



## Our May 2025 Impact

### BankOn Takes Washington D.C...

Our Financial Services Specialist, Maria, was able to attend the BankOn National Conference at the National Press Club in Washington D.C. during the month of May. Maria was able to learn from such top financial advisors such as Jonathan Mintz, President and CEO for the CFE Fund, and the Wells Fargo Foundation's Senior VP and Head of Financial Health Philanthropy, Bonnie Wallace.



BankOn is an initiative to encourage all to participate in our financial system by gaining control over their personal finances.

Maria intends to utilize her networking and knowledge gained from the conference to greater expand on and strengthen our local [BankOn](#) program.

For more information, please contact Maria at: [Maria@UnitedWayofHCM.org](mailto:Maria@UnitedWayofHCM.org), or 276-403-3516, x205.

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### MHC Partners for Children...

On Saturday, May 10, MHC Partners for Children held their seventh annual Growing Together, Learning Together Early Childhood Conference at Patrick & Henry Community College. This year's theme was centered around

"Play More, Learn More with Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP)!"

91 early educators, vendors, volunteers, and staff were in attendance and took part in a day filled with learning and fun, starting with a keynote address by Dr. Alissa Mwenelupembe (pictured right) from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Her presentation focused on DAP and its practical application in early childhood settings.

Conference participants were given the opportunity to earn up to six hours of professional development. In addition to the keynote, 15 engaging breakout sessions were offered and a Q&A panel during the lunch break that focused on kindergarten readiness. Door prizes donated by conference vendors, local businesses, organizations, and individuals were distributed to participants during lunch.

It was a successful day of learning and collaborating!



Shown here: a lively breakout session on the patio, left; our MHC Partners for Children team, right

On May 13, MHC Partners for Children joined the Maplewood community for a fun and meaningful day of planting and rock painting. Children and families came together to create colorful garden art, share smiles, and enjoy a time of fellowship and connection. It was a beautiful reminder of the

power of community and creativity!



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## In Our Community...

The Hooker Furniture Sale took place on Saturday, May 31, to benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of the Blue Ridge, SPCA of Martinsville and Henry County, and UWHCM.

We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the volunteers, staff, and community for their participation. An extra special thank you goes out to Marcia Colins, Director of Fulfillment Operations with Hooker Furnishings, for coordinating the sale and bringing awareness to our organizations.

Please stay tuned to next month's newsletter for the final numbers!





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