



Updates

December 2023

What's happening?!

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- Upcoming Workshops
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Upcoming Closings

Friday, December 22
Monday, December 25
Friday, December 29
Monday, January 1

Pontiac Office Closed
December 15 -January 2

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40-Hour Training

The Countering Domestic Violence program at Mid Central Community Action presents Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professionals, Inc. (ICDVP) approved 40-Hour Domestic Violence Training and is an approved ICDVP training and supervisory site.

Topics covered include:

- Domestic Violence Dynamics
- Safety and Assessment
- Children's Issues and Teen Dating Violence
- Cultural Humility
- Religion and Domestic Violence
- People Who Choose Harm
- IDVA & Legal Issues

Save the Date! Our next Domestic Violence 40-Hour Training will be held February 19-23, 2024 9am-5pm.

The training is open to professionals and individuals interested in learning more about the dynamics of domestic violence and helping domestic violence survivors. The training will be held at Mid Central Community Action in our conference room. **The registration fee is \$250.**

Register Online

Giving Tuesday - Recap

Giving Tuesday gave us the chance to share who we are and what we do. You might have seen a couple emails from us highlighting our services, some of our success stories, and costs to provide our services.

We also posted about each service twice during the day, one set of posts featured a video, the other featured stats about our services to give people an idea of what it takes to continue to support our clients. We posted on our four main social media sites, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#).

We also shared our [Amazon Wish Lists](#), you can see those on our donation page on our website.

One of the success stories we posted was Starla. She began her journey at Salvation Army, before she learned of Mayors Manor, see her story below.



Wine Down Wednesday - Recap

Thank you! We had over fifty people attend and show their support for our first annual Wine Down Wednesday. We had three paintings from local artists and some lovely custom jewelry donated for our auction as well as three fantastic gift baskets filled with items from local shops. Nelson's Catering provided the food and bar items and a great time was had by all!

See pictures below, and mark your calendars for next year!



Round up at Walmart.com

Are you a frequent Walmart.com shopper? Did you know you can make your banking tidier by rounding up your total purchase to the next dollar, and donate the spare change to Mid Central Community Action? You can!

It might not sound like much, but if we all do it, we can make a huge difference. Learn more [here](#).

November Engagment Events

Tami Foley, our Executive Director, and Joey Keller, our Director of Next Step™ and Mayors Manor enjoyed their evening rubbing elbows with some of our community's finest at the Chamber Nonprofit Showcase.

Heather Witt, our Marketing and Community Engagement Coordinator had the opportunity to visit

with some fantastic Fairview Elementary families and staff at the schools first Wellness Fair. She also attended a Senior Networking event where she helped stuff 250 bags with treats and resources for the holiday season.

Our Community Stability Grants Coordinator, Jerri Andrew, along with our Housing Stability Navigator, Janet Hood, have been making great strides and helped put together a Faith Based Event which hosted over 70 local faith leaders, to help educate them on our newest position.

Additionally, Janet is involved with Invest Health, a group of community leaders that focuses on the health, and housing, of our most venerable community members.

Check out more pictures on our [Facebook Page](#).



Upcoming Workshops

MCCA will be hosting an evening resume and interviewing workshop, Tuesday January 9 (Resumes) and Tuesday, January 16 (Interviewing). To get the most from the workshops, we recommend attending both, but if that isn't an option, participants can attend when able.

The resume workshop will cover:

- Understanding resumes
- Resume components
- Tailoring resumes and of customization for different job positions
- Aligning skills and experiences with specific job requirements.
- Achievements and impact
- Formatting and design
- Addressing employment gaps
- Proofreading and editing

The interview workshop will cover:

- Preparing for interviews

- Effective communication
- Asking questions
- Follow-up
- Mock interviews

Please [register](#).

Call for Volunteers

Do you have some extra time and want to give back? Mid Central Community Action would love your help:

- Data Entry/Return Calls
- Basic landscaping duties
- Basic building maintenance items
- Cleaning duties (floors, walls, surfaces, etc.)
- Visiting with residents at Mayors Manor

Please visit our [Volunteer page](#) to see what would be a good fit.

MCCA Committee Openings

Joining a committee allows you to actively contribute to our mission and make a tangible difference in the community. Committees provide a platform for individuals to collaborate, share ideas, and participate in decision-making processes that shape our programs and initiatives.

Currently, we have openings on the Planning and Evaluation Committee. This committee has the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Work with the Executive Director and designated staff to develop Agency programs and services,
2. Advise the Board on strategic organizational matters of the Agency,
3. Review, evaluate, and monitor all programs through consultation with the Executive Director and designated staff to ensure contract compliance, and
4. Conduct all program evaluations and reviews as may be required by funding sources.

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