



# ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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. The MLK Community Center is an independent nonprofit serving individuals and families that are primarily, but not exclusively, low-income.

### Mission

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center nourishes, educates, and supports Newport County, Rhode Island residents to improve their economic and social well-being.

### **Vision**

We build a strong and united community where all people are empowered to be self-reliant and to live their best quality of life.

Ready access to affordable healthy food is a continuing and growing need. Our daily breakfast program alleviates short term hunger and social isolation. Our innovative food delivery systems address the needs of all Newport County residents who are food insecure through delivery of nutritious food to homebound neighbors; a mobile pantry to neighborhoods lacking consistent, adequate transportation; and Newport County's largest and most comprehensive food pantry. Our commitment to nutrition and wellness education, cooking classes, and free access to a registered dietitian moves people from hunger to health.

We believe that education can lift children and adults from poverty and open the door to opportunity. Our high-quality, affordable child education programs provide the foundation that young children need for lifelong success in school and beyond. We offer an array of supportive programs that educate adults in a family and deepen family engagement.

We will continue our role as a community catalyst and trusted resource for community connections. Because we understand that collaboration makes a community stronger, we provide firsthand experience and expertise to formal and informal initiatives throughout Newport County. We knit the community together by bringing people from different backgrounds together through service and community events.

### **Programs Encompass:**

- Hunger Prevention and Nutrition
- Early Childhood and Extended Learning Time Education
- Community Support and Wellness



### Dear Friends,

We write this report in late Summer 2020, amid the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, reflecting on last year's service and impact in our community. In 2019, Newport County suffered a critical gas outage over several bitterly cold days in late January. At that time, we could not imagine anything more challenging. What a difference a year makes.

The photos below our signatures illustrate the ethos of the MLK: *pivot, adapt, and persevere.* Faced with no way to serve a community meal during the gas outage, staff and volunteers brought in crockpots, and plugged them in throughout the building to provide a hot and healthy meal to those in need. Staff made wellness checks and brought deliveries of food to



Rose Hyder (LEFT) and Heather Hole Strout.

those who remained in their homes despite the frigid temperatures. Recognizing we needed to be more accessible, we launched weekend pantry hours during the outage, and made that a permanent program addition.

The Center's responsiveness to crises and everyday challenges reflects our guiding principles of excellence, respect and compassion, and wise stewardship. The MLK delivers high-quality programs to meet the changing needs of our diverse community, while carefully stewarding our legacy, people, physical, and financial resources to sustain the help we offer.

2019 was another deeply impactful year of service to Newport County. The MLK helped 4,351 clients, those most in our history, 19% more than in 2018. The growth in numbers of clients reflects the reality of life in Newport County for many and is in stark contrast to Newport's reputation as a wealthy resort. MLK Community Center clients' incomes fall well below Federal Poverty Levels, yet the annual income needed to afford renting a two-bedroom apartment in Newport is \$62,880¹. Newport is a very expensive place to live. The MLK is a vital part of the social safety net for local seniors, homeless, children, and low-income working people.

We are highlighting key accomplishments here but hope you will take the time to review this report.

### Changing Community, Growing Need:

Newport County has seen a dramatic increase in immigrants from Central and South America<sup>2</sup>. We are helping many families who are English Language Learners, who need childcare, academic enrichment and homework help for their children. Despite often working multiple jobs, most families new to this country do not qualify for any state or federal relief and/or childcare subsidies. In 2019, the MLK Community Center provided nearly triple the amount of scholarship dollars from the prior year, to support families in need.

### Mobile Food Pantry Expands, and New Vehicle:

Making nine visits in its 2018 launch year, this program grew exponentially in 2019, making 37 visits into the community. Thanks to a deeply generous gift, the Center purchased a state-of-the-art refrigerated truck to bring the food pantry to those who cannot visit the Center.

### **Hunger Services Innovations and Expansion:**

We continue to work toward our Strategic Plan goal of reducing food insecurity and hunger for those in crisis or with limited resources. Adapting to diverse needs, clients can now visit the Food Pantry during the week and one Saturday per month. New clients find help from the MLK because of the innovative Mobile Food Pantry. Our commitment to healthy foods like year-round fresh produce and eggs in the pantry means a healthier community.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> HousingWorks RI at Roger Williams University 2019 Housing Factbook.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> RI Kids Count 2020 Factbook, Snapshot of Newport, Rhode Island: Percentage of English Language Learners in 2019: in Rhode Island, 10%, in Newport, 14%.

### Holiday Help:

MLK holiday programming provides critical help during the most financially stressed time of the year. We provided Thanksgiving food to 1,169 individuals, with a turkey for every table and a wide variety of fresh produce and holiday staples. The Christmas food program served 1,767 individuals. 947 local children received toys and gifts from Santa's Workshop.

### **Volunteers Are Invaluable:**

715 people gave 13,819 hours of service to the Center. Their service is more than evidence of community connection; our volunteers perform essential duties that enhance and expand programming.

### **Supporting Education Success:**

We are deeply committed to our Strategic Plan goal of providing high-quality affordable education programs for working families. Enrollment remained strong in the Preschool, After School, and Summer Camp. Faced with increasing limits on childcare subsidies for already struggling working families, the MLK provided the most scholarship funding in its history.

The MLK Community Center is an independent not-for-profit with very little government funding (only 2.8% of total public support). Net assets grew significantly in 2019, thanks to strong institutional and donor support. A firm financial footing means the MLK can sustain programs that deeply impact the lives of children, women, and men in Newport County, like Nancy and her son Jereck. Consider this is just one family's story, out of nearly 4,500 stories of the lives of real residents of this community.

As we celebrate our 98th year of service, we remain steadfast in our commitment not only to nourish, educate and support people from across our community, but also to provide a pathway for funders, donors and volunteers who join us in envisioning a strong and united Newport County.

Together, we are making a difference in our community. Thank you for standing at our side.

Rose M. Hyder President, Board of Trustees Hearin Hole Strout

Heather Hole Strout Executive Director

### Pivot, Adapt, and Persevere

Adaptation in Action: During the gas outage of 2019, the Center's gas stove was inoperable. MLK staff and volunteers brought in crockpots to prepare chicken stew for the Community Dinner on January 24th.









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### 2019 Programs

Adult Fitness & Wellness

After School

Cooking Classes

Community Art Class

Community & Family Dinners

Community Resource Referrals

Daily Bread

Daily Breakfast

Food Delivery to Homebound

**Food Pantry** 

Holiday Meal Help

Medicare/Medicaid Enrollment

(SHIP counseling)

Mobile Food Pantry

**Nutrition Counseling** 

Nutrition Education

Preschool

Santa's Workshop (Toy & Gift Help)

Senior Lunch & Learn

Summer Camp

Veggie Days

# Community Impact

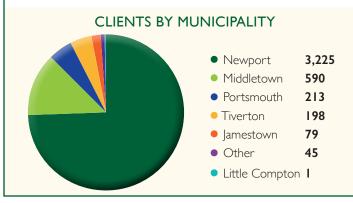


### A Vital Social Services Resource for Thousands

In 2019 we served an unprecedented **4,351** unique individuals, **1,343** of whom were new clients, 19% more than the previous year. Many of our clients are families who represent the "working poor," employed but not earning enough to keep up with rising housing, utility, and food costs. Overall, 95% of MLKCC clients are low-income. 33% are children under age 18 and 25% are seniors, a growing population.

# CLIENTS SERVED – FIVE YEAR HISTORY 4,351 2,848 2,842 3,654 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019

The MLK Community Center serves all six municipalities in Newport County, Rhode Island. Nearly three quarters of clients live in Newport. In emergency situations, the MLK helps people from other cities and towns in Rhode Island and southeastern Massachusetts.



### **買** FIGHTING HUNGER

### Preventing Hunger, Increasing Nutrition

### FEED A FRIEND FOOD PANTRY

226,737 meals provided.

2,801 individuals shopped in the pantry in 2019.

### **THANKSGIVING**

**1,169** in **446** families shopped for their holiday meal in our Thanksgiving Food Pantry, full of fresh produce and all the fixings, and a turkey for every table.

### **CHRISTMAS**

1,767 individuals in 599 families shopped for their holiday meal in our Christmas Food Pantry. Families chose fresh produce, eggs, bread, and milk. In addition, families received a supermarket gift card to purchase a protein for their holiday meal.

### FOOD 2 FRIENDS HOMEBOUND DELIVERY

1,232 deliveries to 170 individuals in 146 families.

### **DAILY BREAKFAST**

10,923 meals served to 262 clients.

### LIVFIT COOKING/NUTRITION CLASSES

**53** participants attended twice-weekly LivFit cooking and nutrition classes.

### **REGISTERED DIETITIAN**

185 people received 1:1 Nutrition Counseling.
115 children received nutrition education through weekly cooking classes.

### **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

Served 1,178 individuals from 707 families, in 37 visits into Newport County neighborhoods.



# **EDUCATION**

# Educating Young & School Age Children

87% of all children served live below the Federal Poverty Level.

\$48,370 in tuition scholarship dollars awarded, more than  $3\frac{1}{2}$  times the amount awarded in 2018.

### PRESCHOOL (Ages 3-5)

41 children attended during the school year.

**75%** of preschoolers enter Kindergarten already reading.

Preschool is a full day program including meals, and blends developmentally appropriate creative play with enrichment activities.

### AFTER SCHOOL (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)

56 children attended during the school year.

20% of children were English Language Learners.

In addition to receiving homework help and a healthy snack, all children can take violin or cello lessons through Newport String Project, participate in STEM, art, cooking, and SPARK Fitness classes, and sing with Newport Youth Chorus at no added cost.

### **SUMMER CAMP** (Kindergarten – 5th Grade)

**48** children enjoyed 8 full weeks of fun and learning taught by certified teachers.

**91%** of students maintained or improved their literacy.

100% of children maintained or improved their math literacy.

Community partnerships make it possible for summer campers to learn to sail, cook, and garden. Students go to the beach, hike, visit parks, libraries and museums, enjoy musical performances and more.





### Engaging Adults and Seniors, Supporting Families and Building Community

### **LUNCH & LEARN**

38 seniors attended a monthly Lunch & Learn.

### **COMMUNITY & FAMILY DINNERS**

**279** people attended twice monthly dinners connecting with their neighbors.

### SOCIAL SERVICE ASSISTANCE

Our Case Manager connected **22** people to vital services at outside agencies.

### **INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE**

Income tax returns prepared for 69 people with AARP Tax Aide.

# SENIOR HEALTH INFORMATION PROGRAM (SHIP)

15 people met with the Case manager for assistance enrolling in Medicare or Medicaid through the SHIP program.

### SANTA'S WORKSHOP

**947** kids from **422** families, from birth to age 18, received holiday gifts and toys.

# Nancy & Jereck's Story



"The MLK Treated Me Like Family"

For the past four years, Nancy and her son have attended programs at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. Eight-year old Jereck attended the MLK's Preschool, and now attends the After School and Summer Camp programs and is learning to play the violin with the Newport String Project at the Center.

Nancy and her family emigrated to the United States from Puerto Rico, and she is employed at a local supermarket. She heard good things about the MLK from others in the community, but was hesitant about reaching out for help. That changed when she met the Education staff and was met with nurturing and compassionate care. "I thought they were family with how well they treated me," she marveled. Nancy knew at that moment: "my son is going to the MLK."

The family uses the MLK Community Center's Food Pantry and Holiday Help programs and attends Family Dinners. Nancy participates in community fitness classes and LivFit Cooking & Nutrition class, where Jereck is usually at her side. The MLK has become a mainstay for both mother and son. Nancy believes the programming and support adults receive from the Center is so crucial because "we [adults] are pushing our children forward. And we can use the help," she admitted.

Jereck is thrilled when his mom attends LivFit Cooking & Nutrition class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. "He loves for me to come to cooking class!" she laughs. Led by our Registered Dietitian, LivFit participants learn a new, healthy, and affordable recipe each class that they prepare and take home to their families. "He likes everything that we cook because everything is nutritious," she remarked. "They show us how to eat well."

Jereck's favorite part of Summer Camp? The beach! "He likes to touch the sand, pick up rocks, and all the time he comes home with different rocks!" she laughs. "He gets to play and has a lot of friends, and the teachers are really good to him."

"The children benefit [from the MLK Center] as much as the older people," said Nancy. "I feel very good, very happy, and super grateful. I always speak about the Martin Luther King Center all the time because I like to be there."

**ABOVE:** Nancy and Jereck are all smiles at the MLK.

**RIGHT:** Nancy preparing rosemary chicken with apples, a healthy recipe from LivFit Cooking & Nutrition class.



# Mobile Food Pantry



Thanks to the incredible generosity of underwriting donors Nancy and Doug Horsey, a new state-of-the-art vehicle joined the Center's fleet and was christened in December 2019.

With the goal of increasing access to healthy food, the MLK piloted the Mobile Food Pantry program in 2018, bringing food, personal care, and household items to low-income housing complexes across Newport County, where lack of transportation is a common barrier. In its first year, the Mobile Food Pantry made nine visits into the community. In 2019, the MLK made 37 site visits throughout the county and served over 900 Newport County residents through the Mobile Food Pantry program alone.

The new truck has refrigeration for perishables like meat, milk, eggs, and fresh fruits and vegetables, more storage for non-perishable food, personal care, and household pantry items, and on-site data collection. This innovative program allows the MLK to fight food insecurity in more locations, and in more deeply impactful ways.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center's Mobile Food Pantry visits thirteen

neighborhoods in Newport County:

**Newport:** AHEPA Apartments • Bayside Village

Donovan Manor • Edgar Court

Festival Field • Parkholm • Earl Avenue

Middletown: Oxbow Farms

Portsmouth: Quaker Estates

**Tiverton:** Hancock Estates • Tiverton Housing Authority

**Jamestown:** Pemberton Apartments • Conanicus Apartments

# Financial Report

# Audited Financial Statement for Fiscal Year January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

Public Support:		
Federal Support	\$	34,568
State of Rhode Island	\$	19,414
Municipal Support	\$	10,000
Foundation and Corporate Support	\$	669,599
Individual Support	\$	858,240
In-Kind Contributions*	\$	536,132
Special Event, Net of Direct Expense	\$	138,988
Total Public Support	\$ 2,266,941	
Revenue:		
Education Fees	\$	318,511
Counseling and Community Programs	\$	32,258
Client Employment, Parking Lot Fees	\$	47,734
Investment Income, Net	\$	46,220
Interest Income	\$	20,976
Loss on Disposal of Equipment	\$	(4,412)
Other	\$	2,111
Total Revenue	\$	463,398
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Individual, foundation, and corporate support sustains the MLK.
Only 2.8% of the Center's Total Public Support derives from municipal, state, or federal government funding sources.



<sup>\*</sup> Most of the food distributed is donated. Donated food is recorded as contribution revenue using per-pound values established by Feeding America, the national food bank network. The per-pound value for the year ended December 31, 2019 was \$1.62. Inventory on hand at year-end is weighed and recorded using this per-pound value.

The Center supplements donated food supplies by purchasing nutritious food items not regularly donated.

# 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.

### 2019 HONOREES

### **KEEPER OF THE DREAM**

Point Association of Newport

### **KEEPER OF THE DREAM - COMMUNITY PARTNER**

BankNewport

### **VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

Gary Klein

### **PREVIOUS HONOREES**

2018 2012

Keeper: Bazarsky Family Foundation Keeper: Liz and Emlen Drayton Middletown Rotary Club Partner: Atlantic Beach Club & Pavilion Partner: Volunteer: Stephen and Zulekha Ludwig Volunteer: Liz and Bob Mastin

2017 2010

Keeper: Keeper: Noreen Stonor Drexel Walter and Eileen Jachna Newport Harbor Corporation Volunteer: Rosalind Vaz MacLean Partner:

Volunteer: Lisa McWilliams

2009 2016 Keeper:

Volunteer: George W. Emerson

Volunteer: Donald G. Pfeiffer

The Wilcox Family Foundation Volunteer: Steven Turilli Keeper: Rena DiMuccio

Partner: The Waters Edge Flowers 2008

Keeper: William and Alison Vareika

2015 Volunteer: George Steele Keeper: David and Donna Goodrich

2007 Aguidneck Island Partner: Keeper: Ronald and Lillian Dick Stop & Shop Supermarkets

Volunteer: David and Donna Goodrich Volunteer: Farouk and Susan Niazy

2014 2006 Keeper: Suzette D. Schochet Keeper: Dr. Susan Walker

Partner: Home Depot Store #4287. 2005 Middletown, Rhode Island

Richard Sardella Keeper: Volunteer: Joann Carlson and Peggy Clay

David D. Schuller Keeper: No awards were bestowed in 2011. Gilbane Building Company Partner:

2013

# Keeper of the Dream

### **BankNewport**

# "BankNewport is *all in* for the MLK Community Center."

Founded in 1819, BankNewport is one of the oldest mutual savings banks in the United States and has continuously served Rhode Island for over 200 years. Currently holding \$1.9 Billion in assets, BankNewport is an FDIC-insured savings bank and a subsidiary of the Mutual Holding Company, OceanPoint Financial Partners, MHC.

Just like their advertisements say, BankNewport is "all in" for the MLK Community Center. For a significant portion of its two centuries, BankNewport has been a champion for the MLK

Community Center. The bank's charitable grants have significantly shaped Center programs: by sustaining health, wellness, and nutrition for children, families, and seniors; and expanding creativity and learning in the After School and Summer Camp programs.

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### BankNewport executives and leaders.

FROM LEFT: Linda Dias, VP, Regional Sales Manager; Evan Rose, VP, Branch Sales Manager; Wendy Kagan, EVP, Employee and Committee Engagement and former Trustee, MLK Community Center; Sandra Pattie, President and CEO; Kathleen Charbonneau, VP, Director of Community Relations and John P. Sullivan, EVP, Director of Digital and Technology Strategy, and Trustee, MLK Community Center:

BankNewport executives have served on the MLK's Board, giving freely of their time and expertise to guide the Center forward. For years, BankNewport has been a major and presenting sponsor of Swing into Spring, the Center's signature fundraising event. Bank branches hold "Casual for a Cause" days and food drives to support the MLK. Bank employees regularly volunteer at events and in programs like Holiday Meal Help and Santa's Workshop. As part of its bicentennial marketing campaign, BankNewport chose the Center as one of the sites for its newest television spots. Chief Executive Officer Sandra J. Pattie fosters a culture of compassionate civic engagement in the bank's twenty branches. BankNewport is an essential institution in Rhode Island, in Newport County, and most especially to the MLK.

# Keeper of the Dream Community Partner

### Point Association of Newport

# For six years, the Point Association of Newport has been a champion for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center.

Led by President Tom Hockaday, the Point Association is a 60+ year old neighborhood association in Easton's Point, one of Newport's oldest neighborhoods and a registered 501(c)3 organization.

Since 2014, the Association's annual fundraising campaigns have grown dramatically each year, bringing new friends and much-needed funds to the MLK Community Center. Point Association campaigns have raised over \$50,000 to support the MLK's Hunger

Services, Education, and Community programming. The Point Association's matching fund pledge commitments have inspired donors far beyond their neighborhood to stand with them in support of the MLK.

In addition to its vigorous fundraising, the Association holds food and toy drives to sustain the Food Pantry and Holiday giving programs. Members regularly attend Center events, and volunteer in programs like Thanksgiving and Santa's Workshop. The Point Association and its members are the very best kind of neighbors.

The Point Association of Newport, RI is more than a group of 325 member-homes, it is a community of friends who care deeply about this special place we call home. The Point Association's enduring generosity and passionate advocacy not only strengthens the MLK Community Center, the members of this committed group make our community a better place for all.



### Members of the Point Association of Newport.

BACK ROW, FROM LEFT:

Bill Martin, Mark Marosits, Beth Cullen, Adrienne Haylor, President Tom Hockaday, Ann McMahon and Mark Tagliabue FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT:

Jennifer Hall, John Broughan, Winnie Broughan, Nancy Scott, and Maureen Cronin

Point Association campaigns have raised over \$50,000 to support the MLK's Hunger Services, Education, and Community programming.

# Volunteer of the Year

### **Gary Klein**

As soon as Gary Klein first walked through our doors in December of 2013, he became a dedicated volunteer for the MLK Community Center.

Whenever the Center is in need, Gary answers the call. Every morning he is among the first to arrive at the MLK, sorting and stocking food, and ensuring the pantry's shelves are neatly and attractively filled and ready to serve our clients. He drives the Center's van and has picked up countless donations of produce, meat, and other items from BJ's and Walmart. Gary has served as a volunteer escort, guiding clients through the Feed a Friend Food Pantry. He has generously contributed to help sustain Center outreach efforts and funded signage to inspire others to support our Hunger Services programs.

He does more than just show up to help; he offers wisdom, energy, commitment, and a positive attitude that improves each program he touches. The MLK Community Center's small staff relies heavily on volunteer support. None of the Center's critical community programs could exist without selfless people like Gary.

Gary has logged over one thousand volunteer hours at the MLK Community Center. He steadfastly upholds the Center's guiding principles and unfailingly treats every client, volunteer, and staff member with dignity and respect. Gary's selfless generosity inspires all who know him. He truly embodies the spirit of Dr. King.



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# Foundations and Grants

Robust institutional support is critically important. These generous funders and foundations are our partners in working towards a stronger community.

The AEC Trust

Alletta Morris McBean Charitable Trust

AmazonSmile Foundation

Amica Mutual Insurance Company Arbella Insurance Foundation, Inc. Bank of America Charitable Foundation

BankNewport

Bazarsky Family Foundation

Bernard and Doris Nemtzow Fund at the Rhode

Island Foundation

Billy Andrade - Brad Faxon Charities for Children

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island Community

Health Fund at the RI Foundation

BnV Charitable Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation

Child & Family

Citizens Bank Charitable Foundation

Citizens Bank Foundation

City of Newport

Cox Communications Inc.
The de Ramel Foundation
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The John Clarke Trust

Local Initiatives Support Corp. Rhode Island

Margit Baum Charitable Fund Channing Memorial Church

The McClary-White Charitable Foundation

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Naomi & Walter Chucnin Foundation

Newport County Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation

Newport Partnership for Families Newport Rotary Charitable Foundation

NewportFed Charitable Foundation

The North Family Trust

Northrop Grumman Corporation

Ocean State Charities Trust

Peyton R. Hazard Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation

Prince Charitable Trusts

The Providence Journal Holiday Fund Rhode Island Community Food Bank

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 Starbucks Foundation

State of Rhode Island General Assembly The Timken Matthews Family Foundation

Todd A. Stuart Foundation

Touro Synagogue - Margit Baum Fund

Town of Middletown

van Beuren Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Webster Bank

Wilcox Family Foundation
Women's Resource Center
Youths' Friends Association, Inc.

### A Community of Supporters...a Community Worthy of Support

The MLK Community Center creates change via a network that is both broad and deep. Every gift, every collaboration, every donated hour supports the Center's mission to better the lives of Newport County residents. Listed within these pages are generous donors who make monetary donations and donate food and other program supplies, vital partner organizations who enrich MLK programs, and selfless volunteers who perform vital roles around the Center.

Just as every person who walks through the Center's doors matters, each name listed here is essential. We are deeply grateful to our community of supporters and friends.

### \$25,000 and above

Anonymous Mr. George W. Emerson, III Enbridge (U.S.) Inc. Nancy and Doug Horsey Walter and Eileen Jachna

### \$10,000 - \$24,999

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Mr. and Mrs. George N. Petrovas
The Point Association of Newport, RI
Pyle Fund of Greater Worcester
Community Foundation
Richard C. Sardella Trust
Mrs. Suzette Schochet
Ms. Jane M. Timken

### \$5,000 - \$9,999

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### \$2,500 - \$4,999

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Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Bernon
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Rhode Island Foundation
Mr. Sean Burke



A nurturing environment paves the way for educational success.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Burress Dr. Tom Cahill and Ms. Maura Lindsay Caliri, Mancini & Barbieri, PC

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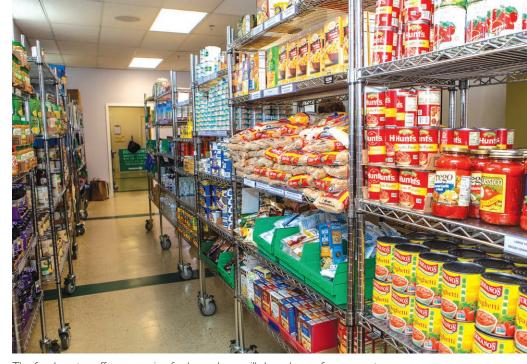
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The food pantry offers groceries, fresh produce, milk, bread, eggs, frozen meat, toiletry and household items.

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Connecting the Beats

Teams of volunteers completed a variety of special projects like preparing batches of breakfast and dinner meals to freeze, deep cleaning of our classrooms and kitchen, weeding our landscaped beds, helping with Lunch & Learn, and setting up and staffing Santa's Workshop. We salute the following groups:

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St. Barnabas Church St. George's School Salve Regina University

Santander Bank

U.S. Navy

Wyndham Destinations, Long Wharf

Every day, these selfless people perform essential tasks that help the Center run. Volunteers prepare and serve early morning breakfast, sort, organize and stock food, act as community ambassadors, help clients in the Food Pantry and Mobile Food Pantry, deliver food to seniors, support families in our holiday meal and gift programs and much more. By freely sharing their time and talents, they do more than sustain the MLK's programs, they help build a better community.

# 715 volunteers gave 13,819 hours in 2019

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