



## The McGehee-Desha Alumni Community Center, Inc.

500 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street

McGehee, Arkansas 71654

(870) 501-4490

Website: <http://deshaalumnicecenter.org>

email: [rleroy41@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rleroy41@sbcglobal.net)

On Facebook: McGehee Desha Alumni Community Center

On Twitter: @DeshaAlumni

February 26, 2017

Ms. Virginia Perry  
Arkansas Department of Education  
Four Capitol Mall  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Ms. Perry,

The McGehee Desha Alumni Community Center, Inc., MDACC, has been a 501C-3, non-profit organization since August 23, 2005. MDACC is a multi-social services organization working to increase the number of students graduating from high school and college in our community. We have two facilities, one located at 500 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street and the other at 512 S. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The Community Center (500 S. 1<sup>st</sup>St.) is 4,600 sq. ft. and was completely renovated in 2011. It has a fully functioning commercial kitchen and meets all AR HHS and AR DHS requirements as we currently participate in Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) and Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).

In the Community Center facility, we would like to house the McGhee P3 Academy, which will serve up to 60 third graders in its first year. The school would be located in Arkansas school district #17.

We are determined to halt the stigma of what we all know is the passing of students from grade to grade whether they are ready or not - social promotion. Therefore, it is our goal to offer our students a quality education that includes a multi-faceted curriculum that will prepare our kids for higher education, whether they continue on via a liberal arts college or university or a community college, vocational-technical college or career college. Many of our after school students have an active 529 College Savings Plans and we will continue to emphasize the importance of being prepared for continual lifelong education.

Sincerely,

*Rubye Graham-Emerson*

Rubye Graham-Emerson  
Executive Director  
McGehee Desha Alumni Community Center, Inc.  
500 South 1st Street  
McGehee, AR 71654  
870-222-3000 (w)  
870-501-4490 (c)  
[rleroy41@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rleroy41@sbcglobal.net)

---

Gina Gibson  
President

Rubye Graham-Emerson  
Executive Director

Faye Everett  
Secretary

Jean Price  
Treasurer

*Communicating the Importance of Education*