2020 Vital Statistics

Childcare ministry, 37 Place
• More than 112 families were served this year
• 24 children were enrolled in On-My-Way Pre-K
• 13 childcare families were enrolled in and received wraparound supportive services through the MBEZ
• ECE launched a successful eLearning program during the pandemic.
• 98% of children enrolled are kindergarten ready by the time they transition to school.
• 3 staff members gained or renewed their Child Development Associate Credential
• Transportation partnerships were established in an effort to ensure children could attend school regularly.
• 2 staff members received scholarships to further their education in the field of Youth & Child
• 100% of staff are currently meeting the educational requirements set forth by Paths to Quality (PTQ)
• 100% of staff earned or renewed their pediatric first aid and CPR certification.
• EMCC Childcare maintains good standing with all governing bodies i.e. FSSA, Paths to Quality, CCDF and VCP.
• 24 children matriculated to kindergarten
• Due to the pandemic, we offered drive-through healthy-food and learning-resource pick up. A total of 132 families were served through this initiative.

Martindale Brightwood Education Zone
• 204 families received supportive services
• 104 parents/caregivers increased their participation in their child(ren)’s learning activities
• 153 families avoided a disruptive move during the school year
• 116 families report enhanced awareness of community activities

Community Services
• 2,942 residents were provided with food resources
• 6,236 food access services provided
• On October 14, our Food Pantry set a single-day record of 235 individuals
• 5,072 received barrier-removal intervention support
  ° Coordinated Rent Assistance 1755 times for a total of $3,764,033.62
  ° Coordinated Utility Assistance 321 times for a total of $161,225.68
• In all, Social Services rendered services 10,117 times.

Holiday
As they have for the past four years, Indianapolis Colts players went above and beyond to help us at Thanksgiving. On Monday, November 23, Linebacker Zaire Franklin and Cornerback Kenny Moore II came to our Leadership & Legacy Campus at 2259 Ralston Avenue, and handed out everything needed for a full, family-size, holiday meal. 85 families were served in a drive-through distribution.

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, our traditional meal was also converted to a drive-through event. Hundreds of hot prepared Thanksgiving meals were passed to waiting vehicles. Plus, we delivered many more to our seniors. Thanks go out to First Baptist Church of Indianapolis, who provided, cooked, and served the food. Thanks also to the members of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority who volunteer at Thanksgiving every year.

Fundraisers
Every 2020 fundraiser but one was canceled due to the pandemic. The second-annual Goelzer Investment Management MONOPOLY Tournament was held on November 7 and raised nearly seven-thousand COVID compliant dollars.

28 players competed at this, the richest Monopoly Tournament in the Midwest. Mike Morgan took first place, but donated the $500 prize back to EMCC.
In 2020, Edna Martin Christian Center was able to pursue and secure the additional funding necessary to complete our second and final round of renovation and new construction on the Leadership & Legacy campus. Phase 2 construction began in November, 2020, and is set to be completed in May, 2021. With a total budget of $3.5 million, Phase 2 will bring some exciting new enhancements and expanded capacity to the campus, benefiting both EMCC program participants and the broader Martindale-Brightwood community.

Plans include a mixture of renovation and new construction culminating in a permanent home for EMCC’s Community Solutions and Entrepreneurship Center, which serves both youth and adult entrepreneurs, whether brand new or experienced. This space will also be available to community planning and brainstorming events and groups. The campus project includes additional enhancements to the facility, including an expanded, full-service kitchen, storage area for commodities, new entrances/vestibules, building signage, and additional interior storage and meeting spaces.

On the campus property, this capital project will install farm irrigation, a permanent farm stand and wash/pack station, a hoop house for three-season growing, and a 27,000 sq. ft. sports playscape, offering two full basketball courts, volleyball/pickleball court, GaGa ball pit, and four-square court.

Large gifts to the campaign include:
- $800,000 — Office of Community Services
- $600,000 — Community Development Block Grants
- $471,000 — Community Development Block Grants
- $1 million — United Way Capital Projects Fund
- $600,000 — (in two gifts) Ruth Lilly Philanthropic Foundation
- $10,000 — Dexter & Rosemary Cooley
- $50,000 — Gannett Foundation (for the CSEC)