

Community Life Programs

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.

Play & Learn

The purpose of Play & Learn 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 program is set up like a 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 afterschool 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 Mondays through Thursdays 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 fall of 2013, MHP received the prestigious 21st Century Community Learning Center designation. Through a five-year, \$1.1 million grant from the Maryland State Department of Education and the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, MHP was able to partner with Arcola Elementary School in Wheaton to create two innovative afterschool 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 for five days a week from September to June.



Future Leaders of the World (FLOW Teen Program)

Teenagers have a critical need for strong support in their communities. Teen programs are designed to help young adults deal with the peer-pressure and social economic needs, and build leadership skills in their communities. FLOW is offered through small projects that have great impact in their neighborhoods. Programs meet Mondays through Fridays between 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. from September to June.



Community Life Staff and Program Site List

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7610 Maple Community Center

7610 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912
Community Center Phone: 301-270-0235

Programs

Play & Learn (Morning): 9 am – 12 noon Tues-Thurs
Play & Learn (Afternoon): 1 pm – 3 pm Mon-Thurs
Homework Club: 3:45 am – 5:45 pm Mon-Thurs

Sligo View Community Center

641 Houston Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912
Community Center Phone: 301-495-3028

Program

FLOW: 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm Mon-Fri

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Gilbert Highlands Community Center

8508 Flower Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912
Community Center Phone: 301-495-2360

Programs

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

Greenwood Terrace Community Center

8502 Greenwood Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20912
Community Center Phone: 301-588-0678

Programs

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

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Arcola Elementary School

1820 Franwell Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20902
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Programs

GATOR: 4 pm – 6 pm Mon-Fri

Great Hope Homes Community Center

1081 Good Hope Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20905
Community Center Phone: 301-384-8320

Programs

Play & Learn: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Tues-Thurs
Homework Club: 4 pm – 6 pm Mon-Thurs

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Pembridge Square Community Center

2315 Blueridge Avenue
Wheaton, MD 20902
Community Center Phone: 301-942-6900

Programs

GATOR: 3:45 pm – 6 pm Mon-Fri
FLOW: 3:30 pm – 5:30 Mon-Thurs

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Amherst Square Community Center

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Wheaton, MD 20902
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Programs

Play & Learn: 10:30 am – 12:30pm Tues-Thurs
GATOR: 4 pm – 6 pm Mon-Fri

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Glenville Road Community Center

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Silver Spring, MD 20901
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Programs

Play & Learn: 10 am – 12 noon Tues-Thurs
Homework Club: 3:45 pm – 5:45 pm Mon-Thurs