UPCOMING WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

Virtual Kilometers 4 Kids 2021 | June 19–27

While we can't all be together quite yet, registrants have the opportunity to wear their special Kilometers 4 Kids t-shirt and walk, jog, or skip anytime between June 19th and June 27th to support local students! The **$25 adult** registration fee provides supplemental food for one student for a month; and the **$10 youth** registration fee provides a new backpack for one student. Once registered, you will receive further instructions on the event t-shirts and other important information. **Visit our website to register today!**

Sponsorships Available

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, we welcome the chance to promote your company. Visit our website or contact **Jesie Holden** at jesieh@mtviewcc.org for more information. **Last day to register as a sponsor is Monday, May 10th.**

MVCC is proud to be a 2021 Powerful Partner with Puget Sound Energy!

PSE reminds customers to stay informed and protect themselves from fraud. Scammers can be threatening and clever in using new, deceptive tactics. What do to about scams:

* PSE never asks or requires customers who have delinquent accounts to purchase a prepaid debit card to avoid disconnection
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To learn how to protect yourself from potential scams, visit www.pse.com/en/pages/scam-alerts

Cascade Regional Blood Services at MVCC, June 9

Please come support your local blood bank at MVCC on
Wednesday, June 9
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
By appointment only. Check our website **www.mtviewcc.org,** for more information and to register.

CASCADE REGIONAL BLOOD SERVICES

YES, I want to help support the work of Mountain View Community Center!

☐ **Monthly gift of:** ☐ $10 ☐ $25 ☐ $50 ☐ $100 Other $ _____

☐ **One-time gift of:** _____ ☐ **Kilometers 4 Kids:** _____

☐ **Good Neighbor Fund:** _____ ☐ **Back to School:** _____

Payment Method: (**Checks** payable to *Mountain View Community Center*)

☐ Electronic Funds Transfer (*MONTHLY GIVING ONLY*, **attach VOIDED check**)

☐ Visa ☐ MC ☐ Discover ☐ AmEx **Exp Date:** _____ **CVV:** _____

Credit Card Number

Signature

Feel free to call with your credit card information **M—Th, 9a—4p**
Or, make a secure gift or pledge online at www.mtviewcc.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

THANK YOU!
Your donation is tax deductible.
MVCC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

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Dear Friends,

At Mountain View Community Center, we talk a lot about hope. It is one of our core values, and as such, we make a point to ensure that our decisions reflect our hopes, not our fears. Living this value out, combined with strategic action, has allowed us to continue in our mission despite the challenges we have faced. With hope as an anchor, we have harnessed the power of our community to make progress towards our vision of a *community in which all experience belonging and wellness in the spirit of Christ's love.*

It is easy to find hope at MVCC. I see it when I walk into the Center and seniors are safely exercising. I hear it through the joy in their voices as they find connection and community once again. I read it in the quotes of families navigated and supported through the Good Neighbor Program. I am filled with hope and awe that, despite our inability to hold our auction this year, we still raised over $80,000 thanks to the generosity of our faithful donors and sponsors!

With hope, we press on with planning for our next fiscal year, and we have some exciting things on deck! Senior exercise has resumed, with proper precautions, and we look forward to a to-go lunch program this summer as well as other connection opportunities. We will be partnering with the City of Milton and Fife School District to offer a summer lunch program once again, providing a minimum of 150 meal packs weekly. We are bringing back free youth enrichment camps, adhering to the safety guidelines set out by the governor and the CDC, and holding another drive up Back-to-School event distributing 1,000 backpacks and supplies to local students. Our Seeds of Change community dinner and monthly family programming is tentatively being planned for the fall. With the dread of the rent moratorium lifting, we are investigating ways to increase our capacity to support families with housing and navigation. Most excitingly, we look forward to getting our volunteers back to work!

As always, I want to express my deep gratitude to all those who make our work possible. Together, we are developing successful kids, hopeful families, and active seniors. Thank you for putting your hope into action with us.

With gratitude,

Jesie Holden
Executive Director

SUCCESSFUL KIDS

Since December we have provided 1,981 Power Packs to serve hungry children in our community! Youth Programs Coordinator Amanda Goetz reached out to the counselors at each school service site and tailored the smaller weekend packs to encompass a family meal based on the current needs of the community. She provided an easy and healthy meal that could be made and enjoyed by a family. Schools also expressed the need for school supplies now that students were returning to schools. Through generous donations from the community, we were able to provide the Fife School District 1,324 items that were distributed to classrooms!

Service definitely starts with our youth. We are humbled by the youth in our community working together to feed their hungry classmates and neighbors. In late January, Hannah Triggs, the counselor at Northwood Elementary School contacted our Youth Programs Coordinator Amanda Goetz asking if the school could do a food drive for MVCC for their March Gladness project. Throughout the month of March, Northwood students and staff brought in peanut butter and jelly. They donated 754 items, which can be used to fill 377 weekend food packs! The students were thrilled to fill up the truck, knowing that there was another load to be delivered!

HOPEFUL FAMILIES

Jeffrey Latham is doing an amazing job navigating resources for our neighbors. In the last quarter, MVCC has funded 24 Good Neighbor Fund (GNF) applications for financial assistance. Through the generous donations from our donors, the fund remains healthy.

Although not everyone qualifies for the GNF, Jeff has spoken to over 120 clients and was able to successfully navigate them to the resources they needed! *"Thank you, thank you, thank you!!! This was such a pleasant surprise getting this call. I have been trying to get support and help with some of my bills and this was a gift from God. With everything going on in the world, it is nice to see someone is still willing to help others. God bless your program!!"*

Jeff is looking forward to connecting with clients in person and finding other opportunities to connect community members and partners. Stay tuned for some new programming!

ACTIVE SENIORS

We are happy to welcome back our Senior friends and neighbors! We have resumed SAIL exercise class Monday through Thursday, and to date are serving 38 unduplicated seniors! Our Senior Programs Coordinator Melissa Ciccone has done a wonderful job scheduling Seniors for their classes and ensuring that everyone is following COVID protocol. Loy is working the seniors hard, but they are grateful to get back into shape: *"Oh I have needed this so much, I get to exercise and see all my friends. This Wednesday class is really a good work out, other people should know about it. It really gets my arms and legs, I really feel it."*

Melissa is also working to connect Seniors to community partners and resources. A local senior called asking for help finding dementia care for her mother. Melissa was able to refer them to Lutheran Community Services, and Pierce County ADRC. In addition, Melissa invited the daughter to join our Senior Wellness program at MVCC, and then thoughtfully delivered a care package to her.

TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER

None of our work is possible without the faithful support of our donors, funders, and volunteers. Your support allows us to continue our mission despite the uncertain times we live in. We are so thankful for our generous community and all of our supporters!

CIRCLE OF HOPE SUSTAINING MEMBERS

By adding your name to this list, you tell our community that you trust and believe in the mission of MVCC. Monthly support provides consistent revenue and allows our team to continue to develop *successful kids, hopeful families,* and *active seniors.* **For information on how to become a monthly giver, please contact Kitty Coates at kittyc@mtviewcc.org.**

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