

"The impact of Project NAF is their successful engagement with every mother-to-be with having the best possible outcome in the healthy birth of



their baby. There is nothing more meaningful than when someone asks for help and there is someone on the other end of the phone, email, or text who says, "We are here for you!" Then they go on to say, "We hear you!" Then the most precious sound is the cry of their newborn and knowing that Project NAF was there each step of the way. The most powerful thanks we heard during the event was from Mrs. Rhonda Wynn who stated, "My grandbaby wouldn't be here without you.

> Amen, Rev. Scott Rogers, Vice Chair, Board of Directors

### **BUILDING COLLABORATIONS**



This Golden Gate Bridge symbolizes the work of Mount Zion Community Development, Inc. (MZCD), a bridgebuilder-a corporation that builds collaborations and closes gaps between systems within our local community and beyond to impact health inequities and injustices. This bridge was strategically placed front and center at the event.

For more than 25 years, MZCD has provided exemplary service to individuals and families by championing efforts to bridge the gaps between agencies and programs, thereby helping families and communities to benefit from efficiencies gained. This need is met and enhanced through collaborative planning and resource sharing to bridge the gaps of unmet needs.

MZCD programs have been highlighted on state and national platforms for exemplary and comprehensive services to families. MZCD will continue to advocate for improvements in maternal and child health, youth, and teen services and beyond by being a visible presence in the community and by speaking out to keep service needs on the table; realizing that no single organization or single sector alone can solve community needs or problems. Well done!

Keep the Faith; Keep the Focus; Keep lifting the facts about social injustices and health disparities as you move forward and soar to higher heights. And

~ Dr. John H. Grant, Founding President, Chairman and CEO of Mount Zion Community Development, Inc.

# **ECHO** (Enhancing Collaborative Health Options & Opportunities)



"So well planned and the decorations were



"I am so proud

of the work you

all are doing in

the community."

the community.'

~ Kontia Grant, RN, BSN, MSN, FNP-C, BS Psychology





"Belinda, thank

you so much for the

the 25th Anniversary

and for the work you

do in our community.

The ripple effect was

evident in the room and of course beyond."

With a grateful heart,

Kim Roney, Asheville City Council

celebration of NAF

warm welcome at











"I remain excited about MZCD's expansion for medical services to individuals, families, and the community at large by Supervising Physician Ronald R. Caldwell, and the healthy weight and exercise session that will be facilitated by Octavia Caldwell. Kontia Grant, Family Nurse Practitioner, and Nurse Natalia Munoz-Schneier are a winning team.

"The event was amazing."

"I am glad to serve as a Community Connector for outreach. I have learned so much and look forward to an ongoing journey.'

**25th Anniversary Celebration** of the Project NAF Program

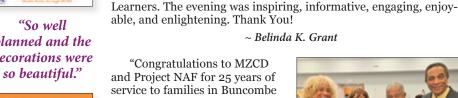
With Highlights from the Project EMPOWER Program

Words cannot express our gratitude and appreciation to you for helping us celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Project NAF Program and highlighting services rendered through the Project

~ Belinda K. Grant

and the Elizabeth Grant Hill Campus of Learners

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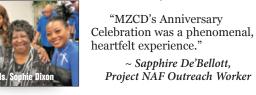




~ Mrs. Linda Glaze, COO, Board of Directors

"I am so blessed to be a part of an organization that is committed and dedicated to serving others. I am so proud of my parents.









"You all do some amazing

things. It was so heartfelt

to hear the testimonials of

Project NAF participants

telling guests what the program means to them. I

left inspired and proud."

of service to the community. The

program was awesome, and the

~ Tracey Rice Johnson

impact the programs have had

on people's lives is amazing."

"MZCD's Anniversary

"Congratulations on 25 years





~ Cynthia Yancey, MD

~ Barbara Anderson. Community Connector

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# **Project Empower**

Education Means Power, in collaboration with community partners, including the Partnership for Substance Free Youth in Buncombe County.

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