



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER

Food for the Body and Mind



2016 ANNUAL REPORT

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2016 Newport County impact:

2,842 people
1,472 families
33% are children
95% are low-income

Dear Friends,

With pride in what we've accomplished – together-- and a firm gaze on all we have yet to do, we present the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center's 2016 Annual Report.

Within these pages you'll find more than how many kids learned to read, how many meals we distributed or how many dollars we raised. You'll read the stories of real people from across Newport County who benefit from the programs they find at the MLK Community Center.

You'll read about how a community joins together to improve the lives of its nearly 3,000 most vulnerable members: men and women, seniors and kids, working and unemployed, able and disabled. If you live here like we do, you'll read about how the MLK is a resource of hope and help for people all around us.

It's more important than ever the Center remains fiscally strong and nimbly responsive to a diverse population. Our corner of Rhode Island boasts some of the most beautiful vistas in the world but it is also home to some of the poorest people¹ in New England.

A longtime friend told us, *"I give to you because you're the anchor in this community. You do the work that needs to be done, you help the people that need to be helped. The way I see it, if the MLK doesn't do it, who will?"*

We vow to keep working tirelessly to do the work that needs to be done, because we know a community is only as strong as the weakest among us.

We hope we see you around the Center,

David G. Howe
President, Board of Trustees

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¹ 24.4% of Newport's children live in poverty. Rhode Island has the highest rate of child poverty in New England. 2016 Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Factbook RIKidsCount.org

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The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center envisions a strong and united Newport County where all residents live their best quality of life through increasing self-reliance. We work towards that aim by creating, delivering and sustaining innovative programs that provide hunger relief, educational and community support with dignity, safety, and respect.

Serving more than Newport's North End or Broadway neighborhoods, the MLK's programs extend throughout the community. We deliver food to seniors in Tiverton. We welcome clients from Jamestown to weekly LivFit. Middletown working families send their kids to Preschool and Summer Camp. Portsmouth parents receive holiday help and Newport seniors come for Lunch & Learn.

We wisely steward our legacy and our resources: physical, financial and human. We are committed to collaboration. We do all of this because of one paramount belief:

MLK COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAMS

- Adult Fitness
- Adult Wellness
- After School
- Daily Breakfast
- Cooking Class
- Community Dinners
- Community Resource Referrals
- Family Dinners
- Food Delivery to Homebound
- Food Pantry
- Friends Dinners
- Holiday Help (Food Help)
- Nutrition Education
- Nutrition Counseling
- Medicare/Medicaid Enrollment
(SHIP counseling)
- Preschool
- Santa's Workshop (Toy & Gift Help)
- Senior Lunch & Learn
- Summer Camp
- Support Groups

Everyone Benefits from a Stronger Newport County





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Tatiana might not be who you think of, when you think of the typical person who uses MLK Community Center programs. She is well-dressed, articulate and poised.

Tatiana uses the Food Pantry and her three children are enrolled in After School and Summer Camp.

Tatiana came to this country from Eastern Europe at 21, college degree already in hand. At Wheaton College, she found work as a teaching assistant and quickly earned another degree. She moved to Newport and pursued post graduate study at Salve Regina University. She worked for a decade in the social work/counselling field. Tatiana married, and three children followed.

In 2013, a house fire in the family home destroyed all of Tatiana and her family's possessions. They moved to an expensive rental. Stresses took a toll on the marriage and the couple divorced. Tatiana took all her savings and moved with her daughter and two sons into a downtown Newport rental. She is now working full time in a local school and while still living locally, her former husband has almost no contact with his children and doesn't provide child support.

Tatiana learned that she qualified for DHS (Department of Human Services) childcare subsidy and for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).



She says *“I had no idea I qualified. This is a transitional time that won’t last forever; but for right now, these programs help take care of my children while I’m working, and give them a healthy diet, too.”*

“My experiences at the MLK Community Center have given me emotional stability. I know, I really know, it will be okay. I’ve gotten stronger because of the support I’ve received from the Center.”

It’s not just Tatiana whose life has been enriched and empowered by her participation in programs offered by the MLK...it’s her children’s too. She speaks about the backpacks distributed at the start of the school year and the water bottles and beach towels handed out before Summer Camp. *“The kids have such a sense of pride....‘Look, Mommy, it’s mine and I got it from the MLK!’*

Tatiana continues about the value of the After-School program. *“The children take violin, they have friends, they play and they READ. My youngest son has never been a reader. When he grumbles a bit that ‘they make me read every day’ it is music to my ears!”*

The children have their homework done when I get them at the end of the day. I cannot tell you what that means as a single parent...well, to any parent! After a long day, I still have to do chores, laundry, make dinner. They’re tired. I’m tired. It’s such a relief that I can just talk to them.

My kids love summer camp! They go sailing, they are learning to play the violin. I never expected the variety of amazing opportunities.

I am so impressed with the depth of help available to my family here. There are layers of help. It’s a professional setting but more than that – the staff are people with hearts.

My new life has been one of great discovery. Even after a few years coming to the MLK, it’s still a surprise at all that is offered here.

It’s imperative to have a healthy support system when one deals with challenging life changes. My children’s emotional, physical, mental and academic well-being are taken care of at the MLK...what more could a parent ask for?”

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Working families seek affordable quality Preschool, After School and Summer Camp programs where their children can thrive. While these programs provide revenue, they are far from self-sustaining. Tuition fees are as low as possible so low-income families can afford the programs. More than half receive subsidies for childcare yet nearly all still struggle to pay, making funding for scholarships and basic program support essential.

The MLK's Education programs are designed to celebrate the uniqueness of each of our students, as our adult programming is designed around the individual. Preschool at the MLK is not mere childcare. The Center's Preschool is a language-rich environment where we nurture the whole child. Parents look to the MLK to ensure their kids are socially and emotionally ready for school...and sometimes to ensure they can speak English. Besides English, Spanish and Portuguese is spoken in our preschoolers' homes.

- **45 children thrived in Preschool.**
- **56% of parents received full Dept. of Human Services (DHS) assistance, 4% received partial DHS assistance, and 40% paid full tuition in Preschool.**
- **83 % of our Preschoolers entered Kindergarten already reading.**



Even though every family with a kid enrolled at the MLK is a working family, only 7% live above the Federal Poverty Level



Families need more than a place to drop their kids while they're at work. All families need - and deserve - quality education programs after school and during the summer. 104 kids attended the MLK's K-4 After School program and Summer Camp. Education programs at the Center are vibrant programs where kids grow and thrive.

After School ensures the hours between the end of school and a parent's return from work are safe and productive. At the MLK, kids do their homework or read or work on math skills, enjoy a hot and healthy meal and then spend time having creative fun, learning to play violin, enjoying SPARK physical fitness, robotics, art, STEM Creativity Lab and more. College student mentors provide homework help and inspire our students to dream big.

Summer Camp at the MLK is not Summer School: It's eight weeks of fun and friendships and learning that stems summer learning loss. 43 children attended camp in 2016 where academics are seamlessly woven with experiential field trips into the camp day. Campers do more than go to the beach. Campers learn to sail at Sail Newport. They get up-close with local nature at the Aquidneck Island Land Trust, Norman Bird Sanctuary and Ballard Park. They explore at Save the Bay, the Naval Undersea Warfare Center and the URI Biomedical Lab. They visit and have fun at places that reinforce classroom learning.

- **44 children ages pre-K through 4th grade were enrolled in violin lessons with Newport String Project. Some children have been playing for 4 years.**
- **49% of parents received full or partial DHS assistance in After school.**



...132 kids learned, grew and thrived in MLK Education Programs.

Summer Camp Success

- Reading: 92% of the students increased their reading levels and another 8% maintained.
- Math Fluency: 94% of the students increased and 3% maintained.



"I grew up in Jamestown but I've lived in Newport since 1991. I'm 53. I can't work because I've been disabled for many years.

My friend told me about the MLK. I knew there was a food pantry but I had no idea how many choices there were and how much healthy food there was.

I started seeing the dietitian. She's helping me change how I eat. She's enriches my life. I use the food pantry to supplement the food I can afford. I try to eat mostly vegetarian but I do eat some chicken, turkey and fish. I can get organic and no-salt food in the pantry. I used another pantry before; it's nothing like the MLK's.

I come to LivFit. It's a highlight of my week. I love coming here. It's added a new dimension to my life. LivFit is great! The best part is that I leave with a container of food, not just the recipe. That's financially very helpful.

We get tips like hidden salts and sugars in food. I save everything in a folder so I can refer to it again.

There's so much available at the MLK. It's a real asset to have access to all the programs and resources. People might not know about all the classes, the tax help, the dietitian. I know I didn't, before I came here. I'm so much happier now. I'm losing weight. I'm changing the way I eat.

If the MLK wasn't here, it would take a big chunk out of my life."

**46,470 pounds
of produce were
distributed through
the Food Pantry**



Case Management and Nutrition services empower our clients as individuals and promote healthier communities.

- 60 participants attended a twice weekly LivFit class, learning new recipes using food pantry staples and leaving with a portion to eat later.
- 130 people in 54 families attended a Family Dinner, where they also received nutrition tips from our Registered Dietitian while shopping in the food pantry.
- 196 people received free nutrition counseling from our Registered Dietitian.
- 116 children received nutrition education.
- Our Resource Specialist made 784 referrals to housing, social and health services and more.

Holidays are particularly stressful for at-risk people: Thanksgiving baskets were distributed to 849 individuals in 271 families, and Christmas food baskets were distributed to 1057 individuals in 328 families. Santa's Workshop served 513 kids from 256 families. Parents chose from over 4,000 donated toys in a one-day celebration of community spirit and holiday generosity, staffed by 193 volunteers.



A Resource of Hope and Help

People in Newport County look to the MLK Community Center in times of need. They may be doing everything right yet still struggle to make ends meet. There are difficult decisions to be made: *Do I fix the car or pay the rent? Do I go to the dentist or the grocery store?*

The Center is a place where Need finds Help, as it did for *Rena from Middletown who works two jobs as a Certified Nursing Assistant and tends bar to support her three children. Rena shared her struggle with us:

"I made the decision to work less hours to be with my kids. It's been a good choice: Nina is High Honors, Alana is Honors, and Amy is one point away from Honors. I know I did the right thing but it's still really hard...It matters that I'm with them but money is so tight even though I work two jobs. I just saw Sally (MLK staffer) in the hallway and she asked me how I was. I had to say, I'm not doing great, obviously, because I have to come here for food. I hate to have to be back here, but it's good to be back, you know?"

*Names changed to protect privacy.

Lunch & Learn helps seniors combat social isolation through engaging programming. In 2016, the MLK's Lunch & Learn program attracted over 60 seniors who enjoyed a healthy meal while discussing topics like financial literacy, Medicare and Medicaid, senior law, low impact physical activities, and public policy discussions.



Brian regularly attends Lunch & Learn.

"At Lunch & Learn we are reminded of things we must prepare for as senior citizens that we sometimes forget. It's the best way to learn about benefits and resources for people our age. I feel everyone benefits from the program in unique ways.... You're never too old or young to learn. I think many people, senior or not, suffer from isolation. Lunch & Learn gives a little hope to me, and I'm sure to all of the attendees, to help us know that we're not alone."



Poor people want fruits and vegetables. The lack of access to healthy food is the reality for thousands in Newport County, but the high cost of living, low wages and lack of transportation often make that impossible. MLK Community Center programs put food in bellies and on tables while helping clients move from hunger to health.

- In 2016, the daily Breakfast Program served 254 clients. Most are transient or homeless.
- The Food Pantry is a critical safety net, providing groceries, frozen meat, fresh produce, personal care and household items to those who cannot purchase adequate supplies on their own. In 2016, the MLK distributed 220,230 meals to 2,364 individuals in 1,192 families
- Seniors often cannot get to the Food Pantry due to infirmity or lack of transportation. Food 2 Friends brings the pantry and a friendly visitor to these clients, delivering what they would get if they shopped the pantry in person. In 2016, we delivered 910 times.
- The need is always changing: 596 food pantry clients were first-time visitors to the Center in 2016.

The Center is a resource of hope and help for thousands of people like Tatiana, Meris, Rena, and Brian. Beyond feeding the hungry and educating children, the MLK's programs strengthen the whole person, and thus the whole community. **The MLK Community Center's culture of care unites staff, board members, funders, donors and volunteers in creating a locus of hope where the lives of Newport County residents get better, every day.**



Audited Financial Statement for Fiscal Year January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE

PUBLIC SUPPORT:

Federal Support	\$55,109
State of Rhode Island	\$3,500
Municipal Support	\$55,986
Foundation and Corporate Support	\$452,834
Individual Support	\$442,027
In-Kind Contributions*	\$455,304
Special Event, Net of Direct Expense	<u>\$122,229</u>

TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT **\$1,586,989**

Revenue:

Education Fees	\$317,913
SHIP Counseling and HEZ Contract	\$58,693
Client Employment, Parking Lot Fees	\$18,525
Other	<u>\$6,639</u>

TOTAL REVENUE **\$401,770**

TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE **\$1,988,759**

PROGRAM EXPENSES:

Hunger Services	\$667,456
Education Programs	\$584,158
Client Employment Program	\$13,304
Community Programs	<u>\$109,683</u>

TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES **\$1,374,601**

SUPPORTING SERVICE EXPENSES

Management and General	\$168,078
Fundraising Expenses	<u>\$120,823</u>

TOTAL SUPPORTING SERVICE EXPENSES **\$288,901**

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$1,663,502**

NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR **\$1,908,659**

CASH HELD FOR OPERATING RESERVE **\$401,411**

*Includes 212,077 lbs. of donated food valued at \$1.67/lbs. and 52,665 lbs. of food purchased from the RI Community Food Bank at a reduced rate.



John Donne wrote “*No man is an island*”. The MLK Community Center puts that phrase to work every day with partners from across our region. Community change doesn’t happen in a vacuum or on paper; real impact happens only with real work, and real partnerships.

The Center creates change by strong collaborations of people and organizations working together with a common focus. Our partners-in-community ensure children are mentored, seniors learn a new skill, Summer Campers go sailing and walk island trails, After School kids learn to play the violin, families are fed and so much more. Our programs are immeasurably improved because of our work with the following:

Strengthening our programs...and our community.

AARP Tax Aide Program
 Alliance for a Livable Newport
 Aquidneck Community Table
 Aquidneck Island Land Trust
 Arts & Cultural Alliance of Newport County
 Assurance Wireless
 BJ's Wholesale Club
 Ballard Park
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 Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Ocean State
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 Neighborhood Health Plan of RI
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 Newport Hospital
 Newport Housing Authority
 Newport Partnership for Families
 Newport Public Library
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 Newport String Project
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 Panera Bread/Howley Bread Group

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 Office of Career Development
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 Save the Bay
 Skills for Rhode Island's Future
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 SNAP Outreach
 Visiting Nurse Services of Newport
 and Bristol Counties
 We Share Hope
 White Cross Pharmacy
 Women's Resource Center



HONOR ROLL

Since 2005, the MLK Community Center has bestowed the Keeper of the Dream award annually on those whose outstanding commitment most embodies the ideals of our namesake, Dr. King. The Volunteer of the Year award was created in 2007. In 2012, the MLK added an award to recognize businesses with exceptional commitment.

2016 HONOREES

KEEPER OF THE DREAM: Rena DiMuccio
KEEPER OF THE DREAM - BUSINESS: The Waters Edge Flowers
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR: George W. Emerson

KEEPERS OF THE DREAM

David and Donna Goodrich (2015)
Dr. Susan Walker (2014)
David D. Schuller (2013)
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KEEPERS OF THE DREAM - BUSINESS

Aquidneck Island Stop & Shop Supermarkets (2015)
Home Depot Store #4287, Middletown, Rhode Island (2014)
Gilbane Building Company (2013)
Atlantic Beach Club & Pavilion (2012)

VOLUNTEER OF YEAR

Farouk and Susan Niazy (2015)
Joann Carlson and Peggy Clay (2014)
Donald G. Pfeiffer (2013)
Liz and Bob Mastin (2012)
Rosalind Vaz MacLean (2010)
Steven Turilli (2009)
George Steele (2008)
David and Donna Goodrich (2007)

No awards bestowed in 2011



With so little of the Center's annual budget coming from local, state or federal government sources, strong institutional support is critical. By generously sustaining MLK programs, the following foundations and funders do more than write checks: they build a stronger Newport County.

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THE PHOTO THAT LAUNCHED THOUSANDS OF DONATIONS: A COMMUNITY UNITES BEHIND EMPTY SHELVES

Local people were even more at-risk for going hungry when the Center's food inventory was dangerously low in the early fall of 2016. A Facebook post caught the attention of local businesses **WhatsUpNewsp.com** and **Caleb & Broad**. The duo challenged local businesses to help stock the pantry. The **100 at \$100** campaign resulted in more than 100 businesses donating to the Center.

The situation also caught the attention of longtime friends of the Center, **Peter and Eaddo Kiernan** who quickly pledged to give \$25,000 if the Center could raise the same amount. That goal was exceeded in just a few short weeks. The Kiernans quickly doubled down with a second \$25,000 challenge. That goal was also met in short order. **The Kiernan Challenge** raised well over \$100,000 to sustain the MLK's Hunger Services programs.

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