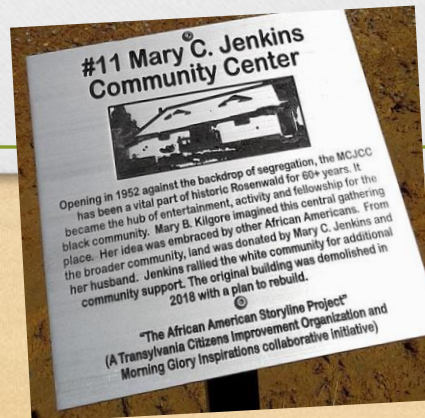




Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center Annual Report 2024

Building Bridges, Empowering Communities



Message from the Director

"2024 has been a transformative year for the Mary C. Jenkins Community and Cultural Center. We have deepened our commitment to fostering unity, celebrating culture, and creating opportunities for growth and learning within our community. Through innovative programs and impactful events, we continue to honor the legacy of Mary C. Jenkins while building a brighter future together".

Tyree Griffin

Director, Mary C. Jenkins Community and Cultural Center





Our Mission

To serve as a hub for community engagement, cultural enrichment, and personal development for all residents of Brevard, NC, and beyond.





2024 Highlights: Programs and Events

Cultural programming,
inter-generational game
nights, holiday celebrations,
& special events



Afterschool
programs &
college
information
sessions



- Fitness classes
- Community health screenings
- Healthcare information sessions
- Substance abuse support groups

 Music lessons



- **MLK Unity Dinner:** Hosted a sold-out evening of reflection, featuring a skit play, open mic, and keynote speakers, drawing over 100 attendees.
- **Kids Week:** During summer break, we engaged over 100 elementary to high school students in arts, sports, STEM activities, and leadership workshops.
- **After-School Program:** Partnered with the Rise & Shine initiative to provide tutoring and enrichment activities for over 30 students.
- **Community Days:** Launched showcasing local artisans, small businesses, and food vendors, supporting over 30 vendors.



Continuing Programs & Events!

- ***Music Class***
- ***Yoga***
- ***Senior Connection***
- ***BINGO***
- ***LEGACY Project.***
- ***Neighbors in Ministry/Rise & Shine***
- ***NAACP***
- ***United But Different***
- ***Moms Mabley Celebration
Birthday/Comedy Show***
- ***MLK Unity Brunch/Dinner***
- ***Juneteenth***
- ***Wisdom Knot/Board Christmas
Celebration***
- ***Community Health Fair***
- ***Poetry Contest***
- ***American Red Cross Blood Drive***
- ***Trunk or Treat***
- ***Heritage Museum Walking Tour***
- ***Green Book Project – Traveling Exhibit***

Key Achievements

- ***Facility Upgrades:***
 - Completed the installation of a new storage shed. Installed a new Washer & Dryer.
- ***Traveling Exhibit:***
 - Green Book Exhibit & Africa to Carolinas
- ***Non-Profit of the Year***
 - Annual Brevard / Transylvania Chamber of Commerce annual gala and awards ceremony.
- ***Community Partnerships:***
 - Strengthened collaborations with local organizations, including schools, faith groups, and nonprofits, to expand service reach.



Looking Ahead to 2025



In the coming year, we aim to:

- Launch a mentorship program pairing youth with professionals in various fields.
- Develop a Spring Break week for children and teens in Transylvania County.
- Increase our attendance to expand program offerings and facility usage.

2025 Educational Initiatives

- Introduced a new financial literacy series for high school students and adults, teaching budgeting, credit management, and entrepreneurship. Expanded adult computer literacy classes to meet growing demand, serving over 150 residents.



Thank you!



JUNETEENTH FAMILY FEST 2024!
SATURDAY JUNE 15TH

Join us for Youth Events & Activities, Live Music, Food Trucks, Vendors, and More!!!

Mary C. Jenkins Community & Cultural Center and Silversteen Memorial Playground
*Start time: 11AM Until

JUNETEENTH FREEDOM DAY

JUNE 16TH
Joint Worship Service with Cookout & Games to follow!
BETHEL CHURCH
GLADE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
NEW FRENCH BROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
Basketball Tournament Hosted by Papa L.E.W.

JUNE 19TH
Movie Screening
JUNE TEENTH
A Celebration of Freedom

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