



Quarterly

*Helping
Ease Local
Poverty*

In the Community

- First Watch Providence Farms Opening – July 14th and 15th
- Matthews Rotary Luncheon – July 30th
- Woodmen Life District Meeting – August 4th
- “Matthews Gives Back to School” - August 17th
- Metrolina Project Managers Conference – September 22nd
- Charlotte Independence Soccer Game – September 22nd
- Matthews Chamber Monthly Luncheons



MHC Updates

The 1st Quarter brought:

- 11 new volunteers, 78 students, 5 different groups comprised of 65 individuals and a minimum of 120 weekly volunteers over the first 3 months, for a grand total of **1,714 individuals volunteering**
- Financial donations from **108 Sponsors, Churches, Businesses, and Individuals** to help their community
- Back Porch Treasures Thrift Boutique Customers to make **12,166 sales transactions**

Which all gave us the ability to provide:

**2,070 services to
806 households impacting
3,356 individuals!**

Impact Story

Lisa and Victor turn to MHC after Hurricane Florence

Lisa and Victor are a young couple who came to Matthews HELP Center for help after Hurricane Florence recently hit our area. With a young child at home, they were already on a very tight budget, but when Florence brought flooding conditions, both of their employers decided to halt business. Their home was affected by the widespread power outages, which resulted in loss of their perishable food items. The closure of both of their employers meant no pay for the couple, which caused them to get behind in rent and when they came to MHC they were already under eviction proceedings. Matthews HELP Center was able to help them with housing to avoid eviction, food to replenish lost items, and referrals to help them overcome their crisis. Victor is now back at work and Lisa will be able to get back to work once all of the repairs have been made to her workplace.



We are so thankful for our supporters who give us the ability to help when crisis situations arise for our neighbors!

Thank you!



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Community Partners

On August 17th, Matthews HELP Center partnered with the Town of Matthews, the Matthews Police Department, Kiwanis Club of Matthews, and the Matthews Rotary Club for “**Matthews Gives Back to School**”. This program helps local children in need receive new school supplies to help them prepare for the upcoming school year. This year, we were able to provide **318 backpacks** full of supplies for children in our community! Thank you so much to everyone who donated supplies and their time for this program!



Thank you to our MHC Golf Tournament Presenting Sponsor!

FAMILY DOLLAR.

Upcoming Events

November 1st - December 31st
2018 HOPE Campaign



Please consider making a gift to MHC this holiday season to help make a difference in our community. Click [HERE](#) to make an online donation or mail checks to: PO Box 91 Matthews, NC 28106

November 12th
MHC 8th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register. Registration deadline is November 5th.

December

“Matthews Gives Back” for the Holidays

This program supports local families in need of extra help with the holidays. We provide a shopping experience for our clients to be able to choose gifts for their children, while reinforcing positive financial behavior. If you are in need of assistance this year, please contact 704-847-8383. If you would like to volunteer or donate items for this program please email sandra@matthewshelpcenter.org



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Volunteer Spotlight



Alison has been a volunteer since July, and has quickly grown into quite the “Alison of all trades”. She has tackled pricing of clothes, housewares and linens, and now has stepped forward to help in the garage. Originally from Connecticut, Alison moved to the Charlotte area in 1992 to be closer to her parents and her brother and his children. Alison is a retired engineer with over 30 years in the environmental field. Allison appreciates the work that MHC does, but her favorite part of being a volunteer is meeting and working with the fantastic people here. Both Alison’s volunteerism and her “can-do” attitude bring smiles to staff and volunteers alike. Alison’s dog “Mattie” and kitty “Amelia” sure are lucky to have her! And so are we! THANK YOU, Alison!

**Thank you to all of our dedicated MHC Volunteers!
We couldn’t do it without each of you!**



Back Porch Treasures Thrift Boutique

We will be closed on Wednesday, November 7th for Holiday Turnaround

We will reopen on **November 8th** with our Holiday Inventory!
Come find amazing low prices on Holiday items such as:



- Decorations
- Collectibles
- Ornaments
- Gifts
- And More!**



All proceeds from Back Porch Treasures help local families in crisis

★ MHC Wish List Items ★

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

- Spaghetti Sauce
- Rice
- Deodorant
- Canned Pasta (ravioli, spaghettiOs, etc.)
- Canned Chicken and Tuna
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Canned Fruit
- Shampoo
- Razors