

Our September 2025 Impact

Congratulations...

Our MHC Partners for Children are pleased to announce a recent achievement for their Childcare Quality Improvement Coordinator, Ruth Anne Collins, as a trainer for The Growing Brain curriculum through the Zero To Three program.

With this training, Ruth Anne will be able to offer additional science-backed support in her coaching sessions with early education providers in the brain development of children ages 0-5, with specific focus areas in language, behavior, and lesson planning.

Ruth Anne has hit the ground running with her recent studies with three training sessions for our local early educators between now and June 2026.

If anyone is interested in learning more about [The Growing Brain: From Birth to 5 Years Old](#), please email [Ruth Anne](#) for more information, or call [276-638-3946](#), x105.



Campaign Kickoff...

Our Campaign kicked off on Friday, September 12, at New College Institute, with our Day of Action. There were more than 450 service hours donated by more than 115 community members participating in 12 projects and 3 drives.

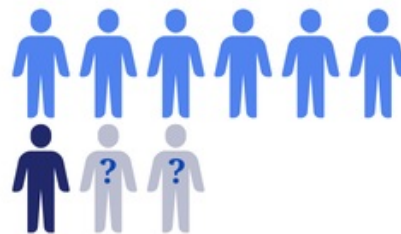
This year's Sponsors included: Hooker Furnishings, Bassett Furniture Industries, and Frith Construction Company; and our Pacesetters this year included: Hooker Furnishings, Bassett Furniture Industries, Eastman Chemical Company, and Henry County Public Schools.

With a such a generous response to our Campaign Kickoff, we're pleased to report we are 32% of our way toward the \$480,000 goal for the year. Thank you!

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MHC Partners for Children...

Our MHC Partners for Children were active throughout September! The team participated in the UWHCM Day of Action on September 12, assisting with two community projects at the [Blue Ridge Regional Library](#)'s Martinsville branch and the [Henry County Food Pantry](#). They contributed by cleaning, sorting, and packing boxes, making a positive impact in our community.



On September 13, the MHCP team distributed childcare and literacy resources to families at the [Latino Festival](#), where children engaged in creating autumn art projects.



Their month concluded with a fall family activity for families and caregivers at Maplewood Housing Community on September 17. Everyone had a wonderful time painting rocks, exploring books donated by MHCP, and engaging in important conversations about family needs and available resources.



Time Warp Theatre...

Early bird tickets are available! Join us for this shadow cast event of Rocky Horror Picture Show!

This fundraising event will support your UWHCM, [Theatreworks Community Players](#), and [MHC Pride Coalition](#).

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Financial Security in Our Community...

Maria Amaya-Chavez, our Financial Services Specialist, attended three impactful events in September, each filled with opportunities to connect, celebrate, and support our community.

It kicked off on September 2, at the Reentry Resource Fair, where she met directly with individuals returning home after incarceration. Conversations there underscored just how vital it is to have resources ready and accessible for people starting fresh.

On September 13, the energy shifted to celebration at the 6th Annual Festival Latino of Southern Virginia. Bright colors, music, and food filled the day, and Maria engaged with families, strengthened community ties, and spread the word about the services we provide.

Maria also took part in the Patrick Henry Correctional Unit Fall into Success Resource Fair on September 18. At this event, the focus was on preparation: helping incarcerated individuals plan for their return to the community with resources that can make all the difference.

Reflecting on her busy month, Maria had this to say, "Three events, three different audiences, and one takeaway: being present in the community matters. Each connection built in September helps pave the way for stronger partnerships and brighter futures."



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