



Message from the Executive Director- Sandra Scherer

Since our inception volunteers have been the lifeblood of Monument Crisis Center. Volunteers of all ages, backgrounds and abilities have shared their time, talent and enthusiasm with MCC.

At our first location and without a formal program, word of mouth spread in the community that Monument Crisis Center needed

help. People just showed up and we put them to work. Nowadays they call them spontaneous volunteers – we heralded them a godsend!

They did everything – accepted donations, wrote letters, sorted, boxed, and bagged food, assisted with client intake, data entry, phone calls, and cleaning. Soon they helped with legal aid clinics, taught ESL classes, tabled at events, and of course some joined our determined board of directors!

Clients and their children were regular fixtures helping around the Center alongside other families from the community at large. One afternoon we had 4 generations of a client family from ages 2-80 working in the tiny pantry. Giving back has always been a priority for families that receive from the Center and those that come to help. Parents want their children to understand, be appreciative and give back. Many of the kids that grew up with the Center keep it as a focal point in their lives becoming MCC high school tutors, volunteers, college interns, staff and donors! They continue to find ways to share MCC with their friends, colleagues, and family.

Today our Community Engagement Volunteer program includes individuals, families, school,

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The Rundown 2018

Resource Fair

-Thursday May 10th, 2pm, Monument Crisis Center
Monument Crisis Center hosts its annual Resource Fair bringing over 50 service providers and hundreds of families in need together.

Summer Food Box Collection

-Join Monument Crisis Center's inaugural Summer Food Box collection this year! We know that hunger does NOT take a summer vacation so we will be here to keep providing services to those in need. The Center will be collecting these special Summer Food Boxes June-July. Please see attached flyer for directions and donation dates!

Fore Charity Golf Tournament

-Thursday June 14th, 12 noon, Eagle Vines Golf Club
Aetna will host its annual "Fore Charity" golf tournament and has chosen Monument Crisis Center to be the beneficiary! We are excited to have a great day out on the links!

Summer Solstice Party

-Friday June 22nd, 4:30-7:30pm, Monument Crisis Center
Save the Date for the Center's Summer Solstice party!
Celebrate the longest day of the year and the kick-off of summer at this great fundraiser!

Back-2-School Backpack Drive

-Monday July 2nd-Thursday July 19th
It is that time of year again! The Center will host its annual Back-2-School Backpack drive, aiming to send 1,200 students to class with a NEW backpack filled with supplies! More information to follow.

Backpack Distribution

-Saturday August 4th, 9am

15th Anniversary and Party

-Sunday August 19th, 12pm-3pm

We can hardly believe it ourselves but the Center turns 15 years old this year! Please save the date and join us at our 15th Anniversary Celebration! Here is to the next 15 years and beyond!



ABOVE: Attendees enjoying the photo booth. Photo Cred: Just the Little Things Photography



ABOVE: The band *Indecision* rocking the crowd all night.

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...faith, service and corporate groups, college interns, optometrists, John Muir Residents, Samuel Merritt Nurse Scholars, pro-bono teachers, professors, lawyers and AmeriCorps VISTA(s) assisting the community in ways we never imagined.

As we begin the amazing celebration of our 15th year in service to the community we celebrate and honor all our volunteers who make it all possible!

In this brief newsletter find out about opportunities to assist and connect with the Monument Crisis Center through volunteer and donor engagement, be inspired to get more involved, and contact us with any questions or ideas. Please **SAVE the DATE** for our 15 year anniversary celebration Sunday afternoon August 19, 2018 – 15 years to the day we opened our doors in that tiny place on Monument Boulevard. Thank you for all you do for us!

– sscherer@monumentcrisiscenter.org

Heartfelt 2018

On February 24, we hosted our Annual Heartfelt Gala, themed “It’s Time,” to celebrate our 15th year of operations. With the help of our generous sponsors and supporters, we were able to raise a significant portion of our programming funds for the year. With great enthusiasm and kindness, our honoree Future Ford Lincoln of Concord and Future Ford Hyundai of Concord pledged \$30,000 to fund a need, which

will provide critical support for our programs and benefit youth and seniors in our community. This year’s Heartfelt was marked by incredible collaboration. The services donated by the band *Indecision*, DJ Ed Combong of Amplified Entertainment, and Just the Little Things Photo, along with the dedication of our volunteers and donors were true gifts from our community that created a special atmosphere in which everyone felt positive about doing good. We look forward to continuing to make a difference with all of you.

Tax Deductible Donations and Specialty Giving

Did you know that there are many ways to donate to Monument Crisis Center? The Center will gladly accept your donation of stocks, bonds, securities, crypto currencies, properties and vehicles! Does your employer contribute to matching fund donations? Are you or a loved one interested in setting up legacy giving for the Center? There are many other ways to do fundraisers as well! Set up a Facebook fundraiser and get your friends involved! Make purchases at Smile.Amazon.com and .5% of the eligible purchase price goes directly to the center! For questions about any of these ways to give please contact Sandra Scherer directly at sscherer@monumentcrisiscenter.org or give her a call at 925.222.6868. Thank you!

To Volunteer Please Visit:

monumentcrisiscenter.org/volunteer

To Host a Food Drive Please Contact:

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