

UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES



Join us for a family friendly fun run supporting MVCC's summer youth programs!
SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH 10AM-NOON AT MT VIEW ELEMENTARY

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

REGISTER NOW
Summer 2022

CAMP COMMUNITY EXPLORERS
 Building community for kids through STEM, art, health, and fitness.

Volunteers Needed! JULY 25-29 AND AUGUST 1-5

Kilometers 4 Kids

Walk, jog, or skip to support local students! Join us for a family friendly Fun Run.

Mountain View Elementary
Saturday, June 18 | 10:00 am—12:00 pm

Registration is Adult \$25 and Youth \$15. Registration includes an official 2022 K4K t-shirt and a celebratory treat! Complete your laps to receive prizes from our sponsors, and kids can join in on a fun scavenger hunt!

All funds raised will support our Youth Summer Programs. Register on our website at www.mtviewcc.org.

Sponsorships are available!

Camp Community Explorers!

Registration is open for MVCC's FREE, local and fun summer day camp, **Camp Community Explorers!**

This year there will be two options for camp: **July 25—29 OR August 1—5**
 Campers will be able to sign up for **ONE** of the two weeks offered
 Camp is designed for kids **entering 1st—6th grade**

Interested in volunteering? Camp Counselor positions are great for teens (16+), and offers a \$150 weekly stipend, it does require a weekly commitment.

Activity Coordinators can volunteer for a week or one day. Volunteers must complete training and pass a background check. Go to our website at www.mtviewcc.org to register your campers, or to sign up to volunteer.

MOUNTAIN VIEW COMMUNITY CENTER

Spring Edition 2022

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Dear Friends,

A few months back I received an email from a board member who, after 9 faithful years on the board, had made the decision to step down. At the end of the email, he said, "As I begin this new path, I am filled with hope for the future. I'm reminded I once said hope is not a strategy. I stand corrected. Thank you for teaching me that."

I was shocked at how hard this statement hit me. It made me wonder, what exactly does "hope as a strategy" look like here at MVCC? After reflection, I have come up with "5 Strategies that Embrace Hope" that provide an anchor for us here at MVCC. I believe these strategies play a big role in our success, especially as we have navigated the challenges brought on by this pandemic.

- #1 We define success and then expect good outcomes.** This seems pretty basic, but how do you define success when you are in a constant state of flux? Expecting good outcomes also gets more challenging when there are even more factors outside of your control.
- #2 We make decisions based on hope not fear.** While it is important to acknowledge our fears or potential road blocks, we believe in doing our best to not allow our decisions to reflect our fears, but instead focus on our hopes.
- #3 We do not falter when things don't go as planned.** I don't have time to share stories of times when things didn't go as planned, but the point is we pressed on, analyzing progress as we go and being willing to be agile to meet goals.
- #4 We recognize that many have a part to play in our success.** To create our vision of "a community in which all experience belonging and wellness", we need a variety of voices, roles, skills, beliefs, and passions represented. We believe that people need and crave belonging and purpose and generally want to help.
- #5 We believe HOW we do something is equally as important as WHAT we do.** For this strategy I want to let the people we serve speak for themselves: One senior said, "I walked into MVCC for the first-time last year and was very warmly greeted by the staff. It felt like home!" A Good Neighbor Fund recipient said "This fund saved us by allowing us to keep our home. The Navigation Team was beyond kind and made us feel like part of a community."

I hope you enjoy the stories on the next page. I believe they are good representations of the strategies I just shared. Thank you to each person or business who sponsored, donated, and supported our spring fundraising efforts! Once again, I have been blown away by the generosity shown. I invite you to join us for our upcoming *Kilometers 4 Kids Fun Run*, which you will find more information about on the back. Thank you for your past, present, and future support. We appreciate you!

Warm Regards,

Jesie Holden
 Executive Director

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

MONTHLY gift of: \$25 \$50 \$100 \$ _____

One-time gift of: _____

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

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

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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

Successful Kids



This spring MVCC was able to run the long-awaited pilot program *Study Buddies*, an after-school tutoring program. For this 6-week program, we had 8 participants and 8 volunteer tutors from the community. One of the participants who greatly improved was Elliot. Elliot is a first grade student whose parents enrolled him in *Study Buddies* because he struggled with reading. At the beginning of the program, Elliot knew roughly 87 sight words with some fluctuation. By the end of his time in the program, he knew 95 sight words and with encouragement from his tutors, was able to read through all of the Level A Beginning Reader books! Elliot's mom, Regina said, "*Study Buddies has been a huge help for Elliot (and me). He no longer fights us on practicing his reading and sight words. He actually feels proud of his progress and wants to show us how much he knows. I appreciate this program so much!*" All eight students showed improvement in their reading fluency and comprehension, and we are excited to continue working on making *Study Buddies* a full-fledged program for the 22-23 school year!

I think every one of us can look back to a time where we had little hope. Maybe it was after the loss of a job, during a fight to end an addiction, or a sudden loss of a loved one. Recently, a good neighbor nominated a friend to receive a little extra help during a time where hope was very low. Laura had just lost her husband due to Covid complications when we met her, and she was looking for hope during a difficult time. Right away, our staff and volunteer navigator were able to tell her about funeral resources, extra food help, and grief support for her and her family. Her husband was the main provider for the family of 5, and Laura took a break from her part-time job to grieve, help her family and get things in order. Our *Good Neighbor Fund* was able to assist with paying some utilities during their time of grieving and help them stay current on bills. Not only was MVCC able to help the family make ends meets, but we were also able to give them confidence and assurance that others are there to walk with them during this hard season. One of the most rewarding parts of serving our community is being available to support and come alongside people when they need a glimmer of hope the most!

Hopeful Families



Hope Moves Mountains Online Auction

Thank you to everyone who participated in Mountain View Community Center's *Hope Moves Mountains Online Auction*. Over \$13,500 was raised! Combined with our other spring fundraising efforts, we have raised close to \$125,000 to continue developing successful kids, hopeful families, and active seniors!

We appreciate everyone who made a cash donation and/or bid on our amazing auction items. If you didn't end with a win, and you would still like to support MVCC's auction, donations can be made by visiting our website, or use the pledge card in this newsletter.

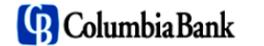
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Active Seniors



George and Sue recently started attending the *Opening Minds through Art (OMA)* program hosted at MVCC. OMA is an art class for people living with dementia, traumatic brain injury and other cognitive challenges. It is led by staff at Lutheran Community Services Northwest (LCSNW) who provide the supplies and instruction at no cost to the participants. Each week artists create beautiful works of abstract art, focusing on their strengths, rather than skills they have lost. OMA empowers participants to make choices, alleviates social isolation, and increases quality of life. It also helps caregivers connect with their loved ones in a fun way. George and Sue have had a great experience. George said, "*I haven't seen my wife this happy in a long time. She sang the most I have heard her sing in a long while today. She loves coming here. This is good for both of us.*" OMA is a great example of the center's goal to partner with organizations to bring in vital services and programs to our local community.



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