



## Our May Impact

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### AmeriCorps

Our AmeriCorps program ended the school year on a high note with their Henry County Public Schools elementary literacy tutoring sessions. Eight service members worked with 413 students during this time. Heading into the summer, we also have eight service members who will work with assisting children through literacy at the Spencer-Penn Centre, Martinsville & Henry County Family YMCA camps and preschool, and Boys & Girls Club of the Blue Ridge.

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### MHC Partners for Children

The MHC Partners for Children had another busy and productive month supporting children, families, and early childhood programs in our community. The team assisted Clearview Early Learning Center with their end of year Showcase of Learning, an opportunity for students to showcase their artwork and celebrate everything they had learned throughout the year. At this event, which welcomed around 85 families and 121 students, the team provided a craft, snacks, and plenty of fun!

May also marked the month of completion of the [Virginia Language and Literacy Screening Systems \(VALLSS\)](#) and the [Virginia Kindergarten Readiness Program \(VKRP\)](#). MHPC also supported seven childcare sites across Martinsville and Henry County with these assessments. Students in both the 3 and 4 year old classrooms participated, bringing the combined total to more than 200 students. These assessments provide teachers and childcare sites with valuable information about early language and literacy development, math readiness, social-emotional growth, and various other areas of learning. In turn, this data allows programs to enhance their curricula and address their students' goals and needs.

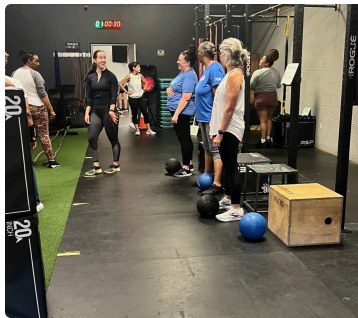
Additionally, MHPC's Childcare Director's Network hosted a training session at New College Institute on May 12 entitled, "Supportive Environments for Young Children," which created opportunities for directors and educators to learn together, share ideas, and improve program quality across participating sites. The session celebrated the potential of young children with a direct emphasis on their curiosity and competence while empowering those who nurture their growth.



## Healthy Community

Every week, our [Healthy Hearts Learning Collaborative](#) hosts fun and interactive exercise classes for **every** body and **every** skill level at [Performance 276](#)! We invite you to join this dedicated group and the encouragement of community through activity! These classes are offered free to the public and are a great way to learn how to use weights, equipment, practice good form with a certified trainer, openly talk about new and healthy routines, as well as meet new people in the area.

For more information on this program, please contact [Christa](#) or [Loleader](#) at [276-403-3516](tel:276-403-3516).



## Campaign Update

Mark your Calendars! [Our Day of Action is schedule for September 18!](#)

**Day of Action Project Requests are now open!** The deadline to submit is **July 31**. You may access the form [HERE](#).

Our Eastman Golf Tournament is scheduled for [September 26](#) and is now accepting Sponsorships! [CLICK HERE](#) for more details.

If you are interested in hosting a special event or summer fundraiser for UWHCM, please contact [Rebecca](#) for more information.

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