



MOUNTAIN VIEW
COMMUNITY CENTER

Successful Kids | Hopeful Families | Active Seniors

Hours of Operation

Monday—Wednesday
9:00am — 4:00pm

Thursday
9:00am — 7:00pm

Seeds of Change Community Dinner

Thursday
5:30pm—6:30pm
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

*Open to All!
Invite your friends & family!*

WE ARE CLOSED
Friday | Saturday | Sunday

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How Can You Help?

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

- Make a financial contribution by using the enclosed donation card, or online by scanning the **QR Code** here.



- Become a monthly recurring donor by using the enclosed donation card, or online by scanning the **QR Code** here and choosing *Monthly Giving*.

- Become a Community Business Partner! Contact **Interim Director, Tricia Smith** at tricias@mtviewcc.org, or 253-826-4329 X101.

Every donation to MVCC supports our vital programs which meet real, tangible needs and build resiliency through hope. Every donation, cash or in-kind, is tax-deductible. We can't do this without you. ♥



Be on the lookout for more information for our upcoming “**UNMASKING HOPE**” Casino Night this fall on **Saturday, October 18, 2025** at the Federal Way Performing Arts and Events Center.

Sponsorships Available!

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor for any of our upcoming events, we welcome the chance to promote your company. Contact **Interim Director, Tricia Smith** at tricias@mtviewcc.org, or 253-826-4329 X101 for more information.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP

- Pack food for our *Power Pack Program*
- Prepare or serve a meal for *Seeds of Change* or *Senior Café*
- Participate in one of our annual events.
- Visit our website at www.mtviewcc.org to learn more about the many ways to volunteer.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Kilometers 4 Kids Fun Run
Saturday, June 7

Camp Community Explorers
June 21—25 **OR** August 4—8

Backpack Giveaway & BBQ
Saturday, August 23

Hope Moves Mountains Gala
Saturday, October 18



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A Message from the Interim Executive Director

Dear Friend,

As a long-time resident, volunteer, donor, and program participant at Mountain View Community Center, stepping into the role of Interim Executive Director is deeply personal for me. This isn't just a job—it's my community, my neighbors, and my own family. I've witnessed firsthand how this place changes lives, and it's the greatest honor of my professional life to serve during this important time.

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge Jesie Holden, who led this center with passion, vision, and a deep love for the people we serve. Her work laid the foundation for so much of who we are today. I'm humbled to follow in her footsteps and grateful to our staff and Board of Directors for their steady guidance and support throughout this transition. As we look toward a season of growth, I want to share with you the incredible things happening at MVCC and the real impact your support makes possible.

March 2025 Program Highlights

This spring, we've seen strong engagement across all of our core programs; many are at or near capacity.

- In our **Power Packs Youth Hunger Program**, we distributed 1,198 food bags through school counselors, including 950 to Fife schools and 248 to Edgewood. Thanks to the generosity of Northwood Elementary, we also received over \$800 in donated food.
- Our **Study Buddies Tutoring Program** wrapped up its winter session with 11 students and 11 volunteer tutors. Most of the students continued from the fall, maintaining consistent mentorship. March alone saw 62 total tutoring sessions and 96 volunteer hours logged.
- Through our partnership with ECEAP-Milton, our **Souper Families Program** delivered 200 meal kits to 40 local families, ensuring weekly access to healthy meals.
- The **Seeds of Change Community Dinner** continues to be a space of nourishment and connection. In March, we served 463 hot meals over four Thursdays, supported by 45 volunteers contributing 91 hours of service. From family bingo nights to student-led service days, this program continues to bring people together.
- Our **Senior Programs** continue to grow and thrive. We saw 93 unduplicated fitness participants who made 448 visits across 17 classes. Seniors also enjoyed 191 hot lunches in March and participated in engaging activities like Paint & Sip and themed holiday luncheons. We are also grateful to continue our partnerships with the UW Tacoma Nursing Program and Green River Community College, whose students bring intergenerational connection and enrichment to our seniors every week.

What makes MVCC truly unique is that all of these programs—every single one—remain free to those we serve. That's not just a tagline; it's a core part of our mission. And with increasing demand, we are determined to keep it that way.

Thank you for being part of this community. Whether you've donated, volunteered, shared a post, or simply walked through our doors, you're part of the MVCC story. I'm proud to stand with you in this work, and I look forward to what we'll continue building together. As we say here at the center, ***It Starts With Us.***

Sincerely,

Tricia Smith, MS, PHR
Interim Executive Director

Join Us in Making It Happen

As we look to the future, we know sustaining this level of impact will take all of us. That's why we're inviting you to become part of our **Circle of Hope Monthly Giving Club**. Our goal is to add 10 new monthly donors giving \$25 or more over the next 30 days. Monthly giving helps us plan ahead, respond to urgent needs, and ensure that no one gets turned away.

If you've been looking for a way to make a difference close to home, this is it. Your support allows us to keep saying "yes" to families, children, and seniors who rely on us.

The world is full of opportunities to make a difference, and the most meaningful change often begins right where we are. When we invest our time and care into our homes and neighborhoods, we create momentum that reaches far beyond what we can see. Lasting transformation doesn't have to start big. It begins close to home, and the ripple effect grows from there.

You can join us today at: www.mtviewcc.org/donate or scan the **QR code** below.



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*)

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

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

Credit Card Number

Signature



Make a secure gift or pledge online by **scanning the QR code here**; or go to www.mtviewcc.org. Feel free to call with your credit card information **M—Th, 9a—4p.**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

THANK YOU!

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Youth & Family Programs



We believe that to create “a community in which all experience belonging and wellness”, we must collaborate with others. One of our biggest collaborators is the City of Edgewood. Over the past fiscal year (July 2024-June

2025), we have partnered with Edgewood staff to host quarterly movie nights for families. Summer '24 and Winter '25 movie nights were held at Edgewood City Hall, and Fall '24 and Spring '25 movie nights were held at MVCC. We look forward to starting another year of “Movie Nights” with the city, starting on **Friday June 20, 2025** at Edgewood City Hall. Visit our website or Facebook page for movie details.

Another Youth & Family event that was made possible by collaboration, was our March “Reading Night.” Representatives from Milton/Edgewood Library, Edgewood Police Department, City of Milton, City of Edgewood and Daffodil Princesses, who read 1-2 books to

youth. Thanks to the generosity of Pierce County Library, each youth was given 2 books to take home! One parent shared, “We really enjoy coming to all the events MVCC holds throughout the year. It brings me time with my kids!”

To learn more about our upcoming Youth & Family events, visit our website or Facebook page. If your business or group would like to volunteer/collaborate with future Youth & Family events, email our Youth & Family Programs Coordinator, **Amanda Goetz** at amandag@mtviewcc.org.

Community Programs



Our Thursday Community Dinners (aka *Seeds of Change*) are growing, with an average of over 120 meals served each week! None of this would be possible without the dedication and generous service of our amazing volunteer teams:

- **Quarterly cook/serve teams:** Mt. View Lutheran Church teams: Guys in the Garage, Peace & Justice. Surprise Lake Ward LDS, The Hot Dishes (friends from Edgewood)
- **Annual/semi-annual cook/serve teams:** City of Edgewood Staff/Police Department, City of Milton Staff, LifeSpring Foursquare, Mt. View Elementary School—Student Leadership Team

Recent dinner guests had this to say: “At MVCC, I have always felt kindness, respect, and joy. I also associate laughter with MVCC, I have had so many good times there and look forward to more!”

In addition to our community dinners, we are hosting Square Dance classes on Wednesdays, led by the Young Bunch, and Jazz & Hip-Hop dance classes for youth/teens on Thursdays, led by Backstage Foundation (BF).

Recently at our *Bound By Hope* event, Backstage Foundation was given the MVCC's 2025 Community Partner Award! Thank you to all of our volunteers and local partners for helping us serve our community!

Interested in volunteering? Contact Community Programs Coordinator, **Deanna Wentz** at deannaw@mtviewcc.org for more information! Dinners are free and open to all, Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm.

Seniors Programs



At MVCC, one of our core values is fostering partnerships with what we call “Bridge-Builders.” These individuals and organizations play a crucial role in two key ways: they share valuable knowledge that enhances skills and awareness, and they open doors to new relationships and resources. With this collaborative model, everyone benefits—and together, we grow stronger as a community. Over the past few years, MVCC has built meaningful partnerships

with both Green River Community Center (GRCC) in Auburn and the University of Washington–Tacoma (UWT). GRCC's involvement comes through their Occupational Therapy program, while UWT's partnership is via the Bachelor of Nursing program. Through these connections, students and professionals have led engaging workshops and activities for our senior participants. These experiences are enriching for all involved. MVCC staff appreciate the students' expertise. The students gain real-world experience by applying what they're learning in class, and our seniors enjoy learning new skills while building connections with others. As one senior participant shared: “I love having the Green River students here! They challenge us to grow

and learn. The activities bring us together.” A big thank you to the students of GRCC and UWT for being such amazing *Bridge-Builders*!

Interested in becoming a *Bridge-Builder* yourself? Whether you'd like to volunteer or donate, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Senior Programs Coordinator, **Elizabeth Ferrier** at elizabethf@mtviewcc.org.

And to our seniors—we invite you to join our student-led activities! It's a wonderful way to learn something new and make meaningful connections. Check out our website or senior calendar for upcoming events and dates.

Kilometers 4 Kids Fun Run

Saturday, June 7, 2025 | 10:00 am to 12:00 pm | Mt View Elementary

Register by Tuesday, June 3 to walk, jog, or run to support local kids! Join us for a family friendly fun run! *Registration includes an official 2025 K4K t-shirt (if registered by May 13).* Thanks to our sponsors, every lap completed by our registrants will raise one dollar to support our summer youth programs! Complete your laps and get special treats and swag from our



Don't wait, register today by scanning the QR code here, or visiting our website at www.mtviewcc.org.



****Last day to register to receive a T-Shirt is Wednesday May 13****

Camp Community Explorers

FREE 5-Day Summer Camp! | 7/21—7/25 OR 8/4—8/8, 2025

Visit our website for registration information. Parents must choose **ONE** of the two weeks offered. Camp is designed for kids entering K—5th grade. Questions, or to volunteer, please contact **Amanda Goetz** at 253-826-4329 x106, or amandag@mtviewcc.org.



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Back to School Backpack Give-a-Way

Saturday, August 23, 2025 | time to be decided

Please visit our website for more information as we get closer to the event. Our event will be held on campus this year, with a goal to distribute 1,000 backpacks to 1,000 students; and *will include a BBQ lunch hosted by Mountain View Lutheran Church*. Be looking on our website and Facebook page for ways to donate, volunteer, etc. Questions, or to volunteer, please contact **Amanda Goetz** at 253-826-4329 x106, or amandag@mtviewcc.org.



MVCC Programs



Youth & Family Programs

Providing children and families the resources they need to thrive



Community Programs

Building community and support between neighbors



Senior Programs

Promoting wellness through friendship and fitness