



2021 YEAR END WRAP-UP

THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR CHAMPION!

Memorial Drive Ministries is so grateful that you are a guardian of **our vision: the end of disconnectedness for refugees and the diverse community of Clarkston.**

As we welcome refugees as our beloved neighbors, we're committed to helping them rebuild a sense of belonging in their new homes. This means access to worship in their heart languages, services that help them adjust to their new environment, and spaces for community building and relationships. That's why **every dollar we receive goes to our mission of fostering diverse Christian worship, innovative social services, and transformative relationships on our campus.**

Over the past year, we've discerned three strategic priorities that will guide our mission as we grow into the future: **Welcoming Space, Community Development, and Critical Conversations.** Our current focus and top strategic priority is Welcoming Space.



MDM's strategic priorities are...

- 1 - Welcoming Space
- 2 - Community Development
- 3 - Critical Conversations

Welcoming Space is our first strategic priority!

Critical Conversations = \$6,000

Examples: technology upgrades, book & literature budget, speaker honorariums, critical travel

Community Development = \$30,000

Examples: Afghan emergency fund, COVID relief, community grants, donation drives, personnel benefits & investments, direct partner support

Welcoming Space = \$327,000

(thanks, Capital Expenditures Fund Givers!)

Roofing, HVAC, & other = \$580,000 (estimated total repair cost),
minus \$253,000 (work already completed, plus funds already raised & pledged)
That means **\$327,000 is still needed** to create Welcoming Space!

Annual Operations = \$300,000 (thanks, Nuts & Bolts Givers!)

Unrestricted multi-year funding



THE NEED

As Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church dissolved as a congregation, Memorial Drive Ministries commissioned an inspection of our campus and began gathering estimates for the work that needs to be done. This report is revealing, unsurprisingly, some **significant deferred maintenance and capital needs: a broken HVAC system** that leaves refugee worshippers hot and uncomfortable in the Georgia heat during Sunday worship is *not the hospitality we want to stand for*; a **leaky roof** that drops water onto the floor during an after-school program for refugee middle schoolers is *not the welcome we want to communicate*.

It's impossible to cultivate belonging and mutual connectivity in facilities that aren't welcoming, so developing and supporting a Welcoming Space is necessary for our mission and for the work of all of our Onsite Partners. Facilities improvements to the physical plant is the area that is most important and most solvable.

THE SOLUTION: WELCOMING SPACE

Central to our mission is our ability to provide Welcoming Space for our Onsite Partners and all those we serve. **Ensuring Welcoming Space is our first strategic priority and our focus for our 2021 end-of-year appeal.**

“I'm a big believer that our space shapes our learning & conveys a *message of welcome & care*. Having a fully-functioning & nice place is a way to say *we care about the people who come here!*”

— An MDM Onsite Partner

HELP US CREATE WELCOMING SPACE

There are two groups who champion our priority of Welcoming Space: **Capital Expenditures Fund Givers** and **Nuts & Bolts Monthly Givers**.

Capital Expenditures Fund Givers

The good news is that MDM has already completed \$130,000 of capital repairs on campus and we have another \$123,000 set aside in restricted funds or pledges, which will help us accomplish our priority of providing Welcoming Space. But even with the work that has been done and the additional funds we have secured, **we anticipate another \$330,000 worth of work** that remains necessary. **By making a gift to our Capital Expenditures Fund, you're a crucial part in ensuring that we can offer a Welcoming Space for refugees, our Onsite Partners, and our community.**

Nuts & Bolts Monthly Givers

Another way you can invest in Welcoming Space is through recurring giving, to help cover the "Nuts & Bolts" costs of doing business. These expenses illustrate some of the operational costs that MDM shoulders for the benefit of all who call our campus *home*. **By becoming a recurring donor, you're vital in supporting our diverse neighbors by hosting the worship, relationships, and service that happen on our campus.**

Nuts & Bolts Expenses

- **\$20/month** would pay for Cell Phone Stipends, to keep employees well-connected during an ongoing pandemic!
- **\$25/month** would pay for Kitchen & Grease Trap Maintenance, to support Just Bakery's delicious baking!
- **\$30/month** would pay for On-campus Recycling Service, to save the earth!
- **\$50/month** would pay for Postage, to send all our mail and to keep in touch!
- **\$100/month** would pay for Supplies — from hand soap to tools to binder clips — to keep us well-stocked!
- **\$150/month** would pay for Continuing Education for MDM Staff, to ensure expertise and further growth!
- **\$250/month** would pay for Internet Campus-Wide, to Zoom and record at high speeds!
- **\$500/month** would pay for Grounds Care, to keep our premises inviting and welcoming!

We love collaborating with individuals, businesses, and organizations, and *contributions of ALL sizes make such a positive impact on our community!*

Questions? Contact us today, and let's connect!
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“Bringing partners together around a table which allows us to see the bigger picture, to network with one another, & to share resources... Without MDM, that doesn't happen.”
— An MDM Onsite Partner





THANK YOU FOR MAKING A
DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Become a Capital Expenditures Fund Giver

Mail a one-time donation:

Send your check (payable to
Memorial Drive Ministries) to:

Memorial Drive Ministries
5140 Memorial Drive
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Donate online:

Visit our website at
mdmatl.org and click
“Give Now!” (on the right
side). When you check out,
please indicate in a note
that your gift is for
“Capital Expenditures.”

Become a Nuts &
Bolts Monthly Giver

To become a recurring giver,
you can visit our website at **mdmatl.org**. Click “Give Now!”
(on the right side); for the “Donation Frequency” option,
please mark your donation as “Monthly” — or whichever
recurring frequency you prefer!

“ I hope that MDM will become the place that
the churches in the Presbytery & beyond
come together to invest their time, talent, & treasure
in refugee & community ministry in Clarkston.”

– An MDM Board Member

Use the enclosed
donation card!

Whether you prefer to make
a **one-time donation** to our
Capital Expenditures Fund,
or to set up a **recurring gift**,
you can complete the
donation card provided.
Mail it back to Memorial
Drive Ministries in the
pre-stamped envelope
provided, and we will
process your gift for you!
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to be processed in 2021,
please make sure you've
dropped it in the mail by
December 7th at the latest.*



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