

MOUNT LEVEL COMMUNITY HAVEN



Annual Report

2017

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**In the community to
Serve the community**

Community Outreach

Partners Delivering Goods

Seeking Neighborhood Well-being

Mt. Level Community Haven 2017 Financial Report

Revenue	
Donations	5,873.61
Food Pantry	6,324.36
Grant Income	4,000.00
Total	16,297.97

Expenses	
Staffing	6,816.00
Events	366.13
Supplies	113.40
Mission Support	6,324.36
Operational Expenses	2,116.84
Technology Expenses	60.00
Total	15,796.73

2016 Revenue	2017 Revenue
\$12,521.03	\$16,297.97

2016 to 2017 Revenue Growth
27%



Programs & Activities

Adult Education and Life Skills

The MLCH helped to support the Senior Learning Academy at Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church that offered classes for community members on enhancing their lives as they approach or are in retirement. Issues of health, managing finances, and personal enjoyment during senior years were discussed. The MLCH contributed to adult education and life skills assisting adults in building stronger family and parenting skills, expanded their vocational abilities and provided them with positive community and cultural activities.

Family and Neighborhood Program

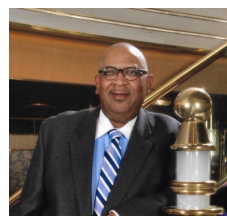
Mt Level Community Haven met the basic needs of as many citizens as possible. We provided resources that included food, clothing and shelter to individuals in need. A food pantry program allowed individuals and families to utilize vouchers to purchase non-perishable food items. Additionally, clothing was donated, cleaned and organized in preparation for individual ownership. The Family and Neighborhood Program also provided referrals to community programs that provide such services as temporary shelter, and treatment for individuals with mental health or substance abuse problems.

Community Garden

The Mt. Level Community Garden received a Micro Capacity Grant that supported several Clean-up Days 2017. Board officers and staff organized several volunteers for the important work of weeding, tilling and preparing the garden grounds for continued productivity. The Mt Level Community Garden continued to provide food for the Food Pantry as well as for families and individuals, with special outreach to seniors.

Health Programs

The Mt. Level Community Haven offered programs and activities in 2017 to help families and individuals increase access to healthy lifestyle choices. In addition to the exercise and nutrition that members of the general public gained from the Community Garden activities, The Haven facilitated the purchase and distribution of food from the Food Bank. The MLCH supported the Two Fish/Five Loaves ministry in securing over 42,000 pounds of food to distribute to needy families. Also, the MLCH helped supply food for Durham's Open Table Ministry and for the Community Café. At the Urban Ministry Center, MLMBC youth helped with serving meals to hundreds of individual at the Community Café.



The Mount Level Community Haven (MLCH) has a strong history as it was founded out of the vision of the Pastor, Dr. William C. Turner, Jr. and members of the Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church. In 2013 leaders from this congregation gathered to address the matter of how can the church find a way to reach the community in ways that the church historically and systemically was not able to provide services. The church felt that forming a 501©3 as a separate entity with the ability to pursue funds as a non-profit was the best way to move forward. The first years were spent organizing, starting a community garden, supporting the church food bank, working with nurses to reduce and combat the devastating problems related diabetes and teaching young people and their families the consequences of alcoholism. Talent from within and from outside of the congregation has formed to make up the Board through the early years and some of the brightest minds and spirits have served as Chair of the Board. This history gives the Mt. Level Community Haven secure footing upon which to launch new efforts.

Dewey Williams
Executive Director

The (MLCH) is a nonprofit organization whose aim is to assist in serving the needs of the community and its residents. The MLCH is committed to providing services and programs for health, education, and nutrition. We seek funds and resources to assist in meeting the needs of elderly and disabled citizens and to provide educational programs for career development and parenting skills. The MLCH is an important outreach resource to the community of Durham and is operated by a competent and diverse board of directors and executive director. Since we are funded solely by donations and grants, we solicit your support of charitable giving. We also invite you to partner with us by volunteering with programs or consideration of joining our board!



I am a long-time resident of Durham and member of Mt. Level Missionary Baptist Church. It is my great pleasure to serve as Interim Chair of the MLCH Board for this year and I look forward with great anticipation to a productive year of helping to improve the health and well-being of residents in our community!

Dr. Deborah Boston
Chair of the Board, 2018

2017 Board of Directors

Dr. Lucy Reuben, 2017 Chair

Rosa Anderson

Johnny J. Bethea, II

Plummer Dilahunt

Ruebe Holmes

Robert Jones

Camille McGirt

Dr. Angela Miles

Lawrence Morrison

Kamala Prince

Dewey Williams

Organizational Responsibilities

The Board of Directors of the Mt. Level Community Haven is comprised of volunteers who meet monthly as Board members. In addition, all Board members are assigned to one or more Committees, which provide reports of their activities at the monthly Board meetings. In 2017, the MLCH Board adhered to the following requirements of the MLCH Bylaws:

1. At least two (2) members shall collectively come from a background in education or an education related field.
 2. Three (3) members shall collectively come by recommendation of Mt. Level Baptist Church Executive Team, confirmed at Conference.
 3. At least two (2) members shall be a “young adult; between the ages of 18-35.
 4. At least two (2) members shall have a financial and/or business background: training, experience or education.
 5. At least one (1) member shall be a resident of the surrounding community.
- Moreover, it is the policy of the Haven to request a donation from each member of the Board of Directors. More information about the Board of Directors may be found on the Haven’s website: mlch.org.

If you are interested in serving on the Board of Directors or one of the Haven Committees, please send a statement of interest along with your current vita to mtlevelcommunityhaven@gmail.com.

Mission & Objectives

Mt Level Community Haven’s mission is to improve the health, wellness, educational attainment/opportunities and spiritual growth of youth, adults and families of Durham County, North Carolina.

MLCH programs improve the quality of life for community members and make them more invested in their sense of self-sufficiency and contribution to the community. MLCH aims carry out its mission by planning and providing regular weekly recreational and cultural activities, health education and services, life skills, GED (General Educational Development) and ESL (English as Second Language) classes, as well as access to nutritional foods. During 2017, the Mt. Level Community Haven provided a number of programs for adults, youth and seniors. These programs focused on Adult Education and Life Skills, the Family and Neighborhood Program, Health, Recreation and Nutrition, the Elderly and Disabled Program, Information Technology and Mentorship. The MLCH programs incorporate a number of activities that strive to tap into the abundant resources available and cater uniquely to the four core values of heart, mind, body and soul.