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NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

2019 was a year of continued growth for MAC. Our emergency assistance program prevented evictions and utility disconnections and put food on the table for families throughout our service area. Our digital inclusion program provided computers and Internet service to families with school age children. Recognizing the lack of affordable housing in our primary service area, we identified the geographic areas where potential clients were moving and added two new zip codes to our service area.

In early March 2020, MAC celebrated its 34th birthday. For 34 years, our organization has been physically present to our neighbors serving as a safety net to those in need. As an emergency assistance organization, crises are not new to MAC or the families who we serve. Every day is spent tackling and solving someone's emergency. MAC has weathered many storms by expanding assistance programs in response to 2012. Katring avanue resettlements in Atlanta and during the 2009, economic downture

in response to 911, Katrina evacuee resettlements in Atlanta, and during the 2008 economic downturn and recession. In MAC's collection of well thought out plans and procedures, there was no playbook for the pandemic that unexpectedly reached MAC's big red doors two weeks after its birthday.

Our response was to act swiftly to move MAC's assistance online with staff and volunteers working remotely. The online request process was upgraded to be more user friendly for both clients and staff. At the time this note was written, our small team of 7 staff and a few key volunteers successfully tripled MAC's assistance utilizing emergency COVID-19 funds from the Fulton County Board of Commissioners. Thinking outside the box for food assistance, grocery store gift cards were mailed directly to clients. For those clients in a high risk category, Instacart grocery deliveries were sent to their door steps.

While we will never be grateful for the human toll of this pandemic, we have found many silver linings. The hard work put into creating and launching MAC's digital inclusion program meant that the children we served had the ability to complete their school work at home. We were forced to pilot a long held dream to deliver groceries to seniors and those with medical issues by sending Instacart deliveries. When we return to our office, there will certainly be a new normal. The skills we developed during this crisis will enable MAC to provide true urgent and emergency assistance regardless of the location or obstacles.

Many of our volunteers spent this time of isolation writing encouraging handwritten notes to our clients. We hope that the notes served as reminders that we were all in this together. A favorite quote which I included in my notes was one written by Roy T. Bennett, "Never lose hope. Storms make people stronger and never last forever." MAC became stronger during this pandemic and will emerge ready to tackle the challenges of 2020 and those to come. Our work is only possible thanks to the support of faithful donors and partners.

A lifetime of thanks, Jenny

NOTE FROM MAC'S BOARD PRESIDENT

Thank You to Our Friends and Supporters:



As Board Chair, I am happy to report that the Board continues to evaluate MAC's staff resources and the needs of our clients. One thing that is apparent to the Board is that our clients are becoming increasingly challenged when it comes to affordable housing. The development within our booming city has had the unfortunate consequence of increasing rents coupled with a decrease in the number of affordable units.

The Board last year opened up additional service areas tracking the migration of our clientele. The situation remains fluid and additional changes are likely. To that end, MAC's Board of Directors will be embarking on the organization's next five-year Strategic Plan this year.

Second, I had the privilege of joining our Executive Director Jenny Jobson and our Development Manager Chris Ferguson in a visit to a local foundation recently to meet with its trustees and Executive Director. As MAC is so dependent on

financial support of individual donors and foundation, it was important to remind our friends at the foundation of MAC's mission and the impact of their support. I can share that the folks at the foundation were impressed by our report of the state of affairs of those living on the edge as our clients are and MAC's efforts to partner and collaborate with other relief organizations to maximize what can be done to assist.

Lastly, I encourage you to strengthen your involvement with MAC. I took the step a couple years ago of volunteering directly with those we serve at the MAC office. Join me; you won't regret it. If you are able to donate more, please do. I promise you we will put your gift to good use helping those most in need in our community. MAC is active on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram - please share our posts with your friends. I or the MAC staff would love to talk to you about how you can have an impact on preventing hunger and homelessness. As always, I need to say "Thank You" to all those who support MAC's mission, be they Staff, Volunteers or Donors. Our clients are better off because of your caring.



2019 BY THE NUMBERS









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COVID-19 UPDATE: Adapting to Meet the Need

Starting March 19th, MAC staff started remotely screening requests for assistance and continues to do so. MAC is able to provide rent and utility assistance, grocery assistance, transportation (MARTA transit passes), and gift cards for uniform clothing. Requests are made online via MAC's website; MAC staff then reach out to determine eligibility and gather the required documentation.

MAC continues to pay rent directly to landlords and send utility payments directly to the utility companies. We are mailing grocery store gift cards to those who are at risk of hunger and MARTA for those still employed or interviewing. We also have the ability to order a grocery delivery for our most vulnerable clients. As the pandemic lingered, we began sending face masks to clients, which has proved to be a great need.

SNAPSHOT OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED SINCE COVID-19 HIT OUR COMMUNITY:



Assistance provided From March 19th - July 31, 2020

GRACIOUS FEEDBACK

"I appreciate the rental assistance and utility assistance. Despite the pandemic, my landlord was willing to move forward with the eviction process. The words of encouragement in the card were in perfect timing, thank you...thoughtful gestures and motivational words like these remind me that there are still people who genuinely care.

Thank you for always being a breath of fresh air! I am forever grateful..."

- Ms. Bishop

"I want to say thank you. I received the Kroger card today in the mail. It means so much to me that you took the time to help me get food. I truly appreciate it and I'm forever grateful."

- Jacob

"My daughter & I received the card, masks and Kroger cards. Thank you sooo much! Things have been really very tough — and I am sincerely thankful for each of you, and what you do to keep This Community going. I hope you all are as blessed as you bless us!"

- Ms. James and her daughter



Each month, MAC's seven staff members, Jesuit Volunteer and AARP Senior Community Service Employment member answer more than 1,000 calls for assistance. Most of the callers are desperate for help paying their rent or utility bills. Although MAC's service area is limited to neighborhoods within the Downtown, Midtown and the Westside of Atlanta, calls come from all over metropolitan Atlanta. The MAC staff and Board regularly assess community needs as rents in town continue to increase. One question is constant, where can someone find an affordable place to live?

A recent article in the Atlanta Journal Constitution used the phrase "cost burdened renter" to describe individuals who are paying more than 30% of their monthly income for rent. In the article, Bill Torpy gives the following statistics, "between 2000 and 2017, Atlanta's median income increased by 48%, home prices rose by 46% and rents increased by 70%." At the same time, the communities where most of MAC's clients live reported an average household income of \$28,000. In MAC's ongoing commitment to assist where most needed, we looked at areas outside our service area. Many properties that had previously housed MAC's working clients had been torn down and replaced by unaffordable luxury highrises. Service workers moved wherever they could find something less expensive. Two zip code areas (30310 and 30318) close by, were identified as having higher levels of poverty, unemployment, underemployment, mortality rates, food insecurity and evictions and often less expensive rents. In May of 2019, MAC decided to expand its services into these two areas. Over the past year, MAC has assisted with many of the previously unmet needs for 42 households in this underserved area.

Held at the Ansley Golf Club in February, MAC's Celebration of Service Luncheon recognized MAC's supporters while raising funds for MAC. The following awards were presented:

Celebration of Service

2018 PARTNER OF THE YEAR

ALSTON & BIRD Alston & Bird has been a faithful supporter of MAC for many years. When MAC board member and Alston & Bird attorney, Alex Brown, launched the first Midtown Race for MAC in 2015, Alston & Bird was one of the first sponsors. They have sponsored the race every year – with employees turning out each

year to race. Alston & Bird has held dress down days to raise funds for MAC and opened their office space for meetings and retreats.

2019 PARTNER OF THE YEAR

Stephen Paskoff is the founder and President and CEO of Employment Learning Innovations (ELI). ELI has been a generous corporate financial supporter of MAC's work. Stephen was inspired to support MAC by the volunteer efforts of his wife, Sharon, and son, Johnathan. Several years ago, Sharon and Jonathan began preparing snack bags for MAC's clients. The brown paper snack bags came with stickers "B

Snacks." Sharon explained that the snacks bags were made to honor the memory of their Aunt Bea, who would prepare snack bags for her loved ones. B Snacks mission statement: We hope B. Snacks will help nourish the body and soul, for someone who is hungry. We hope the food will fill their empty stomach and supply their soul with the knowledge, someone cares. B Snacks brown lunch bags contain a variety of food and a drink. B Snacks have been given to thousands of MAC clients – who are working or seeking employment. B Snacks provides a meal for many who would otherwise go without.

2018 JOSEPH S. HORSLEY AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE: PETER ANDERSON

Peter Anderson joined the MAC board as a congregational representative for The Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 2013. He served as Vice President from 2017 – 2018 and began his term as President in 2019. He has been responsible for connecting MAC to many foundations which are among MAC's largest donors. In addition to his board work on MAC's Executive, Development and Congregational Relations committees, Peter volunteers weekly in the office providing direct client assistance.

2019 JOSEPH S. HORSLEY AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE: ALAN VALERIUS



Alan Valerius served on the MAC board from 1999 – 2019 as a representative of North Avenue Presbyterian Church. He's been responsible for connecting MAC to many foundations which awarded grants for MAC's programs. Like his friend, Joe Horsley, he engaged his network of friends and peers to spread the word of MAC's good work. Alan has been integral to MAC's growth and development for more than 20 years.









2018 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: ASHLIE OLIVER

Ashlie Oliver first found out about Midtown Assistance Center when she saw an ad to join the Young Professional Council (YPC). Interested in the mission, Ashlie began volunteering regularly at MAC. She quickly learned client intake and always treats clients with dignity and respect. After her first full year on YPC, Ashlie was asked to serve as the Council Chair. With Ashlie in the lead, YPC has hosted PB&J sandwich-making parties, several fundraisers and a coat drive. Her commitment to MAC's mission has been invaluable. In 2019, she joined the Board of Directors. Professionally, Ashlie currently serves as Advocacy Program Manager for the YWCA of Greater Atlanta.

2019 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: DOUGLAS SCOTT

Douglas Scott has served at Midtown Assistance Center for more than twenty years. Throughout his volunteer career, Douglas has been an important asset. He brings professionalism, compassion and fun to his work. Staff members often say, only half-jokingly, if none of the staff showed up, Douglas could keep the place together. When we were short-staffed last year, Douglas volunteered to come in before his shift and do some of the projects that had fallen by the wayside. His dedication to MAC illustrates the importance of volunteers in fulfilling our mission. When he is not serving clients at MAC, he can found leading Full Radius Dance, a physically integrated modern dance company composed of professional dancers with and without physical disabilities.



PICTURED: Marcelo Roman and Douglas Scott

2018 CONGREGATIONAL PARTNER OF THE YEAR: ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH



All Saints' Episcopal Church is one of the founding congregations of Midtown Assistance Center and housed MAC for its first seven years. All Saints' has been a faithful partner over the decades, providing financial support, hosting food drives and recruiting a fleet of volunteers. In 2018, All Saints' members contributed more than 620 volunteer hours, and there is at least one All Saints' member serving at MAC every weekday. All Saints' hosts a food drive during Lent, and collects Christmas gifts for our clients' children every December. Throughout the year, the congregation also makes sandwiches and collects other essential items our clients need.

2019 CONGREGATIONAL PARTNER OF THE YEAR: THE TEMPLE HEBREW BENEVOLENT CONGREGATION

The Temple is one of MAC's earliest congregational partners and continues to be an invaluable part of our work. Members contributed more than 660 volunteer hours in 2019. During the High Holy Days, The Temple hosts our largest food drive of the year, collecting 16,000 pounds of food in 2019. The food drive is intergenerational, bringing entire families out to unpack and sort the donations. The Temple also coordinates food donations through Second Helpings, a food rescue nonprofit organization. Temple volunteers pick up bread and baked goods from an industrial bakery twice a month for the food pantry.



MAC HOSTS JOB & COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

The MAC team had the vision of hosting a job and resource fair for our neighbors in need. We imagined that MAC would partner with a congregation or community partner willing to provide the space for the event. It needed to be easily accessible for the communities we serve. We wanted to work with employers who had opportunities for growth within their companies and were willing to hire job seekers regardless of prior criminal history.

In partnership with Covenant Community and Big Bethel AME Church, MAC hosted its first Job and Community Resource Fair. Several dozen participants met with employers and comunity agencies and were hired through the fair.

One employer, Milan, owner of AGS Refrigeration, had never participated in a job fair. After having a positive experience and several successful interviews, he looks forward to attending next year's event.







MAC CONTINUES BRIDGING THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

In 2019 MAC's Digital Inclusion program came into full swing! It began in 2018 with the generous donation from the Mundito Foundation and in 2019 MAC was able to serve 110 households. This included 297 students who received computers and Internet payments. Bridging the digital divide proved to be a complicated task but the MAC team worked to meet those we serve on all levels. We partnered with PowerMyLearning to purchase refurbished desktop computers loaded with state of the art educational software. We purchased Chromebooks from 2NDGEAR for use with Google Classroom. MAC partnered with Susanna Roberts, Parent Liaison at Hope-Hill elementary. In addition to paying for Comcast Internet Essentials and AT&T Access, some families had trouble getting the Internet turned on at home. MAC partnered with T-Mobile to provide hotspots to connect those families.

POSITIVE IMPACT ON SCHOOL PERFORMANCE:

- **99%** able to complete homework assignments online
- **94%** reported increase in school performance and grades
- **97%** reported better communication with their child's school

POSITIVE IMPACT ON FAMILY:

- **100%** reported having greater access to resources they need
- 100% reported it made them feel more connected to their local and global world
- 82% completed a job application online
- **78%** were able to communicate more with family
- **94%** of parents learned or improved their computer skills



"Since gaining access to the internet and computer, I'm able to provide a much better opportunity for my family. Not only financially but there's been so many successes this year with my children's schooling. The kids' grades have increased drastically and they're also more excited about learning and getting they're work completed. We have a greater connection with family time and are able to tackle our day to life with more ease due accessibility of the internet. We are so thankful this program was created. Definitely life changing!

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YOUNG PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL

The Young Professional Council (YPC) consists of men and women between the ages of 25-40 with a passion for hunger and homeless prevention. Over the past year, they have hosted trivia nights and sandwich-making parties, organized a coat drive and raised funds through handmade Christmas ornament sales.

COAT DRIVE

Collected coats for those in need during cold winter months.

PB&J

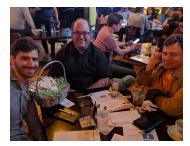
Made over 200 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.



PB&J building party at Houston Llew

FUNDRASING

Raised \$4000 during individual fundraising among YPC members.



Trivia Winners from North Avenue Presbyterian Church

TRIVIA NIGHT

Hosted two successful trvia nights. In which we collect over 1K in prizes and raised \$1600 for MAC

ORNAMENTS

Made holiday ornaments out of repurposed light bulbs raising \$500.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Directly served MACs clients with hours of volunteering. Represented MAC at local community events.







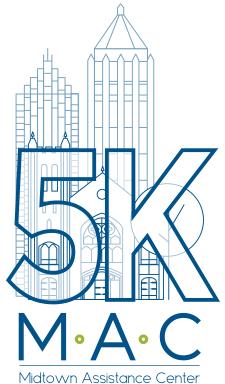












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TWENTY YEARS OF FILLING ATLANTA'S EVENING ASSISTANCE VOID



L-R: Joan Kraft, Jill Kirchgatter, Amalia Stephens, Matt Bristow, Christian Fuller and Casey Mann

4:30 PM, Wednesday January 29, 2020. The MAC office transitions from day to night. One by one, the Wednesday Nighters, a special group who dedicate their Wednesday evening to service, arrive. MAC has offered Wednesday night assistance from 5-7pm for over twenty years. Director Emeritus Dorothy Chandler saw that a number of clients couldn't take off work during MAC's traditional daytime hours of operation. Through Dorothy's direction, nighttime assistance was born focusing on providing food, clothing, and MARTA assistance, with an occasional utility bill and rent payment. Some of tonight's volunteers have dedicated their Wednesday evenings to MAC for all twenty years while others, including members of MAC's Young Professional Council (YPC), are newer on the scene.

The MAC door rings to find a gentleman with an appointment for a 7-day MARTA card, work shoes, and work pants. He is excited to start a new job tomorrow. After presenting proof from his employer, he is provided with the MARTA he needs and gift cards to purchase the required nonslip shoes and black pants. The phone rings with a call from the Gateway Center. A case manager there needs MARTA for a client who is starting a job tomorrow at a large local employer. He is scheduled to come within the hour. The food pantry fills an order for a man who has just transitioned from homelessness into his own place while he shops from the clothing closet. He'll leave with a couple new outfits and food to fill his own pantry. Add ten more appointments a week times twenty years - this is Wednesday night at MAC.

"I don't know how I could have kept my day job without Wednesday Night Assistance at MAC. Wednesday Night is one of the things that sets MAC apart."

> -Carol, MAC client

All of the Wednesday Nighters bring versatility; most have worked a day job before arriving at MAC. These devoted servants use camaraderie and creativity, while developing purposeful relationships with many they serve. The Wednesday Nighters clearly work well together. As I watch them run so nimbly through their paces, it's easy to imagine them running

the night time operation on their own. From years of experience, they know virtually every twist or turn of MAC's assistance procedures. Could it be possible that these volunteers get as much out of the experience as the clients? It seems to have given Amalia a sense of gratitude and perspective. A few days ago she made it pretty clear that working at MAC has helped her see just how fortunate she is.

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Kathleen Marie Hurley 1974 - 2019

Katy Hurley represented Lutheran Church of the Redeemer on MAC's Board of Directors from 2014 to 2017. She faithfully served as a liaison between MAC and Redeemer helping to increase awareness and support for our low income working neighbors. She leaves a lasting legacy of kindness and generosity for those fortunate to have worked and served with her and for those she served. This newsletter is dedicated to her memory.

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JV SPOTLIGHT: GRACIE PALMER

Being a Jesuit Volunteer (JV) at the Midtown Assistance Center has been such an enlightening experience for me. Before coming to MAC, I volunteered with several different nonprofits in the cities in which I lived, but I had never seen so many people commit themselves to a cause in the way that every person involved with MAC does. The staff and volunteers have welcomed me with open arms, and helped me be the best servant to our neighbors that I can. The most meaningful part of my year here so far has been organizing our Christmas program; being able to help clients give their kids a magical Christmas day through the generosity of our donors was truly an extraordinary experience. It also helped me get to know our community partners, and witness how willing they are to go above and beyond for our clients and their children!



I truly believe in the work that MAC does, and I'm very grateful to the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and the Midtown Assistance Center for teaching me how important it is to take care of our neighbors whenever we can.

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(L-R): Tommy Rivers, Timi Akinwunmi-Williams, Brian Barefield

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MAC's 2019 Christmas Program served approximately 230 families. That's a 15% increase from last year! A gigantic THANK YOU to all of the dedicated donors and volunteers who made it possible for these families to have a happy holiday season!

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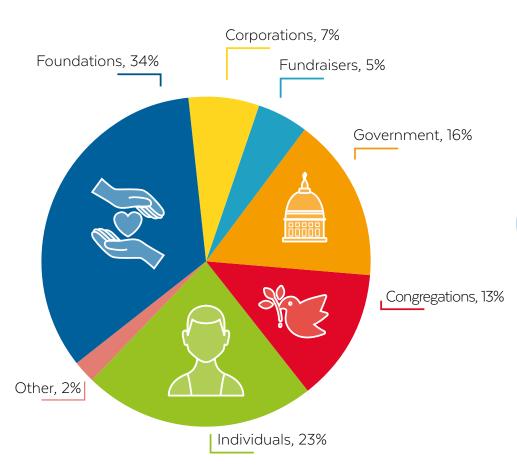
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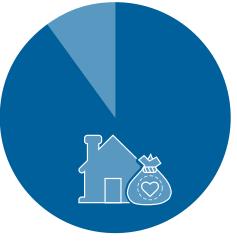
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