

Children's Chatter



April 2023

MHCOC Lodge Info Update

We pray this report finds you happy, healthy, and safe.

The census is currently at 59. MHCOC is currently recruiting for a CCW Couple, Maintenance Worker, and the Community Support Center Coordinator position. If you know anyone who might be interested, please have them call 919-693-5111.

The programs continue to manage the transitions of staff directly connected to the program, including Supervisor/Clinicians and Child Care Workers. Emphasis is on getting the program fully staffed. In addition, the focus is on emphasizing the benefits to the children and staff from utilizing more CARE Model concepts into daily living. Otherwise, the youth remain active in school and extracurricular activities.

The students are continuing to attend tutoring and participate in extracurricular activities. Youth are involved in Girl Scouts, DeMolay, Basketball, Baseball, Tennis, and Cheerleading. Several are signed up to attend Camp Gray Rock this summer. One HS student is scheduled to Graduate this year and plans to pursue a career in the Military. One alumnus completed Airborne Training and has been stationed in Alaska.



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Community Support Center

MHCO is embarking on a new program to help extend the wonderful services provided for 150 years to other children who do not reside on campus. **The Community Support Center** will help coordinate services for families in children in the local five county area with on and off campus services. MHCO is collaborating with several organizations to coordinate services to meet specific needs of local families.

MHCO currently provides office space for four organizations to operate in our area: Granville County United Way, Smart Start, Granville Education Foundation, and Baptist Children's Home Foster Care and Adoption Services. These programs are the core of including other organizations to help meet the needs of more children.

Collectively MHCO's resources have supported an extensive umbrella of services. For the last reported annual reports:

- **Granville County United Way served 21,117 residents.**
- **Granville Education Foundation awarded 26 grants to support creative and effective education.**
- **FGV Smart Start served a total of 442 children out of their Oxford office.**
- **Baptist Children's Home of NC served 23 children and 18 families out of their Oxford office.**
- **MHCO served 94 residents.**

Total served from MHCO partnerships: 21,694 children and families and 26 grants awarded. These numbers do not reflect all the services provided but do demonstrate the impact of Growing Hearts, Brighter Futures by working together.

Be watching for the Annual Report for 2022 which is being currently printed and mailed soon.

Celebrate with MHCO on June 24th, St. Johns Day either on campus or by conducting your own lodge event, fundraiser, or awareness campaign to bring attention and support to MHCO.

Remember **Homecoming is on October 13th and 14th** with details to come. The year-long celebration will conclude on **December 10th with the York Rite Christmas Observance Ceremony** in the York Rite Chapel.

Also be on the watch for **Grand Master Kevan Frazier's letter to each lodge**. The Grand Master is encouraging each lodge to participate in the Home's 150th Celebration by doing **something special in support of the Home on Saints Johns Day June 24th**. In addition, information regarding the recurring giving campaign for lodges to earn an updated Aerial photo of the campus.

Your lodge likely has the **1951 campus aerial photo** hanging proudly. MHCO has **issued a challenge** for your lodge to have at least five members setting up a recurring gift of at least \$12.50 each per month for a three-year commitment. **With verification of this achievement, MHCO will provide a 2023 photo** suitable for framing to be proudly displayed at your lodge. Your recurring and annual gifts make it possible for MHCO to operate while building the endowment toward perpetual funding levels. A form is being sent to each Master and Secretary to explain how to sign up for your Aerial photo.

- **Pledge to establish a recurring gift of at least \$12.50/month as an unrestricted donation to MHCO, to continue for at least three years; or**
- **Pledge to make a onetime donation of at least \$450; or**
- **Agree to make three annual donations of at least \$150/year for three years; or**
- **Are currently making a recurring monthly gift of at least \$12.50/month and agree to continue for at least three years.**

A minimum of five members must meet one of these requirements for the lodge to qualify and to receive a 2023 aerial photo of campus to be displayed proudly in the lodge.

Get signed up and receive your lodge photo, but more especially, your gift allows for children to not have to live in poverty, be freed from bullying, to separate from domestic violence, and to have a stable environment while their parents and grandparents are able to participate in their lives while working on their own challenges. **Together we are changing lives for the better.** Let's make it possible for this tradition to continue for another 150 years plus. **SMIB**

