

Our April 2025 Impact

VITA Wraps Up Tax Season...

Our **VITA** (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) tax site wrapped up the 2024 season with a total of 1,916 income tax preparations and \$1,876,541 in federal tax refunds. The estimated savings for the citizens of MHC by having their "Taxes Done Free" through the VITA program is \$479,000.

All taxes prepared through this program are completed by many community volunteers and Lisa Frick, UWHCM's Community Impact Coordinator.

Thank you for your great work!



MHC Partners for Children Play to Learn





On April 14, our **MHC Partners for Children** set up a table at the **Just Call Granny** Summer Activity Fair held at **NCI**. Their table featured books and literacy resources, including the **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** and Read to Learn activities for families.

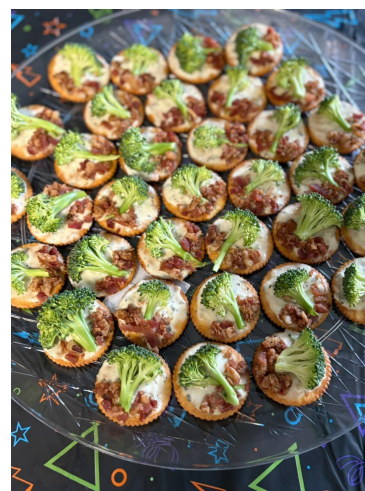


On April 23, MHC Partners organized a Play to Learn activity for 25 families at the Maplewood Housing Community. Participants decorated Easter eggs and crafted butterflies using various art supplies. MHCP was fortunate to have three of our AmeriCorps literacy program tutors assist with activities and read stories aloud to the children.

The Growth & Opportunity Center...



Our LEx Leaders Erin and DeShanta were active in many area events in April, ranging from autism awareness to **VMNH's** Reptile Fest.



Parents and kids alike enjoyed a triple-header event on Tuesday, April 22, highlighting Earth Day, World Autism Day, and Child Abuse Awareness month with Shine, Grow, &

Protect.

Participants were able to plant seeds to take home, make crafts, hear stories, enjoy and make tasty treats, and leave with valuable area resources on programs and services.



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