

ECHO (Enhancing Collaborative Health Options & Opportunities) through HOPE (Hope and Healing Opportunities with Proactive & Preventive Education)

Celebrating Mount Zion Community Development, Inc.'s 29TH Anniversary of Project NAF

You are cordially invited to Mount Zion Community Development, Inc.'s 29th Anniversary of Project NAF, along with milestones from Project EMPOWER and The Elizabeth Grant Hill Campus of Learners.

Saturday, August 29, 2026

Celebration Begins at 3PM

A catered meal will be provided.

Tried Stone Missionary Baptist Church, 100 Carroll Ave., Asheville, NC 28801

This celebration is more than an event, it's a testament to lives changed, communities strengthened, and hope restored.

Sponsors Make a Difference!

We invite you to partner with Mount Zion Community Development, Inc. through sponsorship and support.

- Silver Sponsor: \$1,000+
- Gold Sponsor: \$2,000+
- Platinum Sponsor: \$2,500+
- Honorable Mention: \$500 - \$1000
- Purchase a Table: \$500

With sponsorships from silver to platinum, your logo will be listed in the program. For all honorable mention donations, your name or organizational name will be listed in the program.

Ways to Give

To give, please visit mzcd.info and click on the donate tab which will provide options for you to donate via PayPal, Venmo, Debit, or Credit Card.

The deadline for sponsorship is August 19, 2026, by 4 p.m.

Sponsorships may be picked up calling any of the staff members listed, or mailed to Mount Zion Community Development, Inc., 47 Eagle Street, Asheville, NC 28801 (Attn: Belinda K. Grant, CEO). Contributions and donations are also welcome during the event and beyond.

Contact Us

For sponsorship opportunities or questions, please reach out to:

- Michelle Harper, Fundraising Chair: (828) 242-0199
- Tracey Smith, Fundraising Co-Chair: (828) 407-7018
- Linda Glaze, Board Chair: (828) 242-1056
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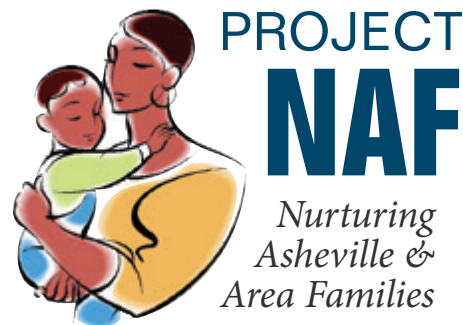
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An acknowledgment letter will be provided for your generous contribution.

Program Accomplishments

Project NAF (Nurturing Asheville & Area Families)

A nationally recognized model working to eliminate disparities in health-



care access, quality, and affordability. Recipient of the NC Perinatal "Baby Booty" Award (2024).

✓ Black babies die at a rate of almost 3x the rate of a white baby before their first birthday. Black/African American pregnant and postpartum women are served during pregnancy and up to the baby's 2nd birthday.

✓ Utilizing a research-based curriculum, 'Partners for a Healthy Baby' is a research-based, evidence-informed curriculum developed by Florida State University (FSU) to support home visitors, expectant parents, and families with young children. All staff are certified in this curriculum.

✓ Through the Project NAF program, MZCD provided critical housing and utility stabilization support, covering past-due rent and utility bills to prevent evictions and utility disconnects for our families. Basic needs provided: Baby Clothing; Car Seats; Baby Pack-N-Play/Layette; Breastfeeding Pumps (in-kind donations).

✓ Celebration of Life event held each fiscal year. Honoring our community partners and families.

✓ Counseling after Hurricane Helene provided by: a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor/Therapist; a Perinatal Psychologist, Birth Trauma Specialist, and Stillbirth Mother; an Organizational Psychologist; and a Family Nurse Practitioner-C with a degree in Psychology.

Project EMPOWER (Education Means Power)

Originally focused on teen pregnancy prevention, now addressing the opioid crisis, substance abuse, and behavioral health across Buncombe, Henderson, and Madison counties.

✓ MZCD's Project NAF program implemented research-based curricula to impact teen pregnancy and diseases.

✓ Approved by the Asheville City School System, curricula were implemented during school hours at Asheville City Schools and the School of Inquiry and Life Sciences at Asheville (SILSA), and after-school hours through the Asheville City Schools Foundation "In Real Life" Program.



✓ These classes were officially articulated into the student's core graduation requirements.

✓ Guest speakers facilitated class-room discussions on topics such as goal setting, dating violence, birth control, reproductive health, and STIs. Students will also be engaged through college tours, cultural and social activities as well as a health fair to address healthy physical choices.

✓ Outreach with community partnerships to impact the opioid crisis.

Elizabeth Grant Hill Campus of Learners (EGHCOL)

A center dedicated to health, technology, and entrepreneurship, helping bridge the digital divide.

✓ Honored as Faith-Based Initiative of the Year by the NC Association of Community Development Corporations.

✓ Acting as a digital lifeline for the community, this center provides critical internet and computer access to help individuals, families, and faith-based organizations reach their objectives.

✓ Plans are to restore this vital program once space is secured.

✓ This center received funding and ongoing support from Dr. John H. Grant's cousins: Calvin Hill, former NFL great, and a business and community leader; Grant Hill (son of Calvin Hill), a professional basketball executive and former player. Grant Hill is also a co-owner of the Atlanta Hawks, part of the National Basketball Association; part-owner of the Orlando City, SC, Major League Soccer team and Orlando Pride, the National Women's Soccer League; co-host of *NBA Inside Stuff*; and an analyst for TNT and NBA TV. And, Tamia Hill, wife of Grant Hill, a Canadian R&B and soul singer-songwriter.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to support and celebrate with us. Your partnership helps us continue transforming lives and building stronger communities. We truly hope to see you there! With gratitude,

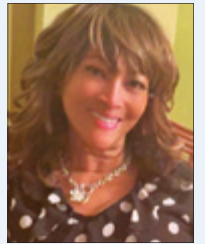
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Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Mount Zion Community Development, Inc.

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Project Empower

Education Means Power – in collaboration with community partners to impact the opioid crisis.

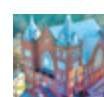


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