

















ANNUAL REPORT

2024









Founded in 1922 and renamed after Dr. King in 1968, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center is a central service provider for at-risk individuals, families, and seniors. Celebrating its 102nd year of service, the MLK Community Center is an independent nonprofit serving individuals and families promoting health, fighting hunger, supporting families, educating kids, and engaging seniors. The MLK builds community.

Mission

We nourish, educate, and support Newport County residents to improve their economic, social, and physical well-being.

Vision

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

Values

Inclusivity: We embrace diversity in all its forms and advance equity by sustaining an inclusive and welcoming environment where everyone is valued, accepted, and supported.

Equity: We actively work towards justice, fairness, and inclusion to create a more equitable and just society.

Excellence: We are flexible and innovative in addressing our community's needs, providing high quality, impact-driven programming.

Collaboration: We are committed to partnerships to help better serve our community.

Self-Determination: We empower and educate our clients to make choices that improve their health and well-being.

Accountability: We hold ourselves accountable to our clients, donors, volunteers, and the community at large and are committed to transparency, ethical behavior, and responsible stewardship of resources.



We are proud to be a BRAVE Space (Belonging, Respect, Alliance, Validity and Equity), a place where the LGBTQIA+ community feels safe, welcome, and validated.

Programs Encompass:

- Hunger Prevention and Nutrition
- Early Learning and Out-of-School-Time Education
- Community Support and Wellness

Board of Trustees

Whitney Slade, President Rebecca Knapp LeBlanc, Vice President Margaret McGill, Treasurer Nancy Horsey, Co-Secretary John Rok, Co-Secretary Gail Alofsin Betsy Blair Kimberly Cummins Nancy Horsey Rose M. Hyder Elizabeth Phelps David D. Schuller Gene Thompson-Grove Orlando Zambrano

2024 Programs

Adult Fitness & Wellness After School Client Employment Program **Client Support Services** Cooking Classes Daily Bread Daily Hot Breakfast Food Delivery to Homebound Food Pantry Midday Meals Imagination Library (Books for Kids) L.E.A.D. LGBTQIA+ Youth Group MLK Friends Lunches & Dinners Mobile Food Pantry Nutrition Counseling & Education Preschool Produce to the People Santa's Workshop (Toy & Gift Help) **School Food Pantries** Senior Lunch & Learn Summer Camp **Summer Concert Series** Thanksgiving & Holiday Meal Help

Message from the **Board President and Executive Director**

Dear Friends,

Thinking back on the past year, we find ourselves paraphrasing the line from the film "Field of Dreams:" "If you build it, they will come."

After 13 months of construction and operating 25 programs out of four separate locations, we cut the ribbon and formally reopened the Center on January 15, 2024, on the holiday when we honor



Whitney Slade and Heather Hole Strout in the Center's new lobby.

Dr. King. We finished the project on time, on budget, and without having to borrow to complete the construction.

Our client-focused and efficient building is fulfilling its purpose. We have helped more clients, in more ways, than ever before. The MLK helped 8,029 people last year, an incredible 28% more than in the previous year, and the most in our history.

We remain committed to offering fresh and healthy food via a variety of programs onsite and in the community. Over 1,100,000 meals originated from the MLK Community Center last year, accompanied with a side of dignity and respect. We have opened two offsite food pantries in local high schools. Read more about how we increase food access and reduce food insecurity in this report.

Our community programs provide opportunities to explore the community, learn a new cooking skill, make a friend, share a meal, enjoy a concert, practice yoga or Tai Chi, or be your authentic self, all at no cost. Continue reading for photos, testimony, and more.

Children are learning and thriving in our Preschool, After School, and Summer Camp. Kids who attend MLK programs benefit from experiential learning delivered in a nurturing environment, and their

Warming Center

parents go to work each day, secure in the knowledge that their children are well cared for, and relieved that scholarship funding makes it affordable. Learn more in the following pages.

Perhaps the most important role of the MLK Community Center is that of connector. The Center unites people, often in profound and unexpected ways. As we work to fulfill our mission, we never forget that every person's story is important because every person in our community matters.

How did this impact happen? It takes a community of dedicated staff, selfless volunteers, generous donors and funders, and collaborative partners. Peruse our list of collaborators. Our partnerships with over 100 nonprofits make the MLK a better Center.

Whether you attend MLK programs, give your time or resources, or are learning about the Center for the first time, you are part of this very special place. But don't let us tell you. If you haven't been to the Center before, or if you've never been, reach out to us for a tour. We promise: you won't regret it. And, if you can't get to the Center, watch our video in the blue box below. You'll see how together, we built hope.

Thank you for helping us build a stronger and more inclusive community,

Hearten Hole Strout

Whitney Slade President, Board of Trustees

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Heather Hole Strout Executive Director "Our tour was a very inspiring way for us to begin our day! We were extremely impressed with your beautiful space, efficient operations, and of course humbled by your dedication, and that of your staff and volunteers. We are so proud and fortunate to be one of your partners. Thank you does not seem to be enough to say!"

Jack Murphy,
 President and CEO,
 BankNewport



WHAT YOUR SUPPORT

Hosting Newport and Middletown's Overnight Warming Center

In partnership with the RI Coalition to End Homelessness, CODAC, and Newport Mental Health, the MLK was open seven nights a week from January through mid-March. Every night, unhoused men and women slept at the Center from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The lack of affordable housing is a crisis in our community. We know the Warming Center does not solve the problem of homelessness. But, we also know over the course of the program 112 people did not sleep outside in the cold and were warm and safe at the MLK.

Taking the MLK Beyond the Building

Lunch & Learn and L.E.A.D. have expanded into the community more frequently with events at local partners. Produce to the People offers free vegetables seasonally at three locations in Newport and Middletown in addition to the weekly distribution at the Center.

Two High School Food Pantries Opened

We increased hunger relief programming out in the community as well. We opened a food pantry in Middletown High School in September, and another pantry in Tiverton High School in April.



The MLK provides the food for two high school food pantries.

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LEAD celebrating PRIDE in the community.

A Staggering – and Sobering Statistic

In mid-May, we reached over 1 million meals distributed through MLK hunger relief programs in one year. While we wish this level of support wasn't needed, we're grateful generous community support and our renovated building made it possible.

More Expansive Hunger Relief Programs in the Center

We have added a third day to our midday meals programs. The food pantry is now open every weekday.

Being Eco-friendly is About More Than Going Green – It Brings Dignity Too

We transitioned from plastic and Styrofoam dishes to real dishes for the children's meals and our Daily Breakfast, Midday Meals, and MLK Friends Lunches and Dinners. We have two filtered water filling stations the public can access. We composted over twenty tons of unusable food. These changes are better for the environment, and better for the people we serve.

Remark shared by a woman who comes to the MLK for breakfast, as she told a volunteer how much she appreciates "real" dishes — "I don't feel like I'm homeless when I have a meal like this."

MADE POSSIBLE THIS YEAR

Hired a Kitchen Manager

All MLK education programs include meals: breakfast, lunch, and snack in Preschool and Summer Camp, and snack in After School. Prior to September 2023, the Center received federal meal cost reimbursement via the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Only one caterer prepared these meals and delivered them from Cranston. The children didn't like the food, often throwing out meals. Stepping away was a major step that has paid off in healthier and tastier meals, less food scraps, and happier kids. Having a trained chef also means lower food costs and better congregant meals.

Note thanking our Kitchen Manager from the mother of a summer camper with dietary restrictions —

"Thank you from the bottom of my heart! Thank you for always making sure Leilani was good and happy with her food. You made her feel like a 'normal' child. She loved going to camp because of you and your food. As a mother I appreciate EVERYTHING you've done for Leilani. You are an amazing soul!"

— Jasmine

Almost all Children Enrolled in MLK Education Programs Receive Tuition Assistance

In fiscal year 2014, 64% of our students received government childcare subsidies. In fiscal year 2024, only 14% received childcare subsidies. We are providing significant scholarships so kids can keep learning and thriving and parents can keep working.



Families enjoying a community dinner at the MLK in partnership with Conexion Latina.

Responding to a Changing Community

In fiscal year 2013, 90% of MLK clients lived in Newport. In fiscal year 2024, 66% of clients live in Newport. People across Newport County seek help from the MLK, and our outreach beyond the city is working. 35% of clients are Hispanic or Latino, a 6% increase in just two years. 53% of Preschoolers are Multi Language Learners.

More Holiday Help Than Ever Before

Despite operating programs remotely, we made Thanksgiving more bountiful and Christmas more merry for more people than ever before. Our holiday meal assistance programs helped 2,435 people (935 families) at Thanksgiving and 2,775 people (948 families) at Christmas/Holiday. Parents chose toys and gifts for 1,257 kids at Santa's Workshop.



PRESENTING THE RENOVATED

















MLK COMMUNITY CENTER

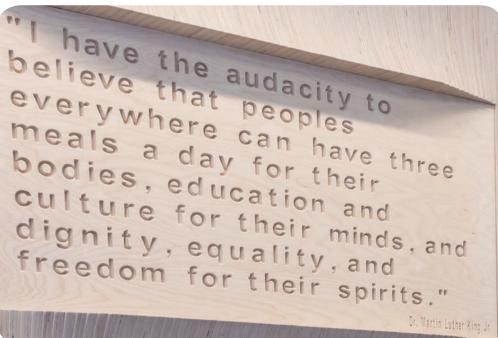
















"Thank you both so much for taking the time to show us all around the MLK Center. Walking through the halls I remember what the building looked like all those years ago. The improvements were so needed and everything is beautiful. The MLK Center ('The Rec' as I know it) Is an important anchor to the community of Newport and especially of the Kerry Hill area. Even with all the changes it still feels like home."

— Theresa Wosencroft

2024 Impact



8.029 **28%** MORE THAN 2023

2,856 NEW, FIRST-TIME MLK CLIENTS

PROGRAMS CLOSED DURING CONSTRUCTION

CLIENTS ARE BIPOC*

64% 35%

CLIENTS ARE HISPANIC OR LATINO (6% increase in 2 years)

16% 51%

CLIENTS ARE **SENIORS** AGE 55+

CLIENTS ARE CHILDREN AGE BIRTH-17

CLIENTS ARE FROM **NEWPORT** (8% less than 2019)

Black, Indigenous or People of Color

INCOMES UNDER \$34,000/YEAR

INCOMES UNDER \$17,000/YEAR

DO NOT RECEIVE SNAP **FOOD** ASSISTANCE

Hunger Services

1,156,353

TOTAL MEALS PROVIDED,
ALL HUNGER PROGRAMS

245,568

POUNDS OF PRODUCE DISTRIBUTED

→ 105% MORE THAN 2023

→37% MORE THAN 2023







474

VISITS TO SCHOOL FOOD PANTRIES **2,435**

935

FAMILIES RECEIVED RECEIVED
HELP AT THANKSGIVING

GROCERY DELIVERIES TO HOMEBOUND SENIORS

33,352
HOT BREAKFASTS SERVED

Family/Child Services



2,585 CHILDREN RECEIVED A BOOK LACITY MONTH FROM DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY (AGES BIRTH-5) CHILDREN RECEIVED A BOOK EACH

CHILDREN ATTENDED PRESCHOOL. SUMMER CAMP AND AFTER SCHOOL

LOW-INCOME, WORKING PARENTS RECEIVED

\$255,698

IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO MIK FDUCATION PROGRAMS

OF CHILDREN ARE BIPOC*

OF PRESCHOOLERS ARE MULTI-LANGUAGE **LEARNERS**

62%

OF AFTER SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE MULTI-LANGUAGE **LEARNERS**

OF CHILDREN **RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS**

75% OF GRADUATING **PRESCHOOLERS** MET THE BENCHMARKS AFTER SCHOOL LEARN365RI:

OF STUDENTS IMPROVED ON STAR MATH **ENTERPRISE TEST**

OF STUDENTS IMPROVED ON STAR READING **ASSESSMENT**

SURVEYING SUMMER CAMPERS:

FOR KINDERGARTEN READINESS

OF KIDS WOULD

VIEW CAMP STAFF AS TRUSTED ADULTS



^{*} Black, Indigenous or People of Color

Community Programs

FREE EXERCISE/ WELLNESS **CLASSES**

> **SENIORS** ATTENDED TWICE-MONTHLY LUNCH & LEARN

LGBTQIA+ YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

1,257 CHILDREN RECEIVED TOYS & GIFTS FROM SANTA'S WORKSHOP



TONS OF COMPOSTABLE FOOD AND GOODS DIVERTED FROM THE WASTE STREAM

2,636 **COMMUNITY LUNCHES** AND DINNERS PROVIDED

FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS

PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN TWICE-WEEKLY **COOKING CLASSES**

CLIENTS FOUND SHELTER IN THE OVERNIGHT WARMING CENTER

Volunteers

64 INDIVIDUALS VOLUNTEERED

8,600 HOURS OF SERVICE

Financial Report

Audited Financial Statement for Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

Public Support:		
United States Government	\$ 28,986	NICT ACCETC
State of Rhode Island	\$ 83,293	NET ASSETS
Municipalities	\$ 56,898	2015 – 2024
Foundation and Corporate Support	\$ 1,526,901	
Individual Support	\$ 1,459,032	\$16,853,784 2024 ³
In-Kind Contributions ¹	<u>\$ 1,067,023</u>	\$16,853,784 2024 ³
Total Public Support	\$ 4,287,795	
Revenue:		\$16,202,552 2023 ³
Education Fees	\$ 420,293	2020
Client Employment, Parking Lot Fees	\$ 110,530	
Investment Income, Net	\$ 826,493	\$14,072,348 2022 ³
Interest Income	\$ 5,011	
Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets	\$ (603,286) ²	20214
Other Revenue	\$ 8,816	\$6,907,559 202 I ⁴
Total Revenue	\$ 767,857	
Total Public Support and Revenue	\$ 5,055,652	\$6,491,462 2020
Program Expenses:		
Hunger Services	\$ 2,121,957	\$2,981,479 2019
Education Programs	\$ 1,071,904	+-,,,,,,,,,
Community Programs	<u>\$ 427,284</u>	
Total Program Expenses	\$ 3,621,145	\$2,544,491 2018
Supporting Service Expenses		
Management and General	\$ 427,271	\$2,314,211 2017
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 356,004	
Total Supporting Service Expenses	<u>\$ 783,275</u>	
Total Expenses	\$ 4,404,420	\$1,908,659 2016
Change in Net Assets	\$ 651,232	
Net Assets, Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$16,202,552	\$1,583,402 2015
Net Assets, End of Fiscal Year	\$16,853,784	

The community—individuals, foundations, and businesses—supports the MLK.

Only 3.9% of the Center's total public support comes from municipal, state, and/or federal government funding.

¹ Much 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 prior year was \$1.97. The Center supplements donated food supplies by purchasing nutritious food items not regularly donated.

² Obsolete assets that hadn't fully depreciated were disposed of because they were replaced during the building renovation.

³ Endowed Funds in 2022: \$4,283,329. Endowed Funds in 2023: \$5,396,814. Endowed Funds in 2024 \$7,158,747.

⁴ Six-month fiscal year: lanuary 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021.

2023 HONOREES

KEEPER OF THE DREAM

Bob and Veronique Gerber

KEEPER OF THE DREAM - COMMUNITY PARTNER

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

CONTENT OF CHARACTER AWARD*

Kate Whitney Lucey

PREVIOUS HONOREES

2022

Keeper: Rhode Island Community Food Bank
Partner: BedJet LLC and the Aramli Foundation
Volunteer: Knights of Columbus, Middletown/Newport

Council #256

Since 2005, the MLK Community Center has bestowed the Keeper of the Dream award

annually during the Annual Meeting, honoring

those whose outstanding commitment most embodies the ideals of our namesake, Dr. King.

Recognizing the difficulty of singling out one

person from hundreds of dedicated volunteers, in 2023 the Volunteer award was retired and

the Content of Character Award was created to celebrate extraordinary service to the Center.

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Keeper: Jane Mead Timken
Partner: Blount Fine Foods
Volunteer: Lois and Bob Zawrotny

2020

Keeper: Nancy and Doug Horsey
Partner: Jamestown Community Farm
Volunteer: Betsy Blair and Jim Van Winkle

2019

Keeper: Point Association of Newport

Partner: BankNewport Volunteer: Gary Klein

2018

Keeper: Bazarsky Family Foundation
Partner: Middletown Rotary Club
Volunteer: Stephen and Zulekha Ludwig

2017

Keeper: Walter and Eileen Jachna Partner: Newport Harbor Corporation

Volunteer: Lisa McWilliams

2016

Keeper: Rena DiMuccio

Partner: The Waters Edge Flowers Volunteer: George W. Emerson

2015

Keeper: David and Donna Goodrich

Partner: Aguidneck Island Stop & Shop Supermarkets

Volunteer: Farouk and Susan Niazy

2014

Keeper: Dr. Susan Walker

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

Volunteer: Joann Carlson and Peggy Clay

2013

Keeper: David D. Schuller

Partner: Gilbane Building Company

Volunteer: Donald G. Pfeiffer

2012

Keeper: Liz and Emlen Drayton
Partner: Atlantic Beach Club & Pavilion

Volunteer: Liz and Bob Mastin

2010

Keeper: Noreen Stonor Drexel Volunteer: Rosalind Vaz MacLean

2009

Keeper: The Wilcox Family Foundation

Volunteer: Steven Turilli

2008

Keeper: William and Alison Vareika

Volunteer: George Steele

2007

Keeper: Ronald and Lillian Dick Volunteer: David and Donna Goodrich

2006

Keeper: Suzette D. Schochet

2005

Keeper: Richard Sardella

No awards were bestowed in 2011.

Keepers of the Dream

Bob Gerber and Veronique Rynn

For years, Bob and Veronique Gerber have been champions for the MLK, especially for our Hunger Relief programs. Their generosity has meant we can feed more and more people every year and their counsel has been invaluable in helping us think through how we meet our mission.

In September of 2021, we began solicitations for the Building Hope campaign to fund the building renovation, meet new program initiatives and build our endowment. We had a very ambitious campaign goal of \$7,000,000, by far the biggest in Center history. We had a great case for support, and a great committee, but it was nevertheless a formidable undertaking.

The Gerbers were the first individuals we approached. Bob and Veronique listened carefully and asked a lot of questions about

the project. When we presented what was the biggest ask we'd ever made, Bob shook his head slowly and pushed the campaign proposal back across the table, saying "I'm not going to give you that." And then, he smiled, looked at Veronique and said, "Because we're going to give you much, MUCH more."

The Gerbers responded to our very big request with a gift that was three times what we hoped for. Their incredible generosity launched our campaign and gave us the confidence to meet our lofty goal.

Bob and Veronique care deeply about the people who live here. We can't imagine the MLK, or our community, without them.



Bob Gerber and Veronique Rynn accept the Keeper of the Dream award from MLK Executive Director Heather Hole Strout.

Bob and Veronique's incredible generosity launched our capital campaign and gave us the confidence to meet our goal.

Keeper of the Dream Community Partner

St Paul's United Methodist Church

When construction began in 2022, we knew we had to continue all our programs without interruption. The problem was: where? We had secured a temporary space to house Hunger Services, but had no space for congregant meals, wellness or community programs. We needed space with a commercial kitchen and room for meetings and exercise. We needed a partner with a willing spirit to help us continue serving our community.

Those needs were met just steps away from the Center on Marlborough Street at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. The Church made it possible for us to continue serving thousands of people during construction. By providing kitchen and meeting space at a very reasonable rent, we continued our Daily Hot Breakfast, Senior Lunch & Learn, and MLK Friends Lunches and Dinners. We didn't have to place exercise programs like yoga, toning, and Tai Chi on hiatus until the renovations

were complete. We held Santa's Workshop in St. Paul's church hall where we provided toys and gifts for 1,257 children.

St. Paul's has truly been our partner. The church's flexibility and community spirit allowed critical programs to continue unabated during 13 months of construction. The MLK Community Center could not have sustained our community impact without the church's partnership during the project.

Celebrating a partner with a willing spirit to help us continue serving our community.



Members of St. Paul's United Methodist Church with Heather Hole Strout at the 2023 Annual Meeting and Keeper of the Dream ceremony.

Content of Character Award

Kate Whitney Lucey

People who donate their time are essential to the Center. Volunteers give their time and talent and impact every program we offer, and every department at the Center. Recognizing a Volunteer of the Year has always been incredibly difficult...how do we choose just one from more than 600 people?

In 2023, we renamed the award that recognizes extraordinary service to the Center to be more in keeping with our namesake Dr. King.

For decades, talented photojournalist Kate Whitney Lucey has donated her services as the MLK's photographer, capturing our events and programs with compassion and beauty, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. Because of her, we've been able to tell our story with compelling visuals. Funders and donors have given to the Center because of her

photographs. Clients have felt more at ease coming to the MLK for help because of the sensitivity of her images.

Her work is shaped by the woman she is and the MLK is a better place because of the content of her character. Former chair of the board of trustees of the International Tennis Hall of Fame and great friend of the MLK, Christopher Clouser, wrote this to us:

"I was very pleased to read that the MLK Center is recognizing and giving one of your distinguished awards to Kate Whitney Lucey. She quietly goes about her business largely unrecognized while she is capturing and recognizing others. She's very kind, talented and generous. She is one of my favorite people in the Newport, Middletown, Portsmouth area. Bravo to Kate and to you all for recognizing her. So well deserved."

Kate is kind, talented, and generous and quietly goes about her business largely unrecognized while she is capturing and recognizing others.



Photojournalist and Content of Character Award winner Kate Whitney Lucey.

Community Collaborators

The Center may be situated on an island, but we don't function as an island of isolation. We collaborate with over 100 organizations. Our partners range from nonprofits and government agencies providing no-cost programs, to associations where the MLK is a member, to off-site partners where we provide programs, to fellow nonprofits who hold meetings and programs at the Center, free of charge. Our donation bin partners offer space at their locations and receive food donations for the MLK's pantry. We are grateful for these important relationships.

Our Partners

AARP-Tax Aide

AHEPA 245 Apartments

Alzheimer's Association (RI Chapter)

Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Dennis E Collins Div I

Aquidneck Community Table

Aquidneck Island Clergy Association

Aquidneck Island Village Common

Aguidneck Land Trust

Art Connection RI

Audrain Automobile Museum of Newport

Audubon Society of Rhode Island

Bay Management

Berkshire Bank

Bike Newport

Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI

BosWell Care-Impact Partners

Boys & Girls Club of Newport County

Business Owners in Childcare Association

Christian Action Center

Citizens Bank

Clean Ocean Access

CODAC

Community College of Rhode Island

Conexion Latina

East Bay Community Action Program

Edward King House

Friends of Newport Skatepark

Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England

Gooseberry Beach

International Tennis Hall of Fame

Jamestown Housing Authority

League of Women Voters

Learn365RI

Lifespan - Newport Hospital

LIHEAP

Looking Upwards

Lucy's Hearth

Middletown Fire Department

Middletown High School

Middletown Housing Authority



We're not sure who had more fun this afternoon: the MLK kids or the Newport Fire Department.

Mystic Aquarium

NAACP

NAVSEA

Neighborhood Health Plan of RI

Newport Art Museum

Newport Classical

Newport Contemporary Ballet

Newport County YMCA

Newport Fire Department

Newport Gulls

Newport Health Equity Zone

Newport Historical Society

Newport Housing Authority

Newport Martial Arts

Newport Mental Health

Newport Partnership for Families

Newport Photographer's Guild

Newport Prevention Coalition

Newport Pride

Newport Public Library

Newport Sings

Newport String Project

Newport Tree Conservancy

"To see the growth of the MLK Center over the years is truly heartwarming! The MLK Center has become a place where everyone feels welcomed and safe. The community involvement in the Center is what "small town America" is all about. You see a need and bring it to a level that truly supports the mission of what it means to look out for and help others!"

— Toni, Middletown

Community Collaborators

No Wrong Door

Norman Bird Sanctuary

Ocean Hour Farm

Ocean State Center for Independent Living

Parent Support Network of RI

Phoenix Property Management

Portsmouth Housing Authority

Potter League for Animals

Preservation Society of Newport County

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Revka Dance

Rhode Island Coalition to End Homelessness

Rhode Island Community Food Bank

Rhode Island Legal Services

Rhode Island Parent Information Network

Rhody Squash

RI Educational Opportunity Center

RI Food Policy Council

RI Special Needs Registry

Sail Newport

Salve Regina University

Skills for Rhode Island's Future

St. George's School

St. John the Evangelist Church

State of Rhode Island -

Division of Elderly Affairs

Strategic Prevention Partnerships

The Simon Companies

The Wellness Company

Tiverton High School

Tiverton Housing Authority

Trinity Management

UnitedHealthcare

University of Rhode Island

Valley Affordable Housing

Visiting Nurse Home & Hospice

Women's Resource Center

"Thank you for all you do to help make our community whole."

Elizabeth and Norman,
 Newport



Our caring and dedicated volunteers make every program possible, like the Mobile Food Pantry.

Our Donation Bin Hosts

AAA

A-Market

Balfour Beatty

BankNewport

Boys & Girls Club of Newport County

Casey's Oil & Propane

Charter Books

Clements' Marketplace

Edward Jones | Steve Senteio

Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce

Innovate Newport

Island Art Spot

Jamestown Arts Center

KLR

Minuteman Press

Naval Station Newport Commissary

OPT Physical Therapy

People's Credit Union

Polo Cleaners

Salve Regina University

Shaw's Supermarket

Staples

Stoneacre Brasserie

Stop & Shop Supermarket –

Connell Highway

Train with lane

Webster Bank

We take our responsibility to our donors very seriously.

We know that philanthropy is always a choice and never an obligation. Every person and organization listed here has made the generous choice to stand beside us in our mission to build a stronger and more inclusive Newport County. We are deeply thankful for our partners in community.

\$100,000 and above

I Ith Hour Racing
Anonymous
Alletta Morris McBean Charitable Trust
BankNewport
Betsy Blair and Jim Van Winkle
Pamela Giannini
Douglas and Nancy Horsey
Local Initiatives Support Corp. Rhode Island
Estate of Jacqueline Whelan

\$50,000 - \$99,999

Anonymous
Bazarsky Family Foundation
Prince Charitable Trusts
Suzette D. Schochet
Dwight and Susan Sipprelle
Don and Meg Steiner Charitable Fund
The Rhode Island Foundation
The Timken Matthews Family Foundation
UnitedHealthcare Social Responsibility
van Beuren Charitable Foundation

\$25,000 - \$49,999

Anonymous (several)
BedJet LLC and Aramli Foundation
CVS Health Foundation Hometown Fund
EJMP Fund for Philanthropy
Gruben Charitable Foundation Inc.
Gail Jacobs and Roy Williams
Kirby Perkins Newport
Newport Partnership for Families
Nicholas and Shelley Schorsch
The McClary-White Charitable Foundation

\$10,000 - \$24,999

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Anonymous (several)
Bank of America Charitable Foundation
BankNewport Charitable Foundation
Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island
Calmoseptine, Inc.
Centreville Bank Charitable Foundation

City of Newport lames E. Coll Corrigan Financial Inc. Cummins Family Fund Teri Degnan EWE Spirit Foundation Inc. Linda Sawyer and John D. Harris II Bill and Elizabeth Leatherman John Lutzius and Alison Cohen Hazel-McEntee Family Christina W. McIntyre Middlecott Foundation Peter and Ulrike Mueller Mary Lou Nelson Newport County Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging Pangaea Logistics Solutions Ltd. Papitto Opportunity Connection Michael Perik and Liz Beretta-Perik Estate of Fr. Edmond Prendiville Rhode Island Community Food Bank Rhode Island Emergency Food and Shelter Program Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Foundation Barbara and Brooke Roberts Royal Little Family Foundation Shriners of Rhode Island Charities Trust John Speer The de Ramel Foundation Gail and John Alofsin The Point Association of Newport, RI Thomas A. Rodgers Jr Family Foundation Town of Middletown UnitedHealthcare

Hope H. van Beuren

Charitable Fund

Wilcox Family Foundation

David Wendell and Patricia Bowler

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Richard and Nancy Adams
Amica Companies Foundation
Anonymous (several)
Bank of America Matching Gifts
Barbara M. Benson
Billy Andrade-Brad Faxon
Charities for Children
Diane and David Bolusky
Bosman Family Fund
Cisco Systems
Christopher Clouser
Karen S. Deibert



The Imagination Library mails a free book each month to children from birth to age 5..



Seniors enjoying lunch at the Newport Art Museum after a private tour.

David Dent and Asia Gonzalez-Dent
Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation
Enbridge (U.S.) Inc.
Episcopal Charities Fund
Eugene Foundation
Carter and Jessie Fisher
Kane Wallace Foundation
Sue Klau
Gray Matter Marketing
Charles Hamilton
Miles Hamilton
Harry M., Miriam C. & William C. Horton
Fund, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee
Herkworks Architecture
Charlie Holder Sr. Memorial 5K

HTJB, Inc.

David and Maureen Krupa Family Fund
Robert Lundgren

Memorial Funeral Home

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Leilani Miller

Newport Restaurant Group Northrop Grumman Corporation

Ocean State Charities Trust

People's Credit Union

Perkins Family Fund

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"I like the Lunch & Learns.
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Gregory Steiner

— Henry, Newport

"I love how the food pantry is set up like a real grocery store. Today's post showed the shopping carts. This may not seem like much to others, but to me it feels like you all are giving people a sense of dignity that others take for granted. The world has become such an uncaring place these days. My heart breaks for anyone who is struggling. Anyone can just hand out a bag of food, but it takes the extra thought that goes into building a sense of dignity for yourself. Your organization does it every day. I know I just pass your path every now and then, but there is not a day that goes by without my knowing that you all represent what is right in this world."

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"You left it all at home in your country and here you are a new person. The Center says, 'Do not be afraid of anything, we will help you.' This love of people is the love of every person in America."

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Very excited for his first day of Preschool.

"I worked as a house manager for a local family for years. I did everything for them. When the children got older, I stopped being the nanny and became the family manager, organizing children's schedules, booking travel...I did everything. When the family moved across the country, they wanted me to come with them. I love them but I wanted to stay here. My grandkids are here. I rent in Portsmouth and the rent is way too high but I make it work. I don't want to work for just one family anymore so I started my own business organizing for a few private clients and AirBnB owners. It's great in the summer but in the off season it's rough. So I come to the food pantry. I have a very restricted diet so I have to be really careful. There are things I can't eat. I can get meat and vegetables and things like toilet paper and dish soap. It really helps."

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"I give every month because I appreciate the many quality programs and services offered to anyone needing help or a little assistance. What struck me the other night on my tour was the welcoming environment and the emphasis on personal well-being and the influence the center has on supporting a healthy community."

— Erin D., monthly donor



Lots of family hugs at the Preschool Open House.

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— Laura, Newport



A couple dancing at one of five free outdoor concerts held in Summer, 2023.

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Lunch & Learn is fun for older adults, like this actor visit from the Newport Historical Society.

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"I just recently became unemployed and have been utilizing the food pantry to feed my family. It's a great help when you're struggling to pay rent and car insurance and going to the laundromat with limited income to live within your means. Your support is keeping me from becoming hungry or homeless. I'm struggling, but I'm humble. Thank you."

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Parents chose toys for 1,257 children in Santa's Workshop.



Fresh produce is available every day at the MLK. Over 245,000 pounds of fruits and vegetables were distributed in fiscal year 2024.

"Everything is so expensive now. So, when I learned that we could use the food from the pantry in these meals, I made sure to stop by the pantry to help with the cost of healthy groceries. I now use veggies in every dish cause this class taught me how to."

— Melissa, Newport (continued on next page)

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"Kristin is so good. She's so nice and understanding. She helps guide us. We're getting more than just cooking lessons in LivFit.We're learning how to find and cook healthy and good food."

Melissa, Newport

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A load of clean blankets ready for the Overnight Warming Center, where unhoused people slept at the Center every night from January through March.

"The MLK helps me avoid certain crowds for my recovery and my health. The MLK is keeping me off the street. It says something that sleeping on a yoga mat on the floor was better than an actual bed, but it was. I love that the Center is open to and helps everyone of all statuses, backgrounds, and cultures. If the MLK didn't exist, a lot of people wouldn't be heard. I was one of those people. But the MLK now knows my situation. I'm seen. People check in on me, asking if I'm okay. I appreciate that. It was unexpected. I am understood for who I am. Other organizations should have the Center's values and adopt them."

— Formerly homeless man who used the Warming Center

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"I just wanted to make sure that you guys know that I appreciate every single thing you brought to me yesterday and it's really, really helpful to me and I appreciate the whole team behind it, too"

> Michelle, Middletown. Food 2 Friends client

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Children graduate Preschool socially and emotionally ready for Kindergarten.

640 volunteers performed Over 18,600 hours of service in 2024.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the MLK Community Center, sustaining our programs by giving their time and talent. They perform essential tasks like preparing and serving meals, teaching wellness classes, reading to preschoolers, stocking food in the pantry, reading to and mentoring students, escorting clients in the Food Pantry and in all types of weather in the Mobile Food Pantry and Food 2 Friends programs, delivering groceries to homebound seniors, helping at our events, picking up food drive donations, organizing and staffing Santa's Workshop and more.

The MLK helped over 8,000 people last year. That impact is impossible without our amazing volunteers. With boundless gratitude, we salute these selfless and dedicated people.















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Dedicated volunteers make Santa's Workshop possible.

"I signed up a single mom with teenaged children. They recently lost their housing, she lost her job, and are living between their car and a hotel. She wanted to sign up for the holidays because she wanted her kids to have a sense of normality. She started crying as she spoke with me."

 Volunteer, on registering a family for Holiday Help

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"MLK gives to anyone who needs help without hesitation"

 Everett, age 50, Newport. Volunteer in Breakfast program, and Food Pantry. Attends Breakfast, Lunches, Dinners, Food Pantry, and slept at Warming Center every night.

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Book Buddy volunteers read and connect with our youngest students.



Volunteers help prepare and serve fresh and

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Madelaine Sullivan

Preschoolers enthralled by a story.

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