







Updates

February 2024

What's happening?!

Highlights:

- MCCA Housing Stability Navigator Receives W2W Grant
- Housing Stability Navigator Intake Days
- Looking for Sponsors for TWO events: Mulligans for Mayors Manor and our CDV Golf Outing
- Next Step[™] Financial Opportunity Center® Workshops
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MCCA Housing Stability Navigator Receives \$10,000

Janet Hood and Jerri Andrew have been working tirelessly to connect with the community to spread the word, and make connections, to ensure the success of our Housing Stability Navigator.

Because of their efforts, we were the recipient of a grant from the Women to Women Giving Circle, part of the Illinois Prairie Community Foundation.

This grant will help support those in our community who are both unhoused, and precariously housed.

We are tremendously grateful for this recognition and support.

Learn more about our **Housing Stability Navigator**.





MCCA Hosting Intake Days

In an effort to better serve those in need, MCCA has two walk-in days per month scheduled from now through November.

It is our hope, in doing so, that we will be able to get a better understanding of both the unhoused and the precariously housed populations, as well as the lack of affordable housing in McLean County.

Those seeking assistance must be income eligible (see below) AND have a stable source of income:

- Social Security
- · Income from employment
- Steady, documented, unearned income
- Other primary source of verifiable income

The current dates take place at our McLean County location, 1301 W Washington, Bloomington, from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm and 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Dates are listed below and subject to change:

March: 1, 15, & 29 April: 12 & 26 May: 10 & 24 June: 7 & 21 July: 5 & 19

August: 2,16, & 30 September: 13 & 27 October: 11 & 25 November: 8 & 22

Learn more about our **Housing Stability Navigator**



Upcoming Workshops

Through our Next Step™ Financial Opportunity Center®, we have upcoming workshops including:

February

Post-Purchase Workshop - February 26, 2024 (5:30 PM – 7:00 PM)

Want a practical hands-on experience to help you and your community in the homeownership process? Would you like to learn tips in preparation to face a range of emergencies with homeownership? This quick and informative post purchase workshop is for anyone interested in homeownership and wanting further information.

March

Money Matters - March 4, 2024 (5:30 PM – 7:00 PM)

Participants can expect to discuss the importance of a monthly budget, as well as how to create a budget based on income, debt, and expenses. Participants will also learn what credit is, why credit is important, how credit is built and re-built, and what makes up a credit score.

Working with a Lender - March 11, 2024 (5:30 PM – 7:00 PM)

Participants can expect to learn the mortgage loan application process, lender terminology, and what documents to submit to a loan officer. They will also gain an understanding of how income, credit, and ratios qualify a person for a mortgage loan.

Working with a Realtor - March 18, 2024 (5:30 PM – 7:00 PM)

Participants can expect to learn what a realtor's responsibilities are when representing someone through the home buying process. They will also learn negotiation tools, the difference between a purchase agreement and a sales contract, as well as how to inform a realtor on what they are looking for in a property.

Community Involvement - March 25, 2024 (5:30 PM – 7:00 PM)

Participants can expect to learn about opportunities available in their communities for neighborhood involvement, as well as what to expect at a closing.

Please register.

Open Positions at MCCA

To be a part of Mid Central Community Action's team is to be a part of change in this world. We pride ourselves in making a difference in the community through hard work, dedication, and action! If you're looking for an active, hands-on role where your actions help individuals and families in McLean and Livingston Counties, please consider applying for an employment role at Mid Central Community Action.

Mid Central Community Action is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We are deeply committed to providing a diverse and inclusive environment for our staff and clients.

We are currently seeking applicants for:

Residential Advocate - CDV

Position Level: 2, Part-time, hourly, non-exempt

Supervision Received: Residential Services Coordinator

Supervision Given: None

Job Summary: Responsible for providing quality services to residential families and hotline callers.

See more, and apply, on our website.

Save the Dates

We at MCCA want to ensure that our events are well received and well attended. We will focus on four main fundraising events – so, mark your calendars now.

Stay up to date by bookmarking our calendar page.

Open for registration and looking for sponsors for both Mulligans for Mayors Manor and Drive Out Domestic Violence Golf Outing



First Annual Mulligans for Mayors Manor

Swing into action for a great cause at our first annual Mulligans for Mayors Manor miniature golf tournament on Saturday, April 27! Join us as we tour the town, one putt at a time!

Mayors Manor is our 26-unit permanent supportive housing for previously homeless individuals with disabilities.

Rally your friends and family, grab a putter, and let's turn a day of mini-golf into meaningful support for Mayors Manor.

Join Run N' Erin's and RE/MAX Rising as sponsors, or register to play.



11th Annual Drive Out Domestic Violence

MCCA will be hosting our 11th Annual Drive Out Domestic Violence Golf Outing on Monday, June 3, 2024, at Crestwicke Country Club. This event will benefit Countering Domestic Violence Services at MCCA.

Last year alone, our advocates received 4,428 calls to the 24-Hour

Hotline, sheltered 160 adults and children at Neville House, served 884 clients, and assisted in filing 447 orders of protection.

Register or sponsor now.

Watch for details!



We outgrew Lil Beaver Brewery! So, this year's Happy Hour event will be hosted at Gill Street Bar and Restaurant!

June 28, 2024



Our first Wine Down Wednesday was such a success that we have already booked McLean County Arts Center for another year!

December 4, 2024

Donation Opportunities

We are asking you to help us support our friends and neighbors and help us expand our impact.

Mayors Manor combats homelessness, providing shelter and support.

Our <u>Next Step™ Financial Opportunity Center®</u> teaches vital skills for workplace development, homeownership, and financial stability.

Our **Countering Domestic Violence** program helps survivors when they need it most.

You too can help:

- Contribute monetarily
- Purchase off of our **Amazon Wish Lists**
- Round up purchases on Walmart.com
- Attend <u>events</u>
- Engage in **peer-to-peer fundraising**

Be a beacon of hope – donate today and help us make a lasting difference in our community!

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.

Green Gazette

NeighborWorks® America and is designated a Green organization? As such, we have a quarterly Green Newsletter, the Green Gazette.

This newsletter serves as a valuable tool for both, our staff, and community members, offering insights into our environmental initiatives. The Green Gazette is packed with tips on green living, healthier cleaning practices, gardening advice, and strategies for enhancing home efficiency, and more. It aims to inspire sustainable habits.

Additionally, it educates readers on green holidays, endangered species awareness, and offers PSAs about combating invasive species.

Interested in past issues, check the <u>newsletter</u> page on our website. Would you like to receive our Green Gazette? <u>Sign up here</u>.

MCCA Marketing Materials

If your organization would like to have marketing materials for MCCA to further support your clients, we have created an easy **request form**.

Materials that we have available include:

- Brochures (MCCA, Next Step™ Financial Opportunity Center®)
- Postcards (MCCA, Mayors Manor, Next Step™ Financial Opportunity Center®, CDV)
- Volunteer Information Flver
- Donation Information Flyer
- Committee Information Flyer
- Housing Stability Navigator
- And more

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