The Community Life enrichment programs were created in 1998, and currently serve more than 300 children and their families at community centers at rental properties owned by MHP in Silver Spring, Wheaton, and Takoma Park. MHP partners with local organizations to provide services and resources to children and their parents. Our partnerships include Manna Food Center, Arcola Elementary School, AmeriCorps, Washington Conservatory of Music, and Rolling Terrace Judy Center.

Our Programs

Play & Learn- The purpose for the Play & Learn program is to prepare pre-school age children for kindergarten. We serve over 80 children 3-4 days a week for at least 1.5 hours a day from September to June. The group is set up as classroom where children play, explore, and learn letters, words, numbers, and music. The program is available at Gilbert Highlands, 7610 Maple, Glenville Road, Amherst Square, and Great Hope Homes.

Homework Club/Enhanced Homework Club- We serve over 100 children ages 6-12 years old in our after-school Homework Clubs. In addition to getting homework assistance, children take part in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) activities with access to our computer labs. Homework Clubs meet Monday through Thursday between 4-6 p.m. from September to June. This program is available at 7610 Maple, Glenville Road, Great Hope Homes, Greenwood Terrace, and Gilbert Highlands.

Great Achievers Toward Outstanding Results (GATOR)- In the fall of 2013, MHP received the prestigious 21st Century Learning Center Designation. Through a five-year, $1.1 million grant from the Maryland State Department of Education and the 21st Century Learning Centers Program, MHP was able to partner with Arcola Elementary School in Wheaton to create two innovative after-school programs focused on strengthening students' math, science, and reading skills. GATOR enrolls up to 120 students, including elementary school students at Amherst and Pembridge Square, five days a week from September to June.

Future Leaders of the World (Teen Program)- Teenagers have a critical need for strong support in their communities. The teen programs are designed to help young adults deal with peer pressure and social-economic needs, and build leadership skills in their communities. The Teen Program is offered through small projects that have great impact in their neighborhoods. Programs meet Monday through Thursday between 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. from September to June.
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7610 Maple Community Center
7610 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Programs:
Play & Learn 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Tues-Thurs
Homework Club 3:45 pm - 5:45 pm Mon-Thurs

Sligo View Community Center
641 Houston Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Program:
FLOW 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm Mon-Fri

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Pembridge Square Community Center
2315 Blueridge Avenue
Wheaton, MD 20902

Programs:
GATOR 3:45 pm - 6:00 pm Mon-Fri
FLOW 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm Mon-Fri

Amherst Square Community Center
11504 Amherst Avenue
Wheaton, MD 20902

Programs:
Play & Learn (AM) 10:00 am - 12:00 pm Mon-Thurs
Play & Learn (PM) 1:00 am - 3:00 pm Mon-Thurs
GATOR 3:45 pm - 6:00 pm Mon-Fri

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Glennville Road Community Center
8800 Glennville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20901

Programs:
Play & Learn 1:00 am - 3:00 pm Tues-Thurs
Homework Club 3:45 pm - 5:45 pm Mon-Thurs

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Gilbert Highlands Community Center
8508 Flower Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Programs:
Play & Learn 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Tues-Thurs
Homework Club 3:30 am - 5:30 pm Mon-Thurs

Greenwood Terrace Community Center
8502 Greenwood Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20912

Program:
Homework Club 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm Mon-Thurs

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Arcola Elementary School
1820 Franwell Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20902

Program:
GATOR 3:45 pm - 6:00 pm Mon-Fri

Great Hope Homes Community Center
1081 Good Hope Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20905

Programs:
Play & Learn 9:30 am - 12:30 pm Tues-Thurs
Homework Club 3:45 pm - 5:45 pm Mon-Thurs