years old
- Our support comes entirely from the local community, no government or United Way funding
- We have a thrift store to raise approximately half of our financial needs. Our store products are a good deal and a good deed!
- Families seeking assistance must be qualified and show proof of need.
- Assistance is short term and clients must work alongside MHC to resolve their crisis.
- Funds are never given directly to clients. MHC partners with corporations and businesses for necessary client payments.

TOGETHER WE SERVE THOSE IN NEED

After 6 months into the FY 16/17 we have served **2,530** clients impacting **9,025** individuals with **4,608** services. **\$433,467** of financial and in-kind assistance went back into your community.

You and MHC together help our neighbors in financial crisis.

Thank you!

Did you have a NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION that went something like this?

I am always so busy and do not think of others as often as I would like, so I am going to plan and take action to give back.

What gifts can you offer to those around you? What are your areas of strength and abundance? How do you plan to give back in 2017?



Volunteer, its fun and MHC needs you now!

Join the MHC family:

- ♥ on a regular basis
- ♥ for specific projects with family and friends
- ♥ build teamwork at your business by working together

Volunteer Benefits:

- ♥ Help someone who needs food, clothing and a place to live in your own community
- ♥ Socialize with others who give back
- ♥ Carry out your resolution

*Currently, MHC has a special need for male volunteers! **Contact us today!**

Get your benefits by going to:

<http://www.matthewshelpcenter.org/volunteer.html>
or contact Sandra@matthewshelpcenter.org 704-847-8383 ext. 300

OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Be An Ambassador

Share MHC! Talk about us or email, twitter, and Facebook with family, friends and colleagues. Helps us spread the word!

Learn More with a Friend

Invite a friend to tour MHC with you. Come to MHC on any Tuesday at 11am or email Sandra@matthewshelpcenter.org to schedule a tour at your convenience.



Attend an Event

Carolina Festival Fundraiser, April 29, 2017

Featuring food and music from the Carolinas. Eat, drink and be merry for a good cause!

Make a Financial Contribution

Thanks to YOU the Leon Levine Foundation Matching Grant was met! A total of 126 new donors, past donors and current donors made qualifying donations and raised \$30,000 which will be matched by the foundation for a total of \$60,000! This number represents 52% of one month's operating expense or 16% of the funds used throughout the year to pay a families housing, utilities, or transportation cost.

The good news is our clients receive assistance from MHC for an average of 23 months to solve their crisis. MHC does not offer dependent, long term assistance. The sad news is there are always more families who lose their jobs, someone in the family becomes ill and they are overwhelmed by medical expenses, they are in a domestic violence situation or they live on a fixed income and had an unexpected expense.

Want to know more about how your donation will be used? See our Annual Report below. Your financial contributions are critical and every dollar helps someone in need.



Download our Annual Report to see how your generous donations have helped and continue to help members of your community!

http://matthewshelpcenter.org/Annual_Report_2016.pdf

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