



# DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER

SERVING NEWPORT COUNTY SINCE 1922

## 2017 ANNUAL REPORT





Dear Friends,

With great pleasure, we introduce 2017 highlights from the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center's 96th year of service.

The MLK Community Center continues its long history as a gathering place for people of all cultures and walks of life. Located in the city's West Broadway neighborhood, we are a vital resource for community members throughout Newport County.

Our credo is a strong, healthy community benefits everyone.

Within these pages are stories of people who benefit from our services and of those who support our programs and services through their generous gifts of time and treasure.

Our clients face significant barriers. Many suffer from the Cliff Effect, when benefits like Medicaid or Department of Human Services childcare subsidies are reduced or removed faster than a client can earn enough money to replace them. In our community, rents for low-income people far exceed wages, and food and utilities are disproportionately expensive. In order to make ends meet, many families skip meals. Public transportation is insufficient, making it difficult for people to get to work or to food pantries. Entry level jobs are often only available where child care is unavailable or cost-prohibitive.

Getting ahead is often impossible. Getting by is a daily challenge.

Our programs are designed to meet the needs of the most vulnerable members of our community. Our hunger services programs provide not only nutritious food, but also the knowledge of how that food will enhance the health of those who eat it. Our high quality, affordable education programs provide the foundation that young children



need for lifelong success in school and beyond. And our community programs provide opportunities for people of all different backgrounds to come together through shared meals, shared community events, or volunteer opportunities.

No single agency can solve every societal ill or problem, but the MLK is a hub of solutions for social services in our community. We believe that as a community we have a collective responsibility to the most vulnerable, that Newport County is only as strong as the weakest among us.

We are of the community, by the community, and for the community. The Center exists only because our clients trust us to treat them with dignity and respect and to offer programs that change their lives for the better. Our supporters choose to donate to and fund grants to the Center because, year after year, they see positive impact.

The Center's independence makes us nimble and flexible in response to an ever-changing community but also means we must constantly seek and retain broad and deep community support. Less than 3% of the MLK's annual budget comes from federal, state, or local government funding. Grants and philanthropy are essential to sustain the Center's programs.

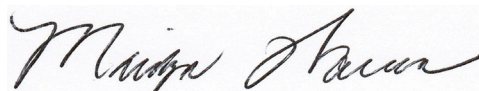
The MLK Community Center is stronger because of you, our volunteers and supporters.

As we approach our 100th anniversary, we look back with pride at the lives we've changed and we look forward to facing new challenges and creating more impact for our very special corner of the world. And, we look forward to continuing our work with people like you.

Yours for a stronger Newport County,



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# PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

## Programs in 2017

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

**Founded in 1922** and renamed honoring Dr. King in 1968, The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center is a central service provider for at-risk individuals, families, and seniors. An independent nonprofit, the MLK Community Center fights hunger, promotes health, educates young and school-age kids, supports families, and engages seniors all across Newport County. The MLK served 3,275 individuals in 2017, the highest number of clients in our history, with 94% of all clients being low-income.



The Center fights poverty and its effects. We envision a vibrant community where all individuals and families are empowered to be increasingly self-reliant and to live their best quality of life. In 2017, we served 13% more clients than the prior year, demonstrating the ongoing need for social service support.

Our clients are diverse: children, families, seniors, the physically disabled, those who struggle with mental illness or substance abuse, the under-employed, and the unemployed. Of our MLK clients, 37% are children and 15% are seniors.

We believe education can lift children and adults from poverty and open the door to opportunity. Through the strong educational foundation children gain in our Preschool, they enter kindergarten ready to learn socially, emotionally, and academically. We understand that all students do not learn in the same way. Our Preschool, After School, and Summer Camp programs support each child's personal development and academic achievement and offer enrichment activities that reinforce learning while having fun. We offer an array of supportive programs that educate the adults in a family and deepen family engagement.



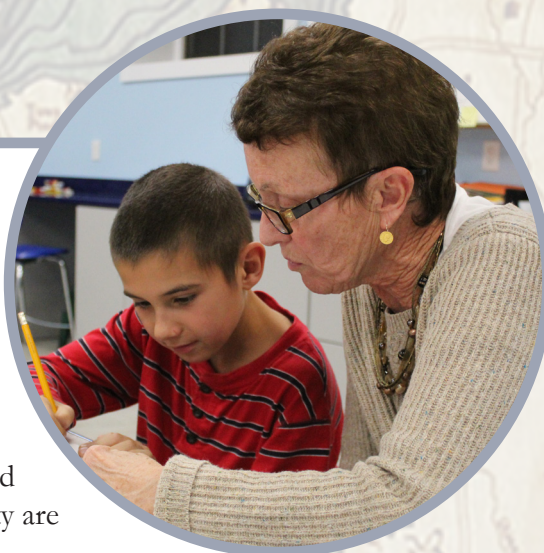


Food, specifically shared meals, are at the heart of family and community. A thriving community places emphasis on making sure all members have access to healthy food. Our holistic hunger relief and wellness programs are offered without cost to children and their families, including an accessible, on-site food pantry; pantry delivery to homebound individuals; nutrition education and healthy cooking classes for all ages; and healthy meals offered through community dinners. Our solutions to food insecurity are innovative and unique among Rhode Island food pantries.

The MLK Community Center is a trusted resource for community connections. Because we understand that collaboration makes every community stronger, we provide firsthand experience and expertise to formal and informal initiatives across the county. We collaborate and our clients benefit from it. Summer campers learn to sail and explore the natural world. Seniors enjoy physical fitness, yoga, and arts programs. After School students learn violin and cello. Dozens of community partners bring experiences and programs that enhance the lives of all our clients.

The Center is the nexus between those who need help and those who want to give help. With a small paid staff of only 25 (including seasonal part-time summer camp counselors), we rely on an army of dedicated volunteers who selflessly give of their time in service to others. The MLK is widely known as an agency that understands the plight of the poor and that delivers programs that offer hope and help.

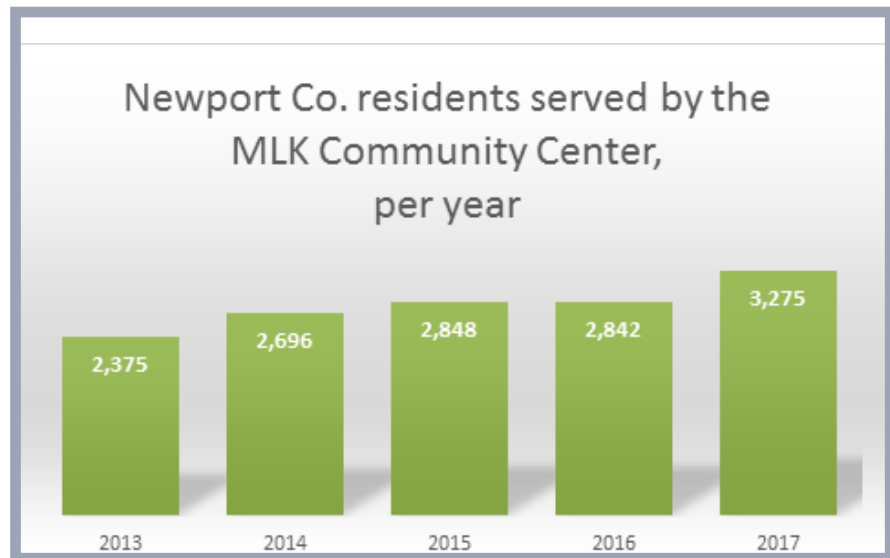
**“Summer Camp helped me keep up with my reading, math, and writing skills. It also helped me build my confidence.”**  
- Autumn, summer camper



# COMMUNITY IMPACT

## A VITAL SOCIAL SERVICES RESOURCE FOR THOUSANDS

2017 saw the highest number of clients served to date, with 3,275 people visiting the Center for help and hope.



## EDUCATING YOUNG AND SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

60% of our families live in Extreme Poverty, earning less than \$28,100 per year for a family of 4, based upon the 2017 HUD income limits for Newport County. Only 5% of our families earn incomes above federal housing poverty standards. We welcome families of all income levels and do not limit the number of families who receive DHS childcare subsidies.

### Preschool:

- 43 children, aged 3-5, attended year-round
- 40% of parents paid full tuition. All preschool parents are working
- 17% of preschoolers were English Language learners
- 80 % of preschoolers entered kindergarten already reading

### After School:

- 56 children attended during the school year (kindergarten through 4th grade)
- 80% of afterschool parents received Department of Human Services childcare subsidies
- 21% of the children were English Language learners
- 12 children had a weekly mentor
- 29 children were enrolled in violin lessons with Newport String Project

### Summer Camp:

- 53 children in kindergarten through rising 5th grade enjoyed 8 full weeks of fun & learning
- 84% of summer campers increased their reading levels (7% maintained)
- 88% of summer campers increased their math fluency (2% maintained)





## PREVENTING HUNGER, INCREASING NUTRITION

92% of families who use the food pantry live in Extreme Poverty, earning less than \$28,100 per year for a family of 4, based upon the 2017 HUD income limits for Newport County.

### Feed a Friend food pantry:

216,569 meals provided

283,114 pounds of food distributed, 41,426 pounds of which was produce

### Thanksgiving:

baskets distributed to 959 individuals in 333 families

### Christmas:

baskets distributed to 1,367 individuals in 435 families

### Food 2 Friends homebound delivery:

763 deliveries to 111 individuals in 85 families

### Daily Breakfast:

8,729 meals served to 237 clients

### LivFit cooking/nutrition classes:

68 participants attended twice-weekly

### Registered Dietitian:

63 people received 1:1 Nutrition Counseling

114 children learned nutrition education

58 children participated in weekly cooking classes



## EDUCATING ADULTS AND SENIORS, SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND BUILDING COMMUNITY

177 people attended 3 **Community Dinners**

42 seniors attended a monthly **Lunch & Learn**

188 people in 104 families attended a **Family Dinner** or **Friends Dinner**

Our case manager connected 121 people to vital services at outside agencies

**Income tax** returns prepared for 52 people with AARP Tax Aide

31 people enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid through the **SHIP program**

**Santa's Workshop:** 770 kids from 355 families, from birth to age 18, received holiday gifts and toys





# SHAUNTÉ'S FAMILY



When Shaunté first came to the MLK 6 years ago, she really needed help. A working mom with little support and a small son, her former childcare provider had just closed, and she needed to return to work. Her sister urged her to consider the MLK, where she had used services a long time ago.

Shaunté's first visit to the MLK allayed her fears. Staff and volunteers welcomed her with smiles and open arms. She learned about all the programs available to her. She knew then that her son would be more than safe at the MLK, she knew he would thrive.

Since that time, Shaunté has welcomed another son, and her boys have come to feel at home at the MLK. She finds the staff warm and welcoming. **"The staff knows my kids so well" she said. "They really pay attention to them, above and beyond other After School programs."**

Shaunté's family has used the MLK's Food Pantry, Preschool, After School, and Summer Camp. She's also looked to the Center's Santa's Workshop to help get through the added stress of the holidays. She doesn't have a car of her own and walks or takes the bus or an Uber to get to her job in food service, to errands, and to the Center.

Shaunté says the MLK Community Center has changed her life for the better. **"I am able to work longer hours because I have the After School childcare, and we are in a better place financially than we were 6 years ago. My kids are happy, I am happy. The staff here is great with kids and are eager to help those in need."**





**“The staff treats people of all walks of life like they are somebody here. No matter where you come from, you are somebody at the MLK. They want to help you there, and what’s better, they can.”**

Shaunté has her own ideas about making her community stronger. “I think it would be wonderful if there were more places in our community for families to go to, more healthy options for activities and entertainment,” she explains. “I don’t know what will happen in the future for the homeless or other people who struggle, but I know that the MLK will be there to help them.”

Shaunté has a simple message to those who support the MLK: **“We really do appreciate your help. My sons love the mentoring program. They feel special to know their mentor cares about them. They also love Mr. Steve, (the volunteer electrical engineering professor who teaches robotics). They get so excited to show me what they have built and how much they know. As a parent, it makes me really happy to see that.”**

**“You really are changing lives.”**





# VOLUNTEERS DONNA AND DAVE GOODRICH



HOPE and INCLUSIVE are the words that Donna and Dave Goodrich use to describe the MLK Community Center. The Goodriches began volunteering at the MLK in 2003. Donna joined the Board of Trustees and David followed her as a volunteer. Both quickly became engrained in the mission of the Center, seeing it as an opportunity to live out their faith.

Dave organized a food drive at his church, St. Mary's in Portsmouth, which continues to this day as one of the largest of the Center's monthly food donors. The couple has volunteered in the Breakfast Program, with the After School and Summer Camp programs, Food 2 Friends food delivery, the food pantry, retail pick-ups and so much more!

Dave's most memorable volunteer experience happened on a cold winter morning at the Breakfast Program. One of the clients, an older gentleman named "Bud" announced that he really needed a winter coat. One of the other clients, without even pausing, gave him his coat. He says "I'll never forget that moment".

Dave also spoke about a young boy he mentored in the Summer Camp program. Dave read regularly with this boy and talked with him, telling him he was special and could do anything that he put his mind to. After that summer, when the boy went back to school, his reading scores had increased and his teacher saw big changes in his self-esteem.

Donna enjoys her time volunteering in our Food 2 Friends program and commented on the importance of this program for so many in the community. Donna and Dave make it a point to visit with each of their regular clients who they deliver to. She knows first-hand how important this program is to the clients we serve: "It's about more than feeding the hungry, it's also about fellowship."

Both agree the Center appreciates and values its volunteers, treating them with respect and seeking their input. The Goodriches can't imagine their community without the MLK. **"There would be a gigantic hole in social services if there was no MLK"** the couple said.

When asked about their dreams for the future of Newport County, Donna had this to say, "I dream of no hunger, and a good education and opportunities for all" while Dave hopes that "everyone rises to their potential". Both see the MLK Community Center as a critical change agent working towards those goals.





# DONOR GEORGE EMERSON

EXTRAORDINARY is how George describes the MLK Center, and the feeling is mutual. George Emerson has been a volunteer and donor to the MLK for almost six years. He began volunteering for the Center after researching places to give back in Newport County. He was looking for some place to show his passion for the community and its people and after speaking to people who had volunteered as well as researching the Center's financials, he found that giving to and volunteering for the MLK was "the best bang for his buck." He is amazed at what the Center does for the most vulnerable in the community with such a small staff.

George volunteers every week in our Breakfast Program, serving breakfast to those who need a meal to start their day. He has volunteered in many capacities over the past 5 years: pantry stocker; picking up donations from area vendors; as an auction/special appeal spotter at our annual fundraiser, Swing into Spring; holiday food distribution; helping in Santa's Workshop; cooking for our community dinners; and at off-site events such as the Newport Marathon and Pell Bridge Run. George is a dedicated MLK volunteer who is always willing to help if we ask.

As George began spending more and more time at the Center, he has made personal connections with the staff and clients. He commented that he enjoys watching clients move forward. He has seen people go from homeless to renters and for him, this is a reward that keeps him coming back. He also has made really good friends with other volunteers and donors, and for this, he is thankful.

George has chosen to give to the MLK because he says "I can't even imagine what this community would do if the MLK didn't exist." George used to spend a lot of time traveling but has chosen instead to give to the Center because it "just feels good and because I can!"

George also believes in local giving and making his community stronger. "Imagine if everyone who could gave just a little bit. What an impact that would make on our community."

**"I can't even imagine what this community would do if the MLK didn't exist."**



# FINANCIAL REPORT

*Audited Financial Statement for Fiscal Year January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017*

## Public Support:

Federal Support	\$ 50,798
State of Rhode Island	\$ 1,250
Municipal Support	\$ 10,000
Foundation and Corporate Support	\$ 766,641
Individual Support	\$ 434,155
In-Kind Contributions*	\$ 470,835
Special Event, Net of Direct Expense	<u>\$ 126,809</u>
<b>Total Public Support</b>	<b>\$1,860,488</b>

## Revenue:

Education Fees	\$ 307,511
SHIP Counseling and HEZ Contract	\$ 55,405
Client Employment, Parking Lot Fees	\$ 55,223
Investment Income, Net	\$ 4,845
Interest Income	\$ 5,725
Loss on Disposal of Equipment	(\$ 22,791)
Other	<u>\$ 2,978</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 408,896</b>

**Total Public Support and Revenue** **\$ 2,269,384**

## Program Expenses:

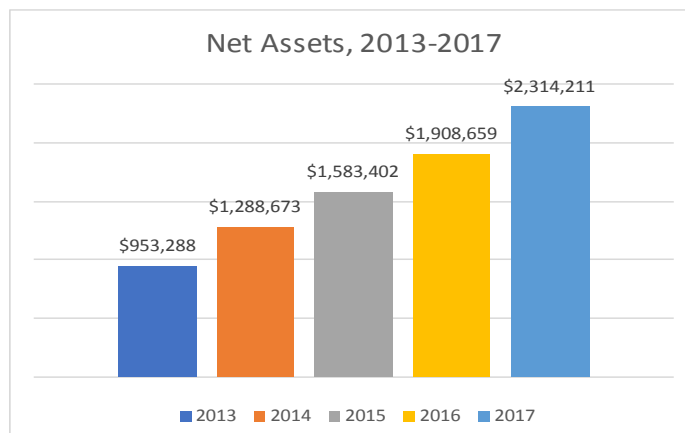
Hunger Services	\$ 718,343
Education Programs	\$ 641,064
Community Programs	\$ 149,077
Client Employment Program	<u>\$ 16,301</u>
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,524,785</b>

## Supporting Service Expenses

Management and General	\$ 187,957
Fundraising Expenses	<u>\$ 151,090</u>
<b>Total Supporting Service Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 339,047</b>

**Total Expenses** **\$ 1,863,832**

**Net Assets, End of Year** **\$ 2,314,211**





# BEYOND THE NUMBERS

**“As I learned more about the Center, I realized that the people they help are the people I see every day around town. My gift makes a difference right in my own community. That really matters to me. I know that pennies in to the MLK come out as dollars, as hungry people are fed and as children who go to kindergarten with the skills to be ready to learn, with a strong educational foundation.”**

**- Dave, MLK Donor**

2017 was another stellar year for the MLK Community Center, but a financial statement doesn't always tell the whole story.

Federal support for reimbursement of meals served in our education programs is \$46,798. The MLK received only \$4,000 to feed 2,919 individuals through our Feed a Friend food pantry, Food 2 Friends pantry delivery program, and daily Breakfast Program from the federal government.

Individual, corporate, foundation and grant support increased by 34% in 2017.

Sixty-four percent of the food distributed through our hunger services was donated directly to the Center by individuals, through food drives, by local businesses, or by community farms. Donated food was valued at \$1.73 per pound in 2017, an annual value set by Feeding America, a nationally recognized leader in hunger prevention. This paints an inaccurate picture of the cost to run our hunger programs. The success and sustainability of our hunger programs are dependent on food donations and the good stewardship of monetary donations.

The MLK's Education programs meld excellent outcomes with affordability for low-income working families. Those aspects are usually mutually exclusive. High quality often means high cost. Our tuition rates are affordable, but for a parent earning a low wage, these rates are often insurmountable. The MLK works hard to ensure tuition is as low as possible and works with families individually to ensure children get the academic enrichment they deserve and parents the nurturing childcare they need and desire. While the Center's Education programs do produce revenue, the costs of running these programs far exceeds tuition payments and state reimbursement. Securing grant funding is particularly difficult for education programs, making philanthropy essential to keep these vital programs in place.

Total assets as of December 31, 2017 were \$2,314,211. Cash held for operational reserves was \$252,033 and investments were \$465,274. While the Center has spent the past 5 years growing a reserve account restricted only for emergencies, sustained philanthropic and grant support remains vital in ensuring critically needed programs continue unabated.





# 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 and in 2012, the MLK added an award to recognize businesses or community partners with exceptional commitment.

## 2017 HONOREES

**KEEPERS OF THE DREAM:** Walter and Eileen Jachna  
**KEEPER OF THE DREAM - BUSINESS:** Newport Harbor Corp.  
**VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR:** Lisa McWilliams

### KEEPERS OF THE DREAM

Rena DiMuccio (2016)  
David and Donna Goodrich (2015)  
Dr. Susan Walker (2014)  
David D. Schuller (2013)  
Liz and Emlen Drayton (2012)  
Noreen Stonor Drexel (2010)  
The Wilcox Family Foundation (2009)  
William and Alison Vareika (2008)  
Ronald and Lillian Dick (2007)  
Suzette D. Schochet (2006)  
Richard Sardella (2005)

### KEEPERS OF THE DREAM – BUSINESS

The Waters Edge Flowers (2016)  
Aquidneck Island Stop & Shop Supermarkets (2015)  
Home Depot Store #4287, Middletown, Rhode Island (2014)  
Gilbane Building Company (2013)  
Atlantic Beach Club & Pavilion (2012)

### VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR

George W. Emerson (2016)  
Farouk and Susan Niazzy (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 were bestowed in 2011*





# 2017 KEEPERS OF THE DREAM

Longtime Newport residents **Walter and Eileen Jachna** were honored as the **Keepers of the Dream** in 2017. Walter and Eileen first connected with the MLK Community Center in 2014, when they donated to the Center's holiday programs. They quickly became steadfast and generous supporters. The Jachnas have underwritten matching gift challenges for fundraising events and annual appeals, inspiring other donors to give to higher levels. Their matching fund gift helped ensure the 2017 Swing into Spring was the most successful in the MLK's history. Walter and Eileen provide monthly support for the Food Pantry, ensuring varied and healthy foods are stocked for the thousands of Newport County residents who look to the Center to help put food on their table. When Walter and Eileen see a need, they quickly move to fill it, from auction item donations, to landscaping treatments to office supplies. Their annual lawn care treatment donations ensure the Center's front lawn is as attractive as its programs are impactful. Their monthly office supply donations ensure more of Center's resources enhance programs.

Walter and Eileen Jachna are the MLK Community Center's partners in philanthropy. Because of their commitment and generosity, every Center program is strengthened.



**“There isn’t a program we offer that hasn’t been made better because of the Jachnas’ generosity and support of our work.”**  
- Marilyn Warren





# 2017 KEEPER OF THE DREAM - BUSINESS

With regional roots dating back to 1925, **Newport Harbor Corporation** has grown into a hospitality leader, building an impressive portfolio of award-winning hotels, restaurants and events. The company is an employee-owned hospitality business that owns and operates Newport Restaurant Group, Castle Hill Inn, the Mooring Seafood Kitchen and Bar, 22 Bowen's, the Smoke House, the Boat House, Avvio Ristorante, Hemenway's, Trio, The Waterman Grille, the Newport Yachting Center Marina, the Bohlin, and the Newport International Boat Show. The company's mission is to be profitable while providing an unparalleled experience for its guests, a respectful, productive, and enjoyable work environment for its employee-owners, while at the same time giving back to its communities and environment.



The company has sponsored the Center's primary fundraiser Swing into Spring every year since 2014 and has generously donated Live and Silent Auction items since 2011. When the Center's Food Pantry inventory was dangerously low, Newport Harbor Corporation leadership worked with their food purveyor to donate a huge cache of frozen meat. Dozens of employees give freely of their individual time, talent and treasure

to the Center. NHC employees serve on the Center's Board of Trustees, volunteer as chefs for Family Dinners, staff its event committees, host toy and gift drives for Santa's Workshop, holiday food drives to stock the Food Pantry and more. Led by Chief Executive Officer Paul O'Reilly and his team of dedicated hospitality professionals and employee-owners, Newport Harbor Corporation is a shining example of what it means to be a good corporate citizen and neighbor. We were thrilled to honor **Newport Harbor Corporation as the 2017 Business Keeper of the Dream.**

**"It's so nice to enjoy a meal with my friends. I feel like I'm in a restaurant!"**

**- Family Dinner participant**





# 2017 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

In 2017, Portsmouth resident **Lisa McWilliams** was honored as our **2017 Volunteer of the Year**. Lisa began volunteering for the Center more than four years ago, and quickly became the MLK Community Center's champion. Whenever we ask, Lisa is there to help, volunteering hundreds of hours to benefit the Center. For the past four years, Lisa has been our Elf-in-Chief for Santa's Workshop - organizing, packaging and displaying thousands of donated toys and gifts into a beautiful holiday store for hundreds of parents to shop for Christmas presents. Lisa helps year-round, volunteering at the Newport Marathon and Pell Bridge Run. As a member of the Center's Swing into Spring event committee, she co-chaired the event's auctions. She solicited and secured Live and Silent Auction items, packaged the items into beautiful auction baskets, and staged the silent auction on the night of the event. Lisa does more than just show up to help; her wisdom, vision and energy leaves every program or event greatly improved.



**“After paying for a new transmission, I wasn’t sure how I could afford Christmas gifts for my kids. Thank you so much!”** - Parent of two After School students





# FOUNDATIONS AND GRANTS

**Less than 3% of the Center's annual budget comes 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.**

The 1772 Foundation  
AARP Rhode Island  
The AEC Trust  
Alletta Morris McBean Charitable Trust  
AmazonSmile Foundation  
Amica Companies Foundation  
Bank of America Charitable Foundation  
BankNewport  
Bazarsky Family Foundation  
Bernard and Doris Nemtsov Fund  
    at the Rhode Island Foundation  
Billy Andrade-Brad Faxon  
    Charities for Children  
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island  
The Bubba Fund  
    at the Rhode Island Foundation  
Gruben Charitable Foundation, Inc.  
Citizen's Bank Charitable Foundation  
City of Newport  
Clouser Family Foundation  
Cox Charities Northeast Fund  
Dell Giving  
Dominick J. Lepore Memorial Fund II  
    at the Rhode Island Foundation  
EJMP Fund for Philanthropy  
Episcopal Charities Fund of Rhode Island  
FM Global Foundation  
The Ford Family Foundation  
Gateway Healthcare, Inc. a Lifespan Partner  
Harry M., Miriam C. & William C. Horton  
    Fund, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee  
Harvey Firestone, Jr. Foundation  
Hasbro Children's Fund  
Jeremiah J. & Virginia W. Lowney  
    Family Foundation  
The John Clarke Trust  
Margit Baum Fund -Emmanuel Church  
Margit Baum Fund -Touro Synagogue

The McClary-White Charitable Foundation  
Middlecott Foundation  
Miss Swinburne Fund  
    at the Rhode Island Foundation  
Naomi & Walter Chucnin Foundation  
Neighborhood Health Plan of Rhode Island  
Nellie Mae Education Foundation  
NewportFed Charitable Foundation  
North Family Trust  
Northrop Grumman Corporation  
Ocean State Charities Trust  
Peyton R. Hazard Fund  
    at the Rhode Island Foundation  
Prince Charitable Trusts  
Providence Journal's Giving Fund  
    at the Rhode Island Foundation  
Rhode Island Emergency  
    Food and Shelter Program  
The Rhode Island Foundation  
Rhode Island State Council on the Arts  
Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge  
    Authority Foundation  
Sasco Foundation  
Sella Foundation Trust  
SI Financial Group Foundation Inc.  
The Gap Foundation  
The Timken Matthews Family Foundation  
The TJX Foundation, Inc.  
Town of Middletown  
van Beuren Charitable Foundation  
Vasco Da Gama Portuguese American  
    Charitable Society, Inc.  
The Walmart Foundation  
Webster Bank  
Wilcox Family Foundation  
Youths' Friends Association, Inc.





## Bank of America

### 2017 Neighborhood Builder

In 2017, Bank of America named the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center as a Neighborhood Builder in recognition for the Center's longtime contributions to the Newport County community. Through Neighborhood Builders, the bank provides nonprofits across the nation with a unique combination of leadership development, \$200,000 in flexible grant funding over two years, a network of national peer organizations and the opportunity to access capital in order to expand our impact. Seven hundred organizations applied but only sixty-one organizations in 45 nationwide markets were given this honor. The MLK Community Center was the only Rhode Island recipient.

**“The MLK Community Center has been an integral part of the Rhode Island community for almost a century,” said Bill Hatfield, Rhode Island Market president, Bank of America. “By addressing critical community needs through the various programs offered, from hunger relief to educational support, the Center has worked to improve the economic well-being for numerous residents throughout Newport County.”**



The funding of the Neighborhood Builders award will help the Center acquire the infrastructure and technology needed to support continued growth that is identified by the community.

“The MLK Community Center of today is a nimble, responsive, fiscally-sound organization serving all of Newport County,” says Marilyn Warren, Executive Director. “The prestigious Neighborhood Builders award could not come at a more opportune time. We have just embarked on a new 3-year strategic plan and are collaborators in several city-wide initiatives that will change the future for many of our struggling neighbors. We are humbled and grateful to Bank of America for leading us on this journey to bring to fruition new programs and services in our second century of service to the Newport County community.”



## COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

John Donne wrote “*No man is an island*”. The MLK Community Center puts that phrase to work daily 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 MLK creates change by strong collaborations of people and organizations working together with a common focus. Our partners-in-community help seniors learn a new skill, ensure Summer Campers go sailing and explore island nature, After School students 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  
Amenity Aid  
Aquidneck Community Table  
Aquidneck Land Trust  
The Audrain Museum  
BJ's Wholesale Club  
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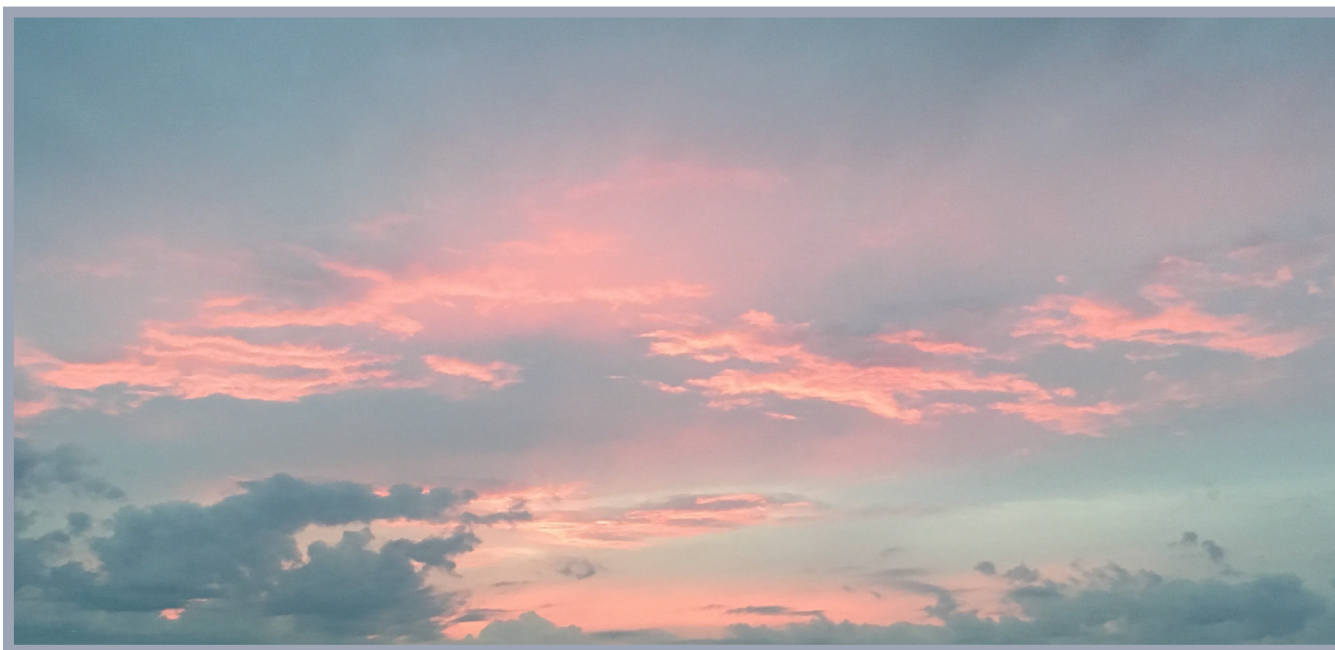
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