April 2024



Announcements

We have a few things to try and sell from the Fundraiser:

- 1. Two Gift card bundles 20% off the original price
- 2. 4 Tickets to CPCC Shows. These came in to Marilyn Folnsbee after fundraiser.
- 3. Two PRP WINE SAMPLING for 12. Value \$300.00 each
- 4. Cut and Company, Cut and Style coupon for \$60.00.

Members please bring cash or check to meeting to purchase the above items.

It's time for MHWC Board Nominations. We have openings in a few positions—see page 4 for the open positions and contact Jessi Burns if you are interested. We do have some nominations but if anyone is interested, you can still run.



Message from the President

Hi lovely ladies!

Hope each of you had a beautiful Easter weekend! We are closing in on the end of our year and still have quite a few fun activities to attend! Please plan to join us for the April membership meeting. This is a very important meeting- we will hold a vote for the 2024-2025 board positions as well as approve our budget for the upcoming year. We heard your feedback/suggestions and are working on making a few adjustments starting with a service project rather than a speaker at the next meeting! So exciting! I'm also really looking forward to game night at Old Sycamore! The staff is very kind, the food and drinks are delicious and there's nothing better than games with friends! Unfortunately, I'm sad to say I will not see you at the last meeting in May to enjoy dinner, shout "BINGO!" or have the pleasure of installing the incoming board but you will be in good hands with Anne Doughty, Vice President! There's no doubt you will have a fantastic night and enjoy every minute with the dynamic duo, Lexi and Carmen, hosting BINGO! Y'all fill me in on who wins those awesome prizes!

Not only is this a busy time for the club, it is a busy time for Mint Hill! There are many amazing events happening in the community and I hope you can attend a few if you are able- I'm sure you will be in good company with fellow MHWC friends!!

Speaking of events, how about that elegant Sip, Savor, Support event !?

Mint Hill

WOMEN'S CLUB

April 2024 Monday, April 8, 2024

Meeting at 7pm Mint Hill Town Center

Mint Hill 28227

Thursday, April 11 2024

Breakfast Bunch at 8am

Showmars

6850 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd Mint Hill 28227

Tuesday, April 16 2024 Pizza, Wine, & Games at 6pm

Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation

7500 Olde Sycamore Dr Mint Hill 28227 May 2024 Monday, May 13, 2024 Dinner & Meeting at 6pm Morning Star Lutheran Church

> 12509 Idlewild Rd Matthews 28105

Wow! The night was energetic, fun and absolutely stunning! The MHWC ladies sure know how to rally together for a great cause and make an event look magical. I am so very proud of each of you for your hard work in making SSS a success! A huge thank you to Marilyn Fargo and Susie Laurie for all their countless hours worked, the Fundraiser committee, all the volunteers, the behind the scene ladies that solicited donations, worked on contracts, etc, everyone that donated, and of course everyone that attended! It is not lost on me how important fundraising is for our organization. While true that we are here to serve our community, the money you work so hard to raise makes all this service possible and I hear all the time how grateful the community is for you!

As I mentioned earlier, we have our election at the next meeting. Please hear me when I say this, it is so very important to the success of the club that we have ladies to step up to fill these important positions. We can not sit by and think that someone else will always step in and do something because one day, they won't. We currently have one nominee for President, VP, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary and Fall Team Co-leads. No one has spoken up for Fundraising and it is unfair to ask someone to do two roles at once. u. I know you all love this club too and want the best for it so please consider helping out. As we shared in the meeting last month, any of these can have co-chairs, you will have as much training as you need and the lady in the previous role will be there to mentor you. I am just a phone call, email or text away if you have any questions or nominations (or if you ever have any suggestions or feedback)!

Take care and have a wonderful week! Hope to see each of you soon! Love, Jessi

March Meeting Recap

The Mint Hill Women's Club met on March 11, 2024 at the Mint Hill Town Hall with 35 women in attendance. After our President Jessica Burns called the meeting to order a little after 7 PM, our VP Anne Doughty introduced our speakers. Renny and Karen Calderon shared with us about Auto Health. Renny's Auto Service is a mobile service where they will come to your home to work on catalytic converters, mufflers, welding, oil change, mechanic services and brakes. After speaking on the importance of keeping up with regular maintenance, they answered many questions. They provided 4 gifts for a drawing and gave out business cards with a treat in small bags. He can be reached at 980-200-9271.

Next we had a short business meeting with various reports. We recognized one new member and a couple of guests. Around 8 PM we adjourned for refreshments provided by the Spring Team. Anne Doughty, VP







April Meeting

Our April 8, 2024 meeting will be held at the Mint Hill Town Hall from 7-9 PM. We will have a service project led by Marilyn Fargo followed by elections of a new board and approval of the new budget.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

New Members **Colette Wagoner** Connie Rego



	Sympathy—Lost her husband
Colleen McCall	Get Well

Please contact Deonna Bandos, Corresponding Secretary, with information regarding any member who needs a Hugs card. You can email her at

Spring Team Event Schedule

April 11, 2024—Breakfast Bunch at Showmar's Mint Hill at 8:00am. Join the Spring Team for a delicious Breakfast.

April 16, 2024—Please join us for a fun night of Wine, Pizza, and GAMES!! from 6:00pm-8:00pm at Olde Sycamore Clubhouse. Wine will be half off, 2 topping pizza's will be \$12.00. Bring your favorite game and enjoy a night out with other wonderful Mint Hill Women's Club ladies.



Spring Team News

The March meeting was so enjoyable learning about car maintenance. Thank you to Renny Calderon and his wife, Karen for stopping by our meeting. It was so nice of them to provide goodie bags for all those that attended the meeting. They also provided waters for our snack time and several raffle prizes.

Congratulations to the ladies who won the gifts.

The Spring Team hosted a wonderful lunch at Panzu Brewery in Mint Hill on March 14, 2024. 13 ladies enjoyed delicious food and fellowship. We want to thank everyone who came out on such a beautiful day.







We are excited to be hosting a Breakfast Brunch on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at Showmars in Mint Hill at 8am. Please join us for some yummy breakfast cuisine.

GAME NIGHT! Bring your favorite games and come by for \$12.00 pizza and ½ off wine. Our Enrichment Activity will take place at Olde Sycamore on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:00pm. We hope lots of members can join the fun. Who doesn't love GAME NIGHT ???

At our May 13, 2024 meeting we are excited for a **POTLUCK dinner** and **BINGO**. A sign up will be sent concerning bringing food for the potluck. After we eat, please join us for 5 games of BINGO. Bring **\$10 CASH** to the meeting. We will do 2 games of regular BINGO, 2 specialty games and 1 Coverall. Cash prizes will be awarded to the lucky winners.





Birthday	First Name	Last Name
04-02	Monica	Sharpe
04-05	Kristina	Maddox
04-14	Jennifer	Manchester
04-15	Cheryl	Reid
04-17	Bette	Felsher
04-19	Amanda	Yelton
04-20	Jane	Morris
04-22	Nena	Hartz
04-23	Margaret	Heins

Congratulations to Jessi

Congratulations to Jessica Burns on being named one of the Matthews-Mint Hill area's 100 Most Powerful Women of 2024!

At Servant's Heart, we know that we all need each other - in life and in business. We also know we couldn't make the impact we do in our community without valuable partners like you. Please know that you, Jessica Burns, and the Mint Hill Women's Club have made a significant difference in Servant's Heart's ability to serve 38,000 people with over \$1.8 million in assistance programs. We are so proud to appear next to you on this list of women making a difference in our area.

To celebrate you and these wonderful partnerships, we'll be doing shout outs tomorrow and Friday on our social media. Make sure to follow @ServantsHeartofMintHill on Facebook, and look for your name (your business will be tagged). We encourage you to tag yourself, re-share, and continue to celebrate the partnerships and contributions that are "making good things happen" in Mint Hill!

https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=917651697035745&set=a.470441185090134 https://www.thecharlotteweekly.com/mmhweekly/100-most-powerful-women-inmatthews-mint-hill-of-2024/article_9ae9d9e8-e95c-11ee-bf7c-1b413b34f524.html

Mary Beth Foster Servant's Heart Marketing Team

MHWC Board Members Needed

We will have a few open positions for the 2024-2025 term. These positions are a great way to get more involved in the Mint Hill Women's Club, have an influence on the direction of the Club, and make a larger impact in your community!

The following positions are available along with the tasks/responsibilities for each listed below. <u>If you are interested in a posi-</u> tion or have any questions, please reach out to Jessi Burns. We will vote on nominees during the April Membership meeting. *Thank you!*

President - (Andree West has been nominated)

- Establishes the direction of the club and leads implementation
- Presides at all meetings
- Ensures financial solvency
- Fosters communication

Vice President - (Ann Papais has been nominated)

- Attends and reports at monthly board meetings
- Arranges programs monthly for membership meetings by identifying topic and engaging speaker (September through May)
- Arranges venue and logistics for program presentation (4 of nine monthly meetings are pre-planned annual programs)
- Provides back-up coverage to President
- Performs all duties of the President, in the absence or disability of the President

<u>Treasurer</u> - (Cheryl Reid has been nominated)

- Attends and reports at monthly board meetings
- Applies computer skills in monitoring on-line financial transactions
- Records all financial transactions into journal.
- Creates and updates spreadsheet for use in financial reports.
- Receives, deposits, and disburses all funds of the club in a timely manner to ensure financial solvency
- Maintains financial records
- Oversees finances for club fund-raising events and reserves
- Prepares and reports monthly on financial status
- Prepares and publishes club year-end financial report
- Prepares and files all federal tax forms
- Administers credit card transactions for square process

Corresponding Secretary—(Tricia Fontaine has been nominated)

- Attends and reports at monthly board meetings
- Sends "hugs" cards to members
- Applies computer skills to sends Evites to members when needed

Fundraising

- Attends and reports at monthly board meetings
- Researches fundraising ideas and oversees their implementation
- Creates and leads a committee in the implementation, using funds allocated by Board
- Manages the Solicitation of external donations as appropriate

Fall Team Co-Lead (2) - (Edna Vera and Kathy Mercer have been nominated)

Leads a team of members in coordinating the following activities during their season:

- Lunch Bunch: Select and reserve a restaurant for monthly lunch
- Social: Arrange for refreshments, set up, and clean up at monthly membership meetings
- Personal Enrichment: Arrange a variety of outings to develop minds, character, and knowledge
- Game nights (during summer months): Arrange room and attend
- Takes digital photos of activities to be shared with the Communications Chair
- Attends and report at monthly board meetings as necessary (one month prior to, and all months during that season)
- Disseminates upcoming activities to the membership via the Communications Chair and the newsletter

Servíce

Backpacks of Love

Several of our wonderful MHWC members volunteered at **Backpacks of Love** on Thursday, March 21st. The Coordinator, Erin Clark, asked for our help to fill shelves with nonperishable food items and 10 dozen eggs. Each of these volunteers stepped up and purchased items from their own pockets. Consequently, we had a good supply of food to hand out but had no canned fruits or vegetables... The Mint Hill Women's Club has always stepped up when there is a need.

I want to thank these women for their time and generous food donations; Dona Phillips, Sharon Jennings, Pam Allred, Robyn Imirie, Desiree van Edmond, and Marilyn Fargo.

Mint Hill Elementary School- SPRING FEST

The Principal at Mint Hill Elementary School, Rick Mohrien, requested the Service of the Mint Hill Women's Club at their SPRING FEST on March 27th. Six of our members served dinner and dessert to over 400 parents, teachers, students, and guests. It was so fun working with the teachers and cafeteria staff that night! The event had student singers, face painting, science and math activities, book display, craft projects, book-mark making, and several other stations. Parents and students were able to experience and participate in many fun and educational activities throughout the night. Our dedicated, hardworking, and friendly members who participated in this event were Desiree van Egmond, Edna Vera, Lucia Trinidad, Jessica Burns, Colette Wagoner, and Marilyn Fargo.

THANK YOU for your service!!!







Member Interests

At the 2022 Christmas party, a game was played that involved finding members with similar hobbies and interests. Our Member Interests spotlight for April is **Cooking and Baking**. These ladies are likely planning some amazing Easter dishes! Whether your kitchen activities are laid-back, and measured from your heart, or you produce award-winning masterpieces, you'll enjoy connecting with these ladies.

What a great way to connect with other MHWC members outside of regular group activities!

APRIL SPOTLIGHT: COOKING & BAKING

Cooking: Dona Phillips Margaret Heins Marilyn Fargo Mindy Parman Navondria Huggins Pam Dalton Pat Sankowski Rosy Crumpton Sandy Dimeo Sharon Clark Baking: Cheryl Reid Donna Smith Margaret Heins Marilyn Fargo Mindy Parman Navondria Huggins Pat Sankowski Sandy Dimeo Sharon Clark

















CONGRATULATIONS TO A SUCCESSFUL 2024 FUNDRAISER, SIP, SAVOR, SUPPORT !!!

We are happy to announce a successful 2024 Fundraiser at Pine Lake Country Club, on March 7, 2024. The evening event was an elegant display of decorations, centerpieces, signage, and room setting. It was a night of friendship, networking, and meeting new people. Everyone was so complimentary.

At 6:00pm, the barn doors opened to the Ballroom of wine and beer tastings and an extra-large display of meats, cheeses, fruits, vegetables, and assorted crackers. We also had bidding on about 72 Silent Auction items. Meanwhile, in the Fireplace room, there was a 5-foot painted wine bottle displaying numbered corks to pull and match with a numbered wine bag. In the center of this room were 26 large, unique themed raffle baskets. On display was a large 2' x 5' colorful sign of our Corporate Sponsor, Messer Financial Group, and Wine Sponsors with their logos. A special thanks to Logo Pros for the design and printing of our "Sponsorship Sign".

MANY THANKS TO OUR CORPORATE SPONSOR, MR. and MRS. MESSER of MESSER FINANCIAL GROUP!

GOLD SPONSORS:

Alluvium Construction, LLC Anna Granger, Broker-in-charge, Realtor Hendrick Lexus Jennifer Manchester, Suburban Properties of Charlotte

SILVER SPONSORS:

Blessed Assurance Charles Jennings, Sons, & Associates Concierge Services For Seniors Ellison Technologies Foxx Contracting Honor The Warriors Level Up Logo





BRONZE- FRIENDS OF MHWC:

Kathryn Jennings

The evening began with a Thank you and welcoming announcement by MHWC President, Jessica Burns. We were proud to have Mayor Brad Simmons as our distinguished Guest Speaker. Brad and his wife Renee are great supporters of the Mint Hill Women's Club and supporters of Community needs and non-profits.

This is the 4th year that our Corporate Sponsor, MESSER FINANCIAL GROUP, provided an extensive variety of delicious hors d' oeuvres, desserts, and support for the Mint Hill Women's Club. We are so thankful for everything they do for the Mint Hill Community. Alluvium Construction and Novant Health, Mint Hill are also big supporters, donors, and friends of the MHWC.

This is the 4th year that DJ Todd Alexander, and wife Jessica have provided music for the Sip, Savor, Support fundraiser. Todd knows his audience and plays great tunes for our event. He also made many announcements throughout the night and got the crowd excited for bidding. Thank you!

An amazing glass artist, Elijah Kell, donated a beautiful glass vessel called "Luxe". He is a glass sculptor and artist who is 19 and owns his own Art Gallery. Marcus Hamilton is a longtime supporter of the Mint Hill Women's Club. He is a famous artist and illustrator. In 1994 he took over the daily Dennis The Menace cartoon. He has drawn over 7,000 'Dennis' Cartoons for over 1,000 newspapers worldwide. Thank you for your two original drawings. Long time member Kathy Cowles has donated her Talamore condo, in Pinehurst, to our fundraiser. Many members and guests have enjoyed her generous gift through the years. A new surprise this year was our Photo Booth. Lexi McKinney and Carmen Yasmine had a friend Johnathan Ong provide the photos. These two women worked and designed the balloon arch. Jessica Burns provided the backdrop. It was a fun little corner of our event.

Let's not forget to thank our creative raffle and silent auction basket designers Pam Allred, Sharon Jennings, and Marilyn Fargo. They worked once a week, 5-6 hours each day, January through the first week in March. Great baskets and great teamwork. We had a working Mom, wife, and member, Margaret Heins, assemble over 3,000 raffle tickets in bundles of 25. This was a great help to our salespeople. Another mother/daughter team typed up over 98 silent auction, and raffle basket descriptions for us after school and work. Lexi and Zoe McKinney were quick, efficient, and such a pleasure to work with. Member Shelia Moore crafted gold, black, and silver background tags for each raffle and silent auction baskets. Shelia is a crafter and enjoys being creative after working at the Mint Hill Library. Thank you, Mint Hill Library, for your generous donation of new books. Thank you to Jessica Burns, Margaret Heins, and Marilyn Fargo for collecting and filling 50 Novant Health VIP bags. It is so nice to have over 100 members in our Club this year. Welcome new members! We had 44 member workers the day of the Sip, Savor, Support, and nine husbands who volunteered at the event. Without these men, women, and the Pine Lake Country Club staff, this event would not have been successful. The Events and Clubhouse Manager, Janie Toole was very pleasant, creative, and efficient to work with. She made the Ballroom a beautiful venue. Server and staff worker, Steve, is always so nice and a hard worker. He always helps us with our events. It is so special when our amazing husbands step up and volunteer or get their arms twisted to work events. We must be especially nice to husbands Chip Busker, Philip DeSano, Steve Dimeo, Rick Doughty, Jack Dunne, Kevin Heins, Richard Laurie, Brad Simmons, and Craig Fargo!!! Great help guys. We're going to remember your names for our next Fundraiser.

Not to forget our amazing Fundraiser team. We started meeting and planning the **SIP, SAVOR, SUPPORT** six months ago. We met once a month and twice in February. Smaller groups met separately for specific tasks. Susie Laurie and I would like to thank our amazing team of hard working and dedicated women. It would take too long to mention all the time, money, computer work, and talent these women brought to this committee. A very SPECIAL THANKS to Committee members Susie Laurie, Jessica Burns, Sharon Jennings, Mary Pat Busker, Dona Phillips, Donna Smith, Ann Papias, Desiree van Egmond, and Marilyn Fargo.

All in all, we have so many great members, guests, friends, non-profits, and Sponsors to THANK. It takes a TEAM to execute all the aspects of this event and people willing to work hard. There is no doubt that our ALL-VOLUNTEER Club is one of the BEST in town.

Such a great event with so many great people in a close Community that Cares! We are proud to be members of the Mint Hill Women's Club and residents of Mint Hill. APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO EVERYONE!!! Sincerely,

Co-Chairs- Marilyn Fargo and Susie Laurie



















































































Our Donations at work

Idlewild Fire Department

Hi Jessica,

Thank you so much to the Mint Hill Women's Club for donating to Idlewild VFD!

We received \$1000 in August of 2023 and were able to buy several warm job shirts for our members for the winter season. These job shirts cost around \$75 to \$80 each and we purchase them for all of our members so they are in uniform even when it is cold outside. Our uniforms usually consist of an Idlewild VFD t-shirt so these help tremendously to be able to stay warm and still be identified as a first responder for the fire department. We have almost 70 members which can get very costly. These are pictures of our job shirts.

Idlewild Volunteer Fire Department serves the communities of Matthews and Mint Hill in Fire and EMS service alongside the Mint Hill Fire Department and Matthews Fire and Rescue Departments. Idlewild VFD has been in service for 50 years as of this November 14, 1974 and is a big part of the community! The Idlewild VFD members all work together in servicing the community and they all train together on a regular basis to make sure they are current with all the training and safety procedures to help the ones in need in the community while keeping themselves safe also. They are truly an awesome group of members that call each other family and love serving with each other! Thank you again for your support!





Jenny

Jenny Graham Administration Idlewild Volunteer Fire Department



Community Culinary School of Charlotte

Proceeds from 2023 Donation

The Community Culinary School of Charlotte appreciates your generous donation of \$1,500 we received in May 2023. CCSC used your donation toward the purchase monogrammed chef coats that were presented to each graduating student in 2023. While our budget covers instructors, ingredients, and daily operations of the school, gifting each student with their monogrammed chef's coat is a highlight of graduation and the students' time at CCSC. Being properly attired for the students' next endeavor builds upon the self-confidence learned and earned at the CCSC. Everyone recognizes a chef by their attire.

Did you know that the thick cotton cloth protects from the heat of stoves and ovens and protects from splattering of boiling liquids? The double-breasted jacket adds protection to the wearer's chest and stomach area from burns resulting from splashing liquids. The jacket can also be reversed to hide stains. While the chef's coat is for safety, the monogramming of each coat symbolizes so much more in the mind of the graduate.

Class 75 Graduation -- December 2023







Blessed Assurance

Blessed Assurance utilizes all the resources received from the Mint Hill Women's Club to bless our senior and disabled participants. The personal hygiene bags, snacks, nail painting sessions, and volunteering at our holiday events !!! We are a nonprofit organization that has been serving the community for 26 years. We will have our annual Easter Egg hunt next month, Annual Charity Golf Tournament in April. We always welcome arts and crafts, and snacks.

Thank you so much for all that you do for Blessed Assurance.



Blessed Assurance Adult Day Care

Our Donations at work

Honor the Warriors is so grateful for the donations of time, money, food and storage space that the Mint Hill Women's Club provide to us. We use the generous monetary donation to upgrade our trikes to e-cycles so that our disabled veterans can continue to ride and to help fund our participation in the Smoky Mountain Recumbent Rally. This is a 3day event in May in Townsend, Tennessee. We are able to pay the veterans' registrations and provide housing and food for them because of your help. This is our second most beloved event and our second most expensive. We have equipment and cycles stored in two garages provided by our members. You donate your time and money during our annual event in October, headed up by Marilyn Fargo, which is invaluable to us. Suzanne Maddox coordinates our rest stops and acts as a support driver during some of our other events, one of which is on April 27. We will ride the Sugar Creek Greenway and the Charlotte Short Rail Trail. Our warriors know how good you are to us, and they love you all. If you want to ride with us or learn more about us, check out our Facebook page: Honor the Warriors and if you know are, or know a disabled veteran who might be interested in cycling, please contact Jerry Morris at honorthewarriors1@gmail.com or by calling 704-724-4362. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.



Community News



Mint Hill Chamber of Commerce Tea

The tables cost \$320 for a table of 8. You decorate the table yourself and the guests will vote on the best tablescape. This event is always a lot of fun where you can sport your best fascinator or hat, enjoy a luncheon tea with friends and even participate in a raffle and silent auction. You can register at the following link

https://minthillchamberofcommercenc.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/1534.

Tables usually go fast so get your group together and register soon.

Bright Blessings NEEDS

URGENT NEED: Birthday Wrapping Paper!

We are wrapping thousands of birthday gifts each month which means we are going through tons of paper, we need your help to continue bringing joy, care & hope to homeless and impoverished children! You can ship/drop off donations at 1150 Crews Road, Suite C, Matthews, NC 28105.

Thank you!



Community News



One Yard Away Fundraiser

- April 14, 2024 12:30 PM 4:00 PM
- The Barn at Frank Liske Park 4001 Stough Road Concord, North Carolina 28027

One Yard Away Fundraiser

Tickets:

Tickets are \$20 / person and can be purchased here: <u>One Yard Away Fundraiser</u> <u>Tickets | One Yard Away (simpletix.com)</u>

VIP tables are also available for purchase

Event Date/Time:

Sunday, April 14th from 12:30pm – 4:00pm (Registration opens @ 12:00pm)

Event Location:

Frank Liske Park – The Barn (beautiful indoor and outdoor space – see attached pictures) 4001 Stough Rd SW Concord, NC

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Explore and Restore 2024 Health and Wellness Expo

EXPO

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Please Support this event at the barn if you're able. https://www.facebook.com/events/715529050548107? view=permalink&id=760307426070269&ref=110 FREE community Health & Wellness Expo April 7, 2024 1-5pm The Barn at the Village, Mint Hill

Celebrate 💙 World Health day!

Purple Wing Soiree—Healing Vine Harbor

we would love your support of our 5th Annual Purple Wing Soirée this year. Here is the flyer and the link. We continue raising funds to purchase a property to house homeless women.

https://5thannualpurplewingsoiree.eventbrite.com



Community News

Dear Mint Hill Women's Club,

I hope this email finds you well. My name is Gianna McCloud and I play for Independence Highschool Varsity Softball as a Sophomore, and I am reaching out on behalf of the Independence High School Softball Team in Mint Hill, NC. As a dedicated member of the community who empowers and supports Women, we are reaching out to you to seek support for our team and the invaluable experiences it provides to our Female student-athletes.

We admire Mint Hill Women's Club for its commitment to the local community in providing support to Women and Girls in our community.

We hope you will consider making a generous donation that will directly benefit the Young Women of Independence High School Softball Team by supporting crucial projects that enhance the overall experience for our athletes. Specifically, the funds will be used to construct a new building by the field for equipment storage, implement a warning track in the outfield to reduce injuries, and acquire new equipment to replace nets with holes/rust.

It is crucial for us to provide adequate facilities for girls' sports in Mint Hill, especially considering the limited funding from the CMS budget. Currently, we are facing a shortfall of approximately \$8,000 to complete these essential projects. Your contribution will play a significant role in ensuring our girls have access to safe and well-equipped facilities.

For any donation over \$500, you will get an individualized sponsorship shout out at all regular-season home games as well as free entry to come and see the games to cheer on the Lady Patriots. We recognize that each business is unique, and we are open to discussing tailored sponsorship packages that align with your company's values and marketing objectives. Your contribution can be customized to showcase your brand in a way that resonates with our community. If you can only give a little, we appreciate that as well and consider ANY donation essential support to our community and program in shaping young women into leaders and accountable future community partners.

Our girls work tirelessly to represent Mint Hill throughout the conference and the state. In fact, they achieved the 2023 Conference Championship last season, showcasing the dedication and excellence that your support will help sustain.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this opportunity further, please feel free to contact me at Amanda Larry, Head Coach at <u>amanda1.larry@cms.k12.nc.us</u>. Your partnership is vital to the success of our team, and we look forward to the possibility of working together to create a positive impact in our community.

You can donate directly to: <u>https://raise.snap.app/donors/207345?share_type=clipboard</u> where your donation is tax deductible as a 501C organization.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Warm regards,

Gianna McCloud 2026 Outfielder Independence High School Softball Team Support Committee



Community News

Below is a link to all our upcoming programs at the Mint Hill Library for adults:

April Programs for Adults at the Mint Hill Library: <u>https://cmlibrary.bibliocommons.com/v2/</u>events?locations=MH&audiences=5f32b6181f19942f003a6f01

Sally Deason, MLS | Librarian Charlotte Mecklenburg Library | Mint Hill Library





Do you have any old eyeglasses or cases cluttering your drawers? If so, you can change lives by donating them! Over 1 billion people around the world with vision loss and lack of access to eye care could regain their sight with a pair of eyeglasses. Your donated eyeglasses may help a person in your hometown read the label on a medicine bottle or they might enable a child on the other side of the world see the board at school. Our local Lions Club chapter collects glasses and volunteers process and distribute them through medical missions throughout the world! If you have some old eyeglasses laying around, bring them to a meeting or email us MHWClub@gmail.com. We will be sure the Lions Club receives them!

