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Dear Friend,

Someone recently asked me to explain the best part of my job. The most concise answer I could give was: Working at MVCC gives me hope. Every day I get to see people at their best. I hear seniors making friends while they exercise together. I watch volunteers giving of their time and talent to benefit neighbors. I observe kids' eyes lighting up with pride when they make progress in their reading skills. I smile watching team members serving our quests with kindness and care. I feel grateful for the faithful support of so many that make all of this possible. I know at MVCC, we bring people together, give them purpose and a place to belong.

On the next page, you can get a guick snapshot of the impact and hope your support provides for thousands of your neighbors. Below are a few specific highlights from this past year that showcase the reach and passion of our mission.

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Thank you for whatever part you played this past year in helping us create hope and belonging for so many, and for joining in on the celebration of another impactful year. Together, we continue to develop successful kids, hopeful families, and active seniors one neighbor at a time.

With deep gratitude,

Jetre Holden

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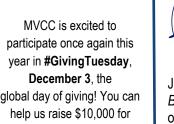
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## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SAVE THESE DATES!**

### Giving Tuesday | Tuesday, December 3, 2024



Please save the date and stav tuned for more details!



10,000 meals in 2025.

**Bound By Hope Benefit Lunch** Wednesday, March 19, 2025 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Join other community and business leaders for our Bound by Hope Benefit Lunch. We invite you to join us for this event as a sponsor or attendee—because we believe that when we are bound together in common purpose, we create a better community for everyone to live, learn, and work in. This event is free to attend.











Our Mission: Develop successful kids, hopeful families, and active seniors

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# **Annual Report** FY 2023-2024

Successful Kids | Hopeful Families | Active Seniors

Grew our Bridge Builder Partnerships, focusing on reaching our neighbors that are traditionally underserved. Thanks to community partnerships, 32 caregivers received free parenting classes in their native language (Spanish), and 42 youth participated in free jazz and hip-hop dance classes. For 67% of these kids, it was their first experience with dance due to lack of local access or cost

Met the identified need to keep kids fed over the weekends even with numbers close to triple of those seen in the last two years. As inflation increases costs, we are focused on continuing to grow in-kind and financial support to ensure all kids are nourished and fed.

Continued to increase the financial sustainability of the organization. As you will read about in our financial review, we have expanded our partnerships for in-kind contributions and volunteer reach, resulting in \$140,581 of in-kind income. Our Endowment Fund celebrated its first year providing sustainable funds for program development and innovation for many years to come!

### **OUR PROGRAMS**

## Successful Kids

Providing children the resources they need to thrive



- Led three 8-week after school tutoring sessions for 13 elementary students; 100% improved in reading fluency and comprehension.
- Distributed 1.000 backpacks to local students.
- Provided 94 kids a free week of summer camp; 95% of parents reported high satisfaction.





"Thanks to your awesome program, my son is not only reading above grade level, he LOVES to read! If it wasn't for study buddies, I don't know if he would be where he is today academically." -Parent of Student

The Power Pack program gives students something to look forward to every week, while also contributing to a greater sense of safety and food stability. It provided an opportunity for engagement between the counselor and students, as well as enabled relationship-building.<sup>\*</sup> -School Counselor

"I had become so isolated and depressed about my health and financial problems. that I was blind to the help that is there for us, if we are humble enough to ask. Reaching out to the community has made me feel less alone and more optimistic." -Client receiving housing assistance

"The classes and dinners have helped me to be more social and improve my confidence due to having dyslexia from birth. -SOC Dinner guest

## **Hopeful Families**

Building community and support between neighbors





#### Navigated 126 families to community resources; 93% of those surveyed reported an increase in at least one sector of self-sufficiency. Served 5,358 community dinners;

81% of households reported an increase in knowledge of community resources or new skills learned by attending dinners. Coordinated the support of 36 families with gifts and necessities during the holiday season. Offered 3 new community classes; 87% of those surveyed reported feeling more connected to their community and a stronger sense of belonging.

INCOME Grants Individuals 29% ■ Contracts Events Businesses 21% Congregation: Investments Rental

For our recently completed fiscal year, income totaled \$479,686, while expenses tallied \$553,790.16. MVCC leadership made a conscientious choice to budget in the red and weather a fiscal year without auction income. This decision was made possible thanks to healthy reserves and robust in-kind donations. 3,779 volunteer hours, valued at \$105.812, and in-kind donations valued at \$34,769, were graciously given. Our Endowment Fund grew \$20,763 in its first year, which will provide a sustainable source of income to support program development and innovation for many years to come.

### THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS

#### Foundation and Grant Support

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#### Provided 211 free senior fitness classes; 100% of tested participants maintained or showed an increase in strength, balance and mobility in fitness assessments.

- Served 1.909 nutritious lunches: 97% of seniors surveyed reported an increased sense of belonging and connection.
- Grew 413 pounds of food in the senior garden clocking 258 volunteer hours.
- Offered 127 free presentations: 95% of seniors surveyed reported an increased knowledge of vital resources in the community.

### **Active Seniors** Promoting wellness through friendship and fitness





#### "Exercise and this center has given me a real sense of belonging and strength. I appreciate it so much."

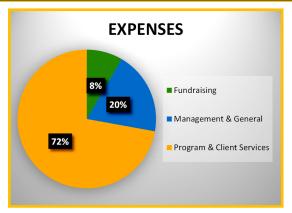
-Exercise Participant

'Thank you so much for the care and consideration vou give each senior at the community center and for as a group and to feel secure in our homes."

Dr. Donald Mott was essential to the vision and creation of MVCC, instrumental in fundraising for the capital campaign to build the center, and provided excellent leadership and sustaining financial support as a board member for 11+ years. His grit, leadership, and generosity have been foundational to the success of MVCC. It is safe to say MVCC would not exist without him. He and his beloved late wife Barrie were lifelong members of our founders, Mountain View Lutheran Church. He served on the MVCC Council of Advisors until his passing in the spring of 2023. His family formed The Mott Family Fund, a charitable gift annuity, extending the Mott's annual giving to MVCC for many, many years to come. We are so grateful for Dr. Mott's lasting legacy and faithful generosity.

your ideas that help us grow

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**



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- Edgewood Nursery & Garden Envision Healthcare at Home Fife Service & Towing, Inc. Freedom Martial Arts Academy Health Care Providers Council HealthMarkets Insurance Agency

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