



# Quarterly

Helping  
Ease Local  
Poverty

## In the Community

- “Matthews Gives Back to School” - August 16th
- MHC Golf Tournament – August 20<sup>th</sup>
- Back Porch Treasures Customer Appreciation Sale – August 21st
- Matthews Chamber After Hours with Local Family Network at Weaver, Bennett, & Bland – August 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Publix Charities Press Conference – August 28<sup>th</sup>
- Matthews Alive Parade – August 31<sup>st</sup>
- Canopy Housing Foundation Luncheon – September 4<sup>th</sup>
- Brace YMCA – Welcome Week – September 17<sup>th</sup>
- Chamber Women in Business After Hours Event – September 17<sup>th</sup>
- Matthews Human Service Council Meeting – September 24<sup>th</sup>
- Matthews Chamber Monthly Luncheons



## MHC Updates

In our 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter (July – September) we were able to provide:

**1,149 services to  
374 households impacting  
4,563 individuals!**



## 2019 MHC Golf Tournament Fundraiser August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Thank you to everyone who attended our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament. We are so incredibly grateful for all of the players, sponsors and volunteers who came out to support this Annual Fundraiser.

We were able to raise **over \$15,000** to help local families in our community!





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## Community Partners

On August 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 **391 backpacks** full of supplies for children in need in our community! Thank you so much to everyone who donated their time and school supplies for this program!



## Upcoming Events

### **November 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>** ***2019 HOPE Campaign***

In honor of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, our goal is to raise **\$40,000 by December 31<sup>st</sup>**! Please consider making a gift to MHC this holiday season to help make a difference in our community. You can make a donation online at [www.matthewshelpcenter.org](http://www.matthewshelpcenter.org) or mail checks to:  
PO Box 91 Matthews, NC 28106

### **December 17<sup>th</sup>** ***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](mailto:sandra@matthewshelpcenter.org)

### **Now through February 2020**

#### ***Matthews Heritage Museum: “MHC 40 Year History Exhibit”***

The Matthews Heritage Museum is pleased to announce its new exhibit will be on the 40th Anniversary of the Matthews HELP Center. The exhibit will feature the history of this organization from its inception in 1978 to its official beginnings in 1979 and through 4 decades of growth. The exhibit will be on display until February 1, 2020. For more information, please visit [www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org](http://www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org)



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## Volunteer Spotlight



### From Soup to Shoes, Mary and Wesley cover a lot of Ground!

Almost a decade ago, Mary and Wesley Hellams started giving their time and energy to the Matthews HELP Center after moving here from South Carolina. Mary, our shoe volunteer extraordinaire, prices all of our shoes twice a week on Wednesday and Saturday mornings, checking, cleaning and pricing children's and adult shoes and boots of all kinds.

Down the hall, Wesley is working in the Pantry helping clients and their families fill their needs by choosing and packaging their food to get them through the week. Wesley also packages the donated food each morning from our area food partners.

"We have always volunteered in our community, whether it was in SC or NC. We feel so positive about the work we do that helps provide for so many families." said Mary. "We also enjoy working with the other volunteers who are so special. This is a small way we can contribute to those less fortunate."

*Thank you, Mary and Wes! Your sweet demeanors and "above and beyond" attitudes bless us every week.*

## Back Porch Treasures Thrift Boutique



### Come check out 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:*

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