

30TH ANNIVERSARY
Mercy
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Project

ANNUAL REPORT
2020-2021



“ We must strive to do ordinary things extraordinarily well. ”

Catherine McAuley, RSM



Yvette and Mark

Mercy Education Project founder, Sr. Mary Canice Johnson, R.S.M., Ph.D.

November 1, 1933 – May 12, 2015



In 1992 **Sister Canice Johnson** along with a group of Sisters of Mercy, decided together that a strong educational assistance program for women and girls was needed in the city of Detroit. The initial goal was to break the cycle of illiteracy and lack of education particularly prevalent in southwest Detroit. Mercy Education Project was born. Sister Canice was appointed MEP's first executive director.

Earning degrees in English and a Ph.D. in Linguistics and teaching at both Mercy High School and Mercy College of Detroit, Sister Canice understood the importance of being educated. No issue was closer to her heart than the plight of children and adults in Detroit who lacked the ability to read. Former MEP Executive Director, Amy Amador called Sister Canice, "A trailblazer who took the vision the sisters had for creating MEP and made it a reality."

A phrase commonly thrown about in education is **meet them where they are**. MEP Womens' Program Teacher, Mark Weisenthal took this adage to a whole new level during Covid.

Mark first met and started tutoring Yvette in Math at Sienna Literacy Tutoring Center in 2016. At that time, Yvette struggled with simple division. **Mark met Yvette where she was** mathematically by introducing an ordinary dot-method which slowly helped Yvette conquer division. That was just the beginning of their relationship. After some time away from MEP, Yvette returned in 2017 and soon started encouraging Mark to become a tutor at MEP.

Mark eventually took Yvette's advice and started tutoring in October 2019 and quickly became a GED Math teacher at MEP in January 2020. When Covid hit in March 2020, once again, **Mark met Yvette where she was**, this time literally. Mark started going to Yvette's home, met her husband, and continued tutoring Yvette for up to two hours per day, three days a week – FOR NINE MONTHS! All this time Mark was encouraging Yvette to keep practicing and to take the GED Math Test – "Keep at it, keep at it, you will pass." In December 2020, Yvette took the test, and not only passed but earned the highest score ever by an MEP student!

Mark is a skilled Math teacher and tutor, yet so much more. Because **Mark met Yvette where she was**, he built a bond of trust and care. Together they built a relationship grounded in perseverance. When asked about Mark, Yvette said, "He'll stay with the problem until you get it – he wants you to get to where you want to be – he puts confidence and encouragement within you." Reflecting on his four-plus year experience with Yvette, Mark realized, "Because of her, I will never give up on anybody."

As a high school student, Yvette passed all her subjects, but Math. Her mother died when Yvette was 15. She dropped out of school to take care of her sisters. Although she struggled through years of addiction and recovery, Yvette always wanted to be a nurse. She is currently working in home healthcare and once she gets her GED she plans on getting a nursing degree.

As the new Executive Director of MEP, I have learned that our students, teachers, tutors, and staff often take what is commonly viewed as ordinary to a whole new level. As the world continues to struggle through the challenges of Covid, MEP is **meeting the women and girls we serve where they are** to educate, encourage and empower them to become who they are—**extraordinary people!**

Because of your generous support over the past two years, we were not only able to keep MEP's doors open virtually during lockdown but were able to open our doors to live instruction this fall. The girls and women we serve need all of us now more than ever. Thank you for partnering with MEP as we look forward to our 30th year of being that difference in the lives we help transform.

With Gratitude,

Mark Mals

Executive Director



The Covid Pivot. A New MEP.

In March 2020 the entire world changed overnight due to the Covid pandemic. In order to continue to serve, Mercy Education Project immediately transformed into an online learning facility.

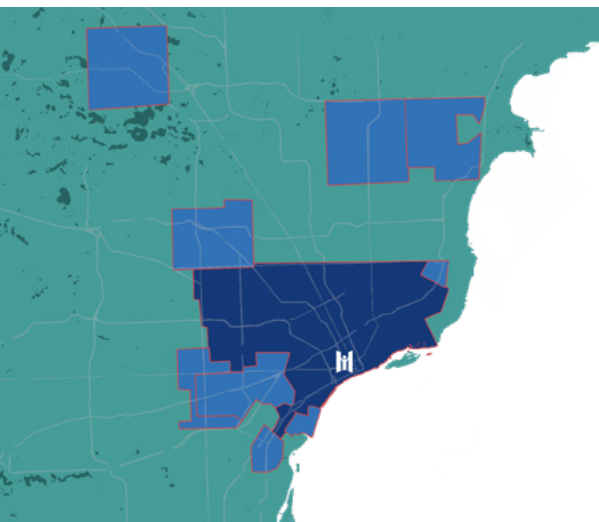
Our educational staff became the frontline workers and resource providers to our families, calling in weekly to make sure they were receiving the information and support they needed to endure the pandemic.

All MEP instructors and tutors became online school teachers and counselors, making sure our students had access to education and someone to talk to during a difficult time. As a community, MEP did what was necessary to continue our mission.

The Women's Program

In response to Covid, MEP Women's Program became a State of Michigan certified learning facility. Instead of entering our Howard St. classrooms, MEP brought the classroom to their living rooms. By utilizing and investing in several computer software programs and mobile apps, MEP was successful in transforming into an online Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language, and GED Prep school for women 18 years and older.

This model relieved the barriers of childcare and transportation for our women. Not only was this new model a huge success, but it also allowed MEP to expand our reach to women living outside of Detroit proper. MEP Women's Program is currently serving women in Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland counties.

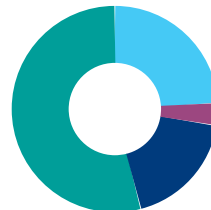


96% of incoming Women's Program students perform at a 1st-8th grade reading level

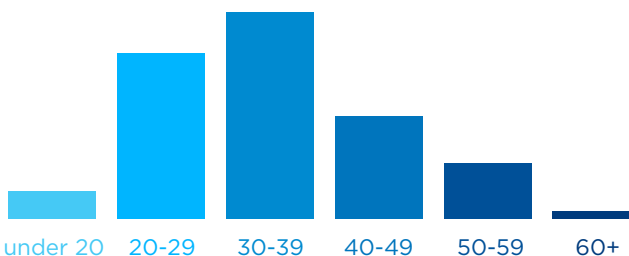
2020-2021 Placement Testing Adult Basic Education

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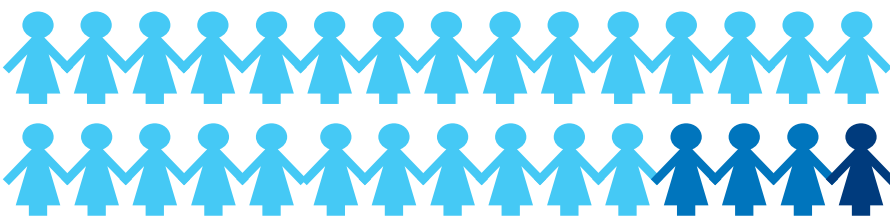
Black/African American 57%
Latina 23%
Middle Eastern 17%
White 3%



AGES SERVED



INCOME LEVELS Reference Sample: Income Family of 4



88% Extremely Low Income \$0-26,200 **10%** Low Income \$26,201-39,250 **3%** Low-Mid Income \$39,251-62,800

COMMUNITIES SERVED

71% Detroit Residents

29% Non-Detroit

Clinton Twp.
 Dearborn
 Dearborn Heights
 Harper Woods
 Lincoln Park

River Rouge
 Sterling Heights
 Southfield
 Waterford

Women's Program

Meet Soledad

When Soledad was in ninth grade, she moved to the United States. In order to help support her family in a new country, she set aside her love of school and learning, dropping out in her freshman year of high school.

In January 2020, Soledad set the goal of completing her GED, and entered MEP's Women's Program.

"I've always loved school, especially math. I was excited to find MEP because it was all women. Everyone is so great and gets you going. I feel so comfortable here."

Soledad's love of learning and her mathematic skills shone brightly, and in her first five weeks, she passed all of her Math tests and the GED Math Exam. Shortly after that, in March 2020, MEP turned to online learning. Soledad was not deterred, pandemic or not, she was determined to complete her GED!

After a full day spent being the matriarch of her family, working part-time, and homeschooling her two children, Soledad would log into MEP's Online GED Academy and work on her lessons and notes from her teachers until 1:00 a.m. before waking up to do it all over again.

Just over a year after entering the program, in 2021 Soledad completed her GED! She is currently working with MEP's new life coach, Dr. Orletta Caldwell to help set new goals and discover her next steps. In the beginning, Soledad showed a passion for the beauty and cosmetical field. Through her part-time job at a real estate firm, she has re-discovered her passions, especially when it comes to crunching numbers.

"I like the office setting and I LOVE working with numbers. So I'm excited to learn what else I can study!"



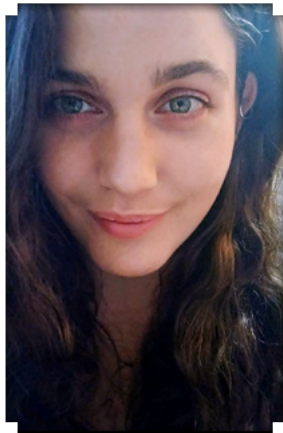
Soledad on her first day at MEP



Mercy Education Project GED Class of 2021



Alyssa



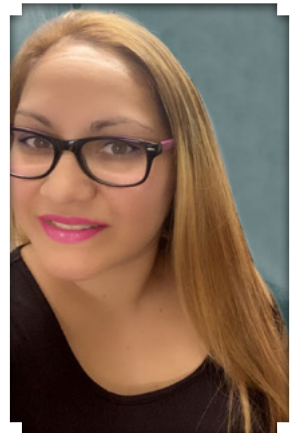
Amanda



Eliesse



Maria



Soledad

Celebrated but not pictured: Arely Claudia Maha

Girl's Program

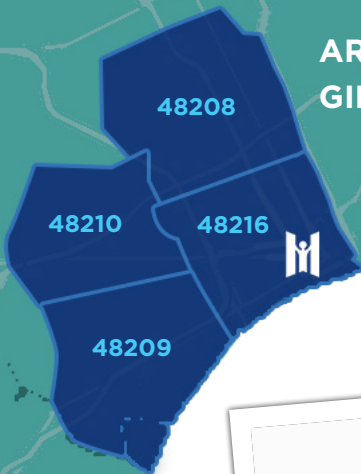
The Covid Pivot. A New MEP.

The Girl's Program

In March 2020, the world of education changed overnight as school doors closed and remote learning became the only option. The pandemic widened preexisting opportunity and achievement gaps, hitting historically disadvantaged students the hardest. MEP's education staff met our young scholars at the front lines (online!) to continue and expand the work of supporting their educational goals as well as their social-emotional learning needs.

During the past two incredibly difficult years, Detroit's young women have needed the support of programs like MEP more than ever. We continue to work hard and find new ways to support and strengthen our scholars as we roll up our sleeves and look to the future.

AREAS SERVED BY GIRL'S PROGRAM



Angela Walters: A Tutoring Experience

After graduating from CMU and moving back home, like many new grads I felt a little lost. I decided to look for something fulfilling that wasn't a career. After reflecting on my passions and beliefs, I Googled "nonprofits helping women in Detroit" and what I found could not have been more perfect, Mercy Education Project.

For the next four years, when people asked me what I do for a living, I told them of my work at a retailer—but I also told them about my passion for my volunteer tutoring. I love interacting with the bright, unique, and hardworking girls that MEP serves.

I've been tutoring the same DPS student, Andrea, for the past four school years. Andrea struggles with English/Language Arts especially due to her Spanish speaking roots. We work on Study Island and Reading Eggspress to develop her reading and phonics skills.

Andrea rarely needs help with comprehension when we read a story together, but she will struggle sounding out new words and this is where I come in! We take our time and break down words. As a tutor, I am also a fan of flashcards. When we come across a word she struggles with, I write it on a flashcard, and we work on these words sporadically each session.

By the end of the year, Andrea can successfully pronounce these flashcard words, and I am a proud tutor! I love that MEP tracks Andrea's progress with testing at the beginning of the year, mid-year, and end of the year. Watching her grow is encouragement to both of us.

I love our discussions before we start a tutoring session, and stories she will share with me. I will never forget the time her class went on a field trip to a bat sanctuary. She told me about that upcoming trip every week for over a month.

It was a reward for either good grades or perfect attendance at her school, and I remember how proud she was that she got to go. After the field trip, we talked about bats every week for another month!

Covid hit MEP similar to how it hit schools; we went virtual. It was certainly a learning curve tutoring through a Zoom call, but we made it work. Nothing compares to in-person interaction and I am so happy to be back for the 2021/22 school year.

MEP aims to offer a place of stability for those they serve. Without trying, MEP has offered that same stability to me. During personal life changes, career moves, and a pandemic, I always had MEP. Now that MEP is back in-person, my husband, Trevor, even started tutoring this year! We love to spread the word of MEP's good works here in Detroit.

Angela and Andrea

Winning the City: One Challenge

Beginning in January 2020 and finalizing in September 2021, our eight brilliant College and Career Readiness high school girls, came together to answer the question “How would you create stronger mobility in Detroit?” Their winning answer was to create a fully functional community space that includes access to every method of mobility one could need to navigate Detroit without using a car—and thus the MEP Mobility Hub was born.

DETROIT, June 9, 2021 - After working alongside Detroit residents to develop and propose new ways to improve how people get around the city, the community around Michigan Central Station is about to see how one of those ideas can actually work.

One of the three winning proposals chosen during the City:One Michigan Central Station Challenge, the Mobility Hub proposed by Mercy Education Project is ready to enjoy a month-long pilot. Located at Roosevelt Park in front of Michigan Central Station, the new Mobility Hub aims to provide safe and easy access to transportation information and mobility services—and act as a gathering place for the community.

“We love how practical the students’ idea is to bring the different transportation options together in a space that is welcoming, useful, and engaging with the community,” said Sam Krassenstein, Deputy Director of Mobility Innovation at the City of Detroit. “We hope that the success of this pilot will be an example that can be replicated to increase mobility options for Detroiters in other parts of the City and appreciate all the effort from our project partners to help bring the hub project idea to reality.”

The Mobility Hub was the brainchild of eight 11th grade high school students from Detroit. These young women envisioned these hubs as places that would not only offer information about how to use different mobility services—including buses, bikes, and electric scooters—but also shine the spotlight on local businesses in the area and offer convenient features for visitors.

“Mercy Education Project is excited to present a community space for all of Detroit to enjoy. Our 2020-2021 CCR girls worked tirelessly, even though the pandemic, to create their version of a mobility hub. During this pilot we hope everyone uses the hub and help decide how future Mobility Hubs should function, specifically in Detroit.” - Nicole Meunier, Director of Development and Major Gifts at Mercy Education.

Open from 6AM to 11PM, the hub pilot will run until June 25 and offer the following amenities:

- A digital monitor that supplies information about transit options, local businesses, and community services.
- Easy access to a variety of mobility solutions, including a nearby DDOT bus stop, bike racks, Spin scooters, MoGo station, and convenient pick-up spots for ride-hailing services.
- A well-lit safe space for community residents that offers a sheltered waiting area, nearby picnic tables, WiFi, and smart device charging, plus a makeshift stage for pop-ups or performances.
- Murals created by local artists in collaboration with Garage Cultural that spotlight themes of women’s empowerment, movement, and mobility.

During the pilot, Wayne Health/Wayne State University will also deploy its mobile health units to the Mobility Hub for two weeks. These specially outfitted vehicles allow medical staff to offer a variety of convenient health services for residents, including testing and vaccinations.

Launched in 2019, the City: One Michigan Central Station Challenge is a crowd-sourcing platform created by Ford to help cities prepare for the future by identifying new mobility designs and innovations that could improve the way people get around. The platform program brings together government officials, local residents, startups, and entrepreneurs in an effort to understand mobility issues and design solutions.

“Seeing ideas like the Mobility Hub come to life in service of the community is exactly why Ford developed the City: One Challenge platform,” said Gina Schrader, City Solutions Midwest Manager, Ford Motor Company. “We believe that cities can dramatically improve mobility by engaging directly with local communities and businesses, and this is just one example of what’s possible when a forum like City: One facilitates dialogue and collaboration in service of a larger purpose.”

With a goal of improving mobility for people living in, working in, and visiting the community surrounding Michigan Central Station, the Challenge encouraged participants to submit mobility solutions that complement existing transportation services. The Mobility Hub was one of three winners chosen out of 164 total submissions.

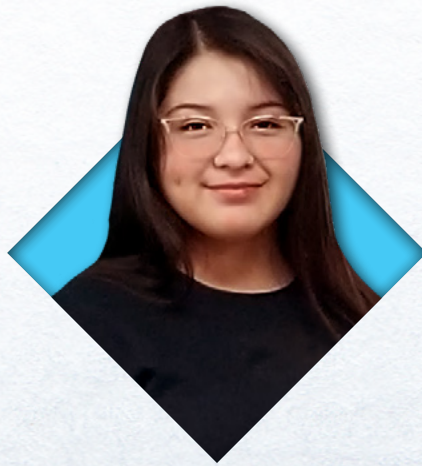
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College Bound!

Congratulations to these seven brilliant MEP College and Career Readiness scholars!



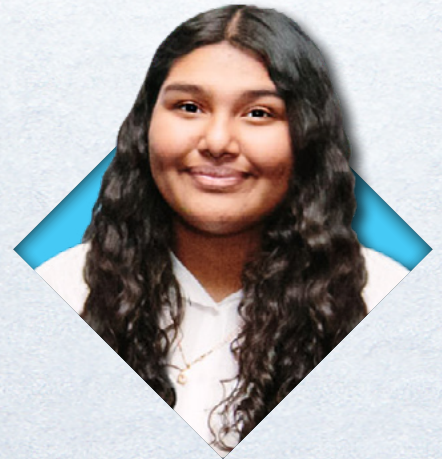
Andrea

Attending: **Wayne State University**
Area of Study: **Medical**



Nazli

Attending: **University of Michigan-Dearborn**
Area of Study: **Business or Political Science**



Jennifer

Attending: **Albion College**
Area of Study: **Undecided**



Karla

Attending: **University of Michigan**
Area of Study: **Business or Political Science**



Ni'Matullah

Attending: **Wayne State University**
Area of Study: **Performing Arts**



Nathalie

Attending: **Wayne State University**
Area of Study: **Nursing**



Ximena

Attending: **Wayne State University**
Area of Study: **Environmental Science**

Embracing Digital Literacy

In February 2020, Verizon Wireless awarded MEP \$100,000, over the course of two years, to close the digital gap and embrace digital literacy in SW Detroit. Due to this innovative partnership, MEP and Verizon were able to get MEP students and their families through shelter-in-place.

Through these funds MEP was able to build and successfully execute a Technology Lending Library, that now serve over 50 MEP women by providing them with laptops, webcams, headphones, various computer accessories and WiFi hotspots in their home. All of MEP's GED graduates were able to complete their studies through online learning and software that was also made possible by Verizon.

To prepare MEP for the return of students to the building, Verizon once again lead the way by helping update and expand the MEP Computer Lab. This now allows more women to complete their assessment tests to enter the program and allows our girls to get additional support on their school work from their tutors. Thank you **verizon**!



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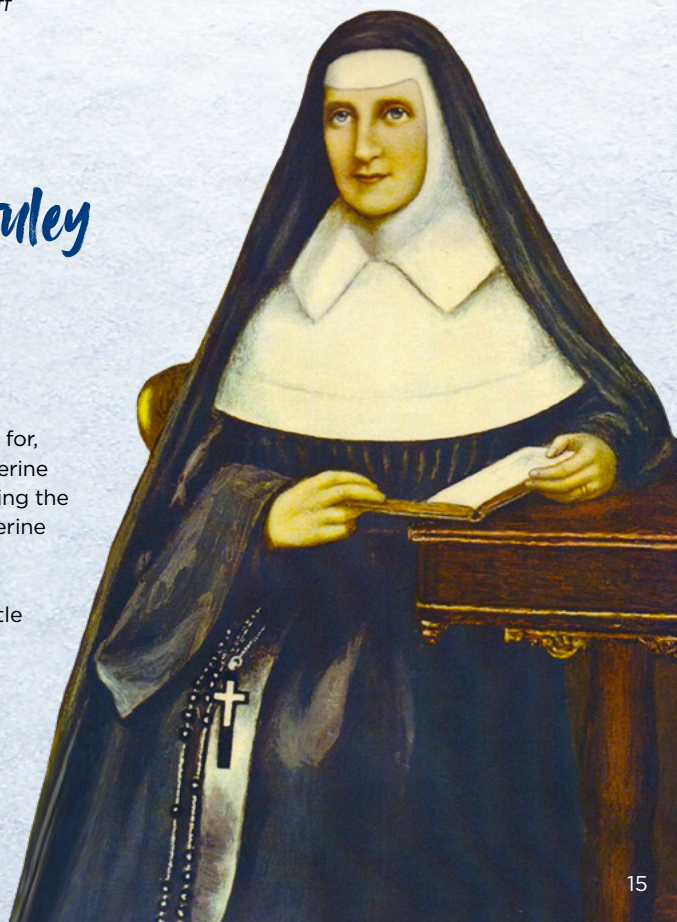
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Catherine McAuley was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1778. In 1824 she used her inheritance from an Irish couple she had served for twenty years to build a large House of Mercy where she and other compassionate women would shelter, care for, and educate homeless women and children. As the House was being built, Catherine studied current educational methods in preparation for her new endeavour. During the feast of Our Lady of Mercy on September 24, 1827, the House opened and Catherine McAuley, with two companions, undertook its management.

In 1828 the archbishop asked Catherine to choose some name by which the little community might be known, and she chose that of "Sisters of Mercy," with the intention of making the works of mercy the distinctive feature of the institute.

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