

MSK COMMUNITY CENTER

<https://www.mskcommunitycenter.org>





INTRODUCTION

On Monday, January 16, 2022, the ribbon was cut and the MSK Community Center officially opened its doors, becoming the only safe, accessible community space for residents in the neighborhood. Located in an economically disadvantaged area, the MSK Community Center has quickly become a beacon of hope and activity—recognizable by its bright pink doors.

Our mission is to address the most pressing needs of our community, including food insecurity, poverty, and education around mental, physical, and emotional health,

Key Impact Metrics

Total Members since 2022	Community Partners	Volunteer Participation	Programs Implemented
840	30+	25+	22 (and counting)

FLAGSHIP PROGRAMS

**I Am My Sister's Keeper
Mentoring Program**

**MSK Dream Chasers Basketball
Skills Training**

**Potter Anderson Literacy
Lounge**

Virtual Reality Hub

Nemours Hygiene Hub

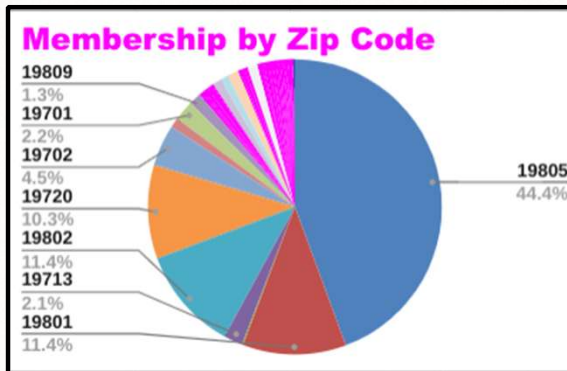
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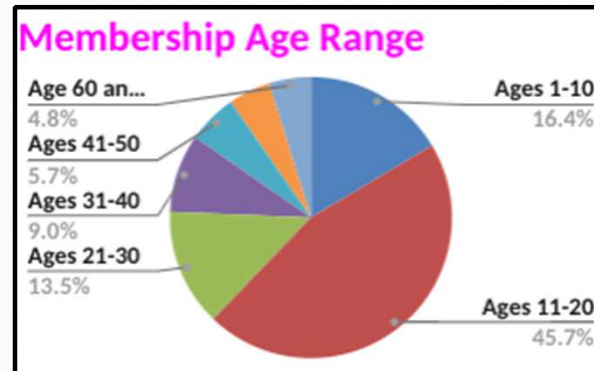
Flag Football



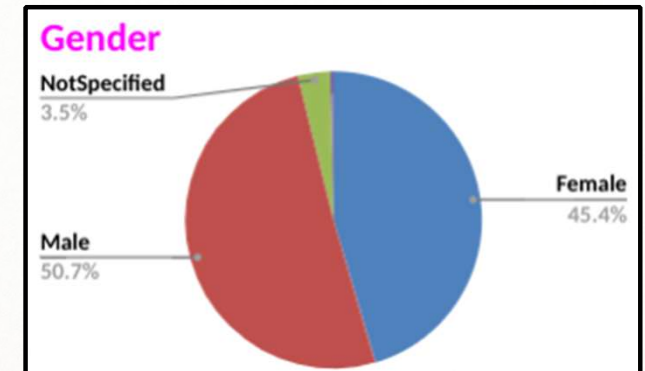
Membership Metrics



The largest portion of our membership comes from 19805, which is also the ZIP code where we are physically located.



While the majority of our members are between the ages of 1–20, we are steadily expanding our programming to better serve adults and seniors.



We have a balanced gender distribution among our members.

IMPACT BY GOAL

- Dream Chasers Basketball Clinic
- Flag Football
- Virtual Reality Hub
- Potter Anderson Literacy Lounge - Meet and Reads
- MSK Community Center Edge Summer Camp
- One Step at a Time After school Program
- Teach 21 Financial Literacy
- Aunt Vonda's Cooking Classes
- Creative Art Classes
- Lewis Elementary School Next Generation program
- Delaware Affordable Connectivity Program
- Cosmetology Classes - Hair, lashes, makeup
- Heat Press Entrepreneur Classes - t-shirt design and marketing.

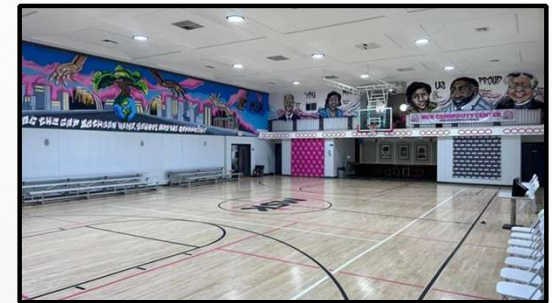
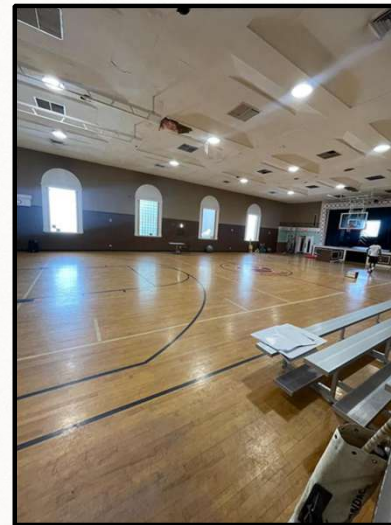
Goal 1: Provide valuable programming to the Community

- I Am My Sister's Keeper Mentoring program.
- Drone Academy
- Cardio Soul Line Dancing Classes
- Cardio Drumming Classes
- Zumba Classes
- Self Defense and Kickboxing Classes
- Meditation and Wellness classes
- Pickleball classes and courts
- Basketball tournaments
- Chess Club
- Easterseals Thursday
- Senior Days
- Cooking Classes in Cooperation with University Of Delaware

IMPACT BY GOAL

- Mold remediation and sanitation
- Removal of rotting rugs and damaged materials
- Repainting interior spaces
- Upgraded lighting systems
- Installation of security cameras
- Full bathroom remodels
- Additional seating areas
- Flooring replacement and upgrades
- Renovated Kitchen
- Participation in Wilmington Parks and Rec Safe Haven Program providing extended hours and unique programming.

Goal 2: Provide a safe, clean space for the Community

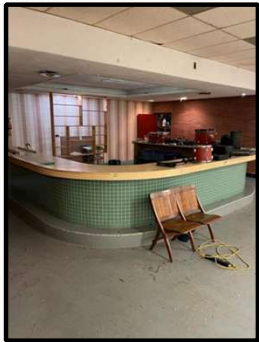


**Sherry Dorsey Walker
Dream Chasers
Gymnasium**

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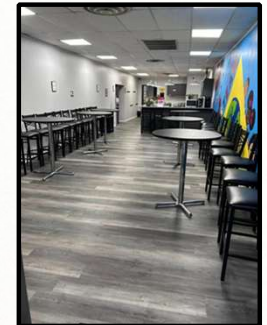
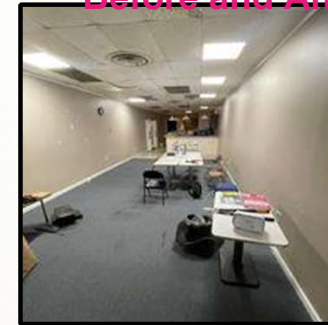
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Before and After



Horseshoe bar in Banquet
Hall

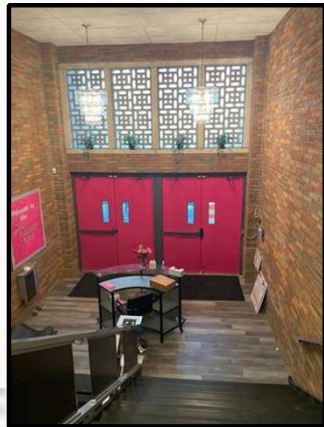
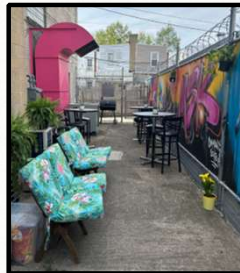
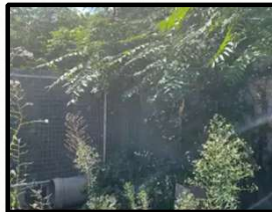
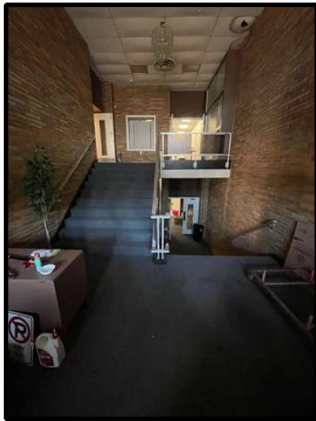
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Yolanda McCoy Next
Generation

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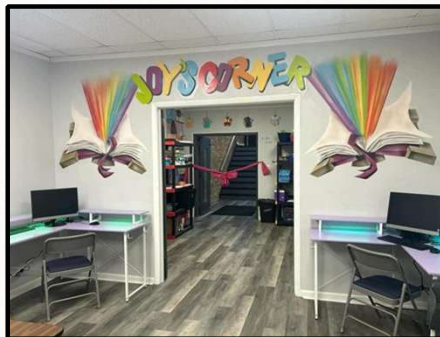
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Richmond-
Kirkpatrick
Atrium
Reception
Area



Potter Anderson
Literacy Lounge

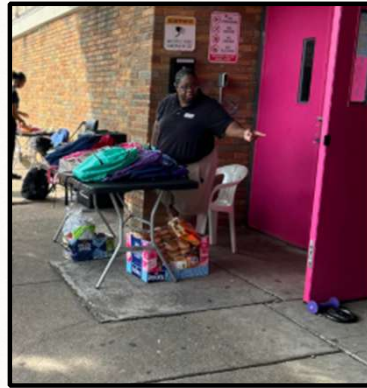


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IMPACT BY GOAL



Goal 3: Provide valuable resources to the Community

- Nemours Hygiene Hub
- Host Wilmington Police Department Resource fairs yearly.
- Breast Cancer Awareness programs.
- Back to School Book Bag Give Away
- Provide Free Covid tests
- Participated in Delaware's Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)
- Participate in Wilmington Parks and Rec Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
- Public Notary
- Venue Rentals

IMPACT BY GOAL

- Provide Wifi for free within a two block radius of the Center
- Annual Holiday Extravaganza
- Monthly Family Nights
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Host Hedgeville Community Civic Association Monthly meetings
- Host Site for Youth & Career Development - Workforce Summer Program
- Urban Gardening Program
- Internet Cafe with Free Printing
- MLK Day of Service
- Cops and Kids Sneaker Ball
- Free Financial Literacy Classes
- Partnership with Wilmington Parks and Recreation to launch Youth Entrepreneurship Business program
- Winter Coat drive

Goal 4: Give Back to the Community



Community Partners

Community centers thrive when they build strong partnerships with local organizations, businesses, and institutions. These partnerships enhance the center's capacity to offer diverse programs, expand resources, and reach broader segments of the population. Community partners can provide funding, expertise, volunteers, and in-kind support that help sustain and grow vital services. More importantly, collaboration ensures that programs are culturally relevant, community-driven, and aligned with local needs—creating a stronger, more resilient community for all.



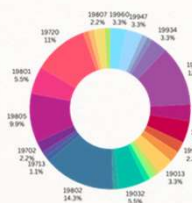
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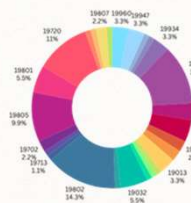
I Am My Sister's Keeper Mentoring Program (IAMMSK)

I Am My Sister's Keeper is a growing girls' mentoring initiative with four active chapters—three in Delaware and one in Chester, Pennsylvania. The program is designed to support girls and young women through every stage of personal development.

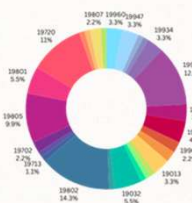
Zip Codes



School Districts



Age



Potter Anderson Literacy Lounge

Sponsored by Potter Anderson Law Firm and home to the Wednesday Meet and Reads, the Potter Anderson Literacy Lounge is dedicated to promoting literacy at all levels. The lounge provides a welcoming space where readers of all ages can engage with books and interactive activities. Visitors also have access to literacy-based games and learning tools on three



The Potter Anderson Literacy Lounge has played a vital role in supporting the local literary community by hosting book launches for over 20 local authors.



Since its opening, the Nemours Hygiene Hub has distributed thousands of hygiene products to over 500 community members, thanks to generous in-kind and monetary donations. Serving individuals primarily from the 19801 to 19805 zip codes, the Hub reaches a diverse population ranging in age from infants to seniors (0–90 years old). Of those served, approximately 60% are women and 40% are men.

Nemours Hygiene Hub

Established in partnership with Nemours Children's Health at the MSK Community Center, the MSK CC proudly provides essential hygiene products, free of charge, to support the well-being of our community.

MSK Dream Chasers Basketball Skills Training

Dream Chasers also offers a basketball program open to all genders and skill levels, focusing on skill

development, teamwork, and confidence both on and off the court. The Dream Chasers Basketball Clinic engages an average of 40 to 50 young community members per session. The program is open to all, it currently sees higher participation from boys than girls, highlighting both its popularity and the opportunity to further encourage young female athletes to get involved.

One Step at a Time After School Program

One Step at a Time is a Delaware-based nonprofit organization that provides an after-school program specifically designed to support displaced and housing-insecure youth with tutoring and mentoring services. One Step at a Time serves approximately 10 to 25 students, ages 6 to 12, who are currently experiencing housing instability. The gender distribution is evenly split, with 70% girls and 30% boys.



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Lewis Elementary Next Generation

I Am My Sister's Keeper ran its Next Generation Mentoring Group at Lewis Dual Language Elementary School, offering mentoring and a STEAM-based curriculum to support the personal and academic development of young girls.

In cooperation with William C. Lewis Dual Language Elementary School, I Am My Sister's Keeper successfully engaged 30 girls, ages 5 to 10, in a STEAM-centered after-school program.

Teach 21 Financial Literacy

Teach 21 Financial Literacy is a Delaware-based nonprofit organization that offers financial literacy classes to youth, equipping them with essential money management skills for lifelong success.

Teach 21 Enrichment, Inc. provided financial literacy programming to approximately 20 participants through an after-school program based at the MSK Community Center.



Urban Gardening in the Richmond-Kirkpatrick Atrium

Urban gardening plays a vital role in promoting food security, environmental sustainability, and community well-being in densely populated areas. It provides access to fresh, healthy produce in communities that may lack full-service grocery stores, often referred to as food deserts. In addition to improving nutrition, urban gardens foster community engagement, provide educational opportunities, reduce carbon footprints, and beautify neighborhoods.

A relatively new initiative, the MSK Community Center Gardens will provide fresh vegetables, lettuce, and herbs to help supplement the Center's existing food programs.

Flag Football

Our co-ed youth flag football program offers a fun, inclusive environment where participants of all skill levels can develop athletic abilities, learn teamwork, and build confidence through organized, non-contact play.

Approximately 25 community members participate on the MSK Community Center Flag Football Team, which competes as part of an organized league.



Meta Quest 3

Virtual Reality Hub

Participants at the MSK Community Center have the opportunity to check out a Meta Quest 3 headset and engage with virtual reality job skills programs. These immersive experiences provide hands-on training in areas such as interview preparation, workplace communication, and technical skills—bridging the digital divide and equipping community members with tools for career readiness in a modern workforce.

Participants are able to check out 1 of 20 available Meta Quest headsets.

FLAGSHIP PROGRAMS

MSK EDGE Summer Camp

The 2025 MSK EDGE Summer Camp served 30 campers over a 7-week program, providing an engaging, educational, and nurturing environment. Campers attended from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with many staying for extended-day activities. The cost to families was \$75 per week, with all participants receiving breakfast, a snack, and lunch daily.

Program Highlights

- **STEAM Projects:** Hands-on experiments and innovation challenges encouraged problem-solving and critical thinking.
- **Field Trips:** Weekly excursions included local splash pads, parks, and a special trip to Killens Pond Water Park.
- **Movie Fridays:** Campers enjoyed themed movie experiences to end each week with fun and reflection.
- **Sports & Recreation:** Organized activities included soccer, volleyball, pickleball, and basketball, promoting fitness and teamwork.
- **Cooking with Aunt Vonda:** Weekly cooking classes introduced campers to culinary basics, nutrition, and creativity in the kitchen.
- **Arts & Crafts:** Opportunities for self-expression through visual arts and creative projects.
- **Team Building & Emotional Intelligence:** Lessons and group exercises built empathy, cooperation, and self-awareness.
- **Virtual Reality Experiences:** Exposure to emerging technologies through interactive VR sessions.
- **Christmas in July Celebration:** A camp-wide festive event featuring holiday-themed games, crafts, and treats that encouraged generosity, joy, and community spirit.
- **Special Feature: Aviation Week**
- The camp culminated in a dynamic Aviation Week, led by Black Women in Aviation introducing campers to careers in aerospace and aviation. The week concluded with a field trip to the Wilmington Airport, offering behind-the-scenes access and real-world insights into aviation professions.

FLAGSHIP PROGRAMS

Impact

The MSK EDGE Summer Camp created a supportive space where campers gained confidence, built friendships, and explored new interests. The combination of educational enrichment, cultural celebration, and recreational fun contributed to holistic youth development—inspiring curiosity, creativity, and leadership among all participants.

Testimonials

“C” had a great time at camp. We will definitely be back next year. It brought such ease to me as a parent knowing she was safe, cared for, was learning and having fun. Not sure what else you can ask for”

“This summer camp was great due to the location and the affordable price. My daughter enjoyed the program and being able to stay after hours interacting with all kids. I am hoping this program comes back next summer. “

“I am glad that my child attended your camp. This was our first experience with doing summer camp. She really enjoyed became comfortable at your location. We will definitely return next summer if the opportunity is available.”





LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

The MSK Community Center fills a critical void, providing trusted, safe, and enriching programs for all ages. As we enter a strategic planning phase focused on long-term sustainability, our priority remains clear: continue to meet the current needs while building capacity for future growth.

We are calling on our long-term supporters and elected officials to help us secure the resources needed to:

- Purchase the building
- Maintain existing services
- Expand programming
- Strengthen organizational infrastructure

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