

A Message from the Board Chair

As President of the Board of Directors for The Martin Luther King Sr. Community Resources Collaborative, I am thankful to see the works of our collaborative bear real fruit that has not only nourished our community members, but also strengthened our communities from within. And, as Senior Pastor of Ebenezer Baptist, America's Freedom Church, I am deeply moved to see that, when we connect spiritual growth with social activism, faith truly can move mountains.

Over the past year, we have opened many new doors, created many new partnerships, and continued to build upon a solid and lasting foundation for our efforts. We are fulfilling the promise of faith-based community leadership working in close partnership with nonprofit social service organizations, government, and other entities to empower community members and to increase access to services and resources for all.

Together, we are improving quality of life, serving the poor and vulnerable, and giving our communities the tools to thrive. From daily challenges to long-term needs, we are committed to helping individuals and families transform their lives.

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President, Board of Directors

A Message from the Executive Director

It's been another year of incredible progress at The Martin Luther King Sr. Community Resources Collaborative. I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the board, our members, and our participants. What a great honor it has been to shepherd this work for the past three years. I am thankful that, through God's grace, we have been able to grow tremendously and support more individuals and families across Atlanta.

Over time, our diligence, and our constant stewardship—listening to program participants and working to respond to their needs—has yielded a strong and upward organization that makes a real difference in people's lives every single day. Collaboration and community partnership have been the keys to our astonishing success.

From opening our doors in 2012, adding new strategic partnerships each year, to receiving our first competitive grant via United Way of Greater Atlanta for the volunteer income tax assistance program in 2015, and to winning a request for proposal (RFP) to train nearly 4,000 housing choice voucher participants in 2017, we have achieved so much in such a short amount of time.

And yet, our journey has just begun. We have much work ahead of us. But together, we will rise to the challenge, and bring more education, more support, and more self-sufficiency to our communities and their members across Atlanta.

What an amazing time to be a part of our organization!



Detria Russell
Executive Director





WHO WE ARE

A vision of the Ebenezer Baptist Church Board of Trustees, the Martin Luther King Sr. Community Resources Collaborative (Collaborative) helps families build better lives by providing comprehensive and integrated social support resources at a single location, with the goal of guiding families to self-sufficiency. We combine multiple services provided by our partners and organize around a personalized plan to maximize client opportunities for success. By doing so the Collaborative has launched an innovative social service delivery model that can be duplicated across the country.

“Our goal is to be different from the traditional work of disjointed social support services provided to families. Each day we seek to create an evidenced-based model of best practices that can be scaled and transported to any community.”

—Executive Director **Detria Russell**

“The Martin Luther King Resource Collaborative Center has been very supportive to my family since day one. After they learned what goals we wanted to achieve, they pointed us in (the) directions to get things done. ...Resources were provided and our priorities were listed. We would refer anyone that may need the smallest to the largest assistance to come here and allow them to help as much as possible.”

- M. Cross

Using this social service delivery model, the Collaborative actively taps into the resources of governmental agencies and social service, business, and educational institutions on behalf of clients. Our five targeted areas are family and children services, educational achievement, workforce readiness, housing education and family economic success. Our partners work in concert with us to help clients achieve success in these targeted areas.

Through this system, we have managed to create a consistent return on investment for the community and garnered the trust of our partners while helping our clients advance toward their goals. By re-imagining the non-profit space, we are giving families the skills needed to improve their quality of life, achieve true self sufficiency and transcend poverty.

WHAT WE DO



The Martin Luther King Sr. Community Resources Collaborative offers help in *five (5) targeted areas* that impact the ability of families to thrive.

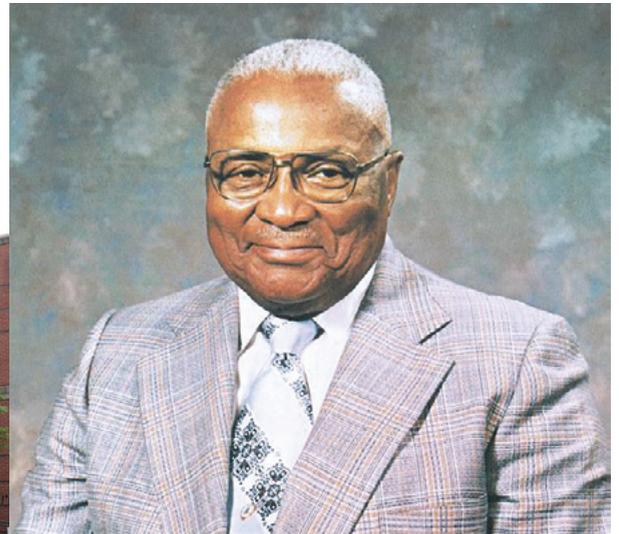


HONORING THE LEGACY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING SR.

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr. was inspired as a young man to become a Baptist preacher by ministers he met who stood against racial injustice. In his more than 40 years of service at Ebenezer Baptist Church, he himself became an inspiration to the many preachers and activists who followed his example as an advocate for civil rights and social justice, including his son, Martin Luther King, Jr. Not only a powerful minister of the gospel, Rev. King, Sr. was a force for positive change. He became head of the Atlanta NAACP and the Civic and Political League. He supported the growth of an educated and politically-active black ministry and helped end Jim Crow laws in Georgia.

“His life is a powerful reminder of the commitment necessary to build hope and self- sufficiency for families in our communities. It is why the Collaborative is named in his honor.”

—Rev. Raphael G. Warnock, Ph.D.



CHILD & FAMILY
SUPPORT SERVICES



EDUCATIONAL
ACHIEVEMENT



EMPLOYMENT/
WORKFORCE READINESS



HOUSING
EDUCATION SERVICES



FAMILY
ECONOMIC SUCCESS

PARTNERS



Ebenezer Baptist Church

America's Freedom Church, Ebenezer is a founding partner of the Collaborative and provides leadership, support, and guidance for our efforts.



Casey Family Programs

These experts work together with child welfare systems, courts, policymakers, and others to help improve practices and policies that impact the needs of children in foster care, their families and their communities.



Operation HOPE

This leading global provider of financial literacy education helps Collaborative clients achieve economic stability through training in the areas of personal financial education, home ownership training, and credit/money management.



Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS)

DFCS has a caseworker at the Collaborative weekly to help clients needing social services, including food stamps, Medicaid, TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) and DECAL (Department for Early Child Care and Learning). The caseworker's primary role at the Collaborative is to educate clients about services and the application process and to assist them in navigating DFCS programs and services.



WorkSource Atlanta (WSA)

WSA staff are onsite daily to help Collaborative clients with training and educational support designed to help them achieve a livable wage and ultimately long-term career success. This partnership is made possible through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), a federally-funded law that requires employment and training centers throughout Georgia to help unemployed workers.

In addition to these primary partners, the Collaborative also works with an ever-expanding network of agencies and organizations that support our clients with services in such areas as **life skills coaching, GED preparation and testing, clothing, workforce readiness, training and placement services, housing assistance referrals, homebuyer education, food pantry referrals, MARTA card referrals, and much more.**

ANNUAL PROGRAMS

United Way of Greater Atlanta Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program

This tax program provides IRS-certified tax preparers to assist qualified clients with preparing their tax returns. This service prevents families from being preyed upon by unethical tax preparers. VITA also educates clients about the various tax credits, determines their eligibility for the federal and State of Georgia Earned Income Tax Credit, and ensures clients fully understand their tax situations.

2017 PROGRAMS

“Back to School” Event for Hope-Hill Elementary School

This Collaborative-sponsored event provided free backpacks and school supplies for children at our partner school, Hope-Hill Elementary. The fun-filled day also included a community services fair with free food, entertainment and valuable information and gifts from our community partners for students and parents. The goal was to ensure students began the school year ready to learn and families had supportive services that enhance overall family success.

Partners Achieving Parental Success—A STEM & Digital Literacy Program

The Collaborative won a grant for Hope-Hill Elementary School from the Fulton County Agency on Youth and Aging to provide digital literacy training to the third grade students, including free laptops with educational software. In addition, parents received classes in healthy cooking, job preparation, communications, conflict management and financial literacy.

The Records Restriction Summit

The Collaborative hosted the first ever Fulton County Record Restriction event to educate the community on Georgia laws regarding criminal record restriction/expungement. The goal was to educate Georgia residents about not so well-known laws that can help individuals get eligible arrest records cleared.



“Fortunately, I will be able to obtain adequate employment within the next few months. Obtaining employment will transition me out of transitional housing, back into stable housing, as I overcome a homeless situation from two years ago.”

- L. Coarde





2017 PROGRAMS

Urban League of Greater Atlanta Digital Literacy Training Series

Digital literacy is crucial in today's society. To address the matter, the Urban League of Greater Atlanta partnered with the Collaborative to provide free digital training classes by business leaders at our cyber café. The classes helped participants develop the tools they need to compete in today's job market.

Fulton County Community Services Program (CSP)

Fulton County provides CSP funds in support of ongoing work of Partners Achieving Community Success (PACS), which meets the county's service categories for initiatives aimed at helping county residents achieve self-sufficiency. The Collaborative was awarded funds in the CSP's Economic Stability/Poverty service category. With the funds, the Collaborative provided families with emergency financial assistance, workforce readiness training, introductory computer classes, assistance with transportation needs and other supportive services.

AmeriCorps VISTA Program

Through a series of AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) grants, three AmeriCorps workers now help the Collaborative with its current programs and services, while working to create new programs and services as well. These first three VISTA positions—a marketing and community outreach coordinator, a grant writer and fundraiser, and a Board development and policy creation coordinator—served from 2017 to 2018. The Collaborative was recently awarded renewal of these VISTA positions for 2018 through 2019.

"I was working temporary jobs when I first moved to Atlanta. When I came to the Collaborative for assistance, they helped me find a school for my son, get a MARTA card and other services like food stamps to see me through until I could get a full-time job."

- J. Bruton



AWARDS

Atlanta Public Schools, Grady High School Cluster

Atlanta Public Schools honored the Collaborative and Executive Director Detria Russell with the Community Partner of the Year Award for outstanding service to the community for the Grady High School Cluster.

A LOOK AT OUR NUMBERS

Our Impact in the Community Target Areas

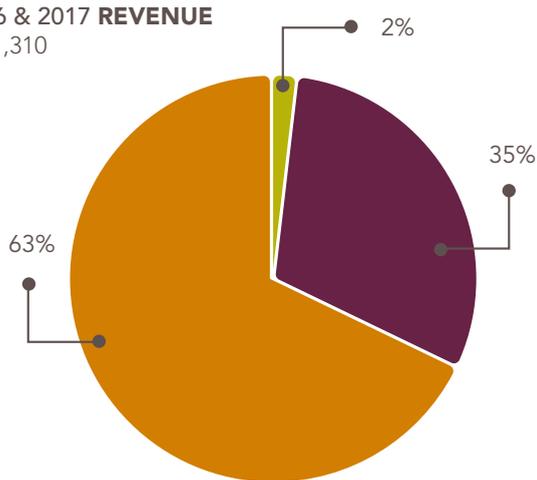


NUMBER OF PEOPLE SERVED



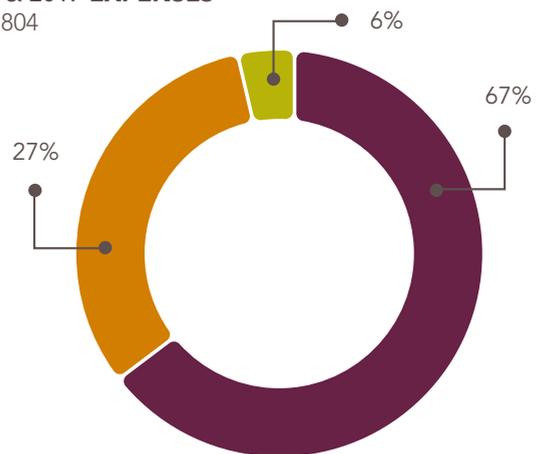
OUR FINANCIALS

2016 & 2017 **REVENUE**
\$681,310



CONTRIBUTIONS GRANTS OTHER INCOME

2016 & 2017 **EXPENSES**
\$638,804



PROGRAM SERVICES MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL FUNDRAISING

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