



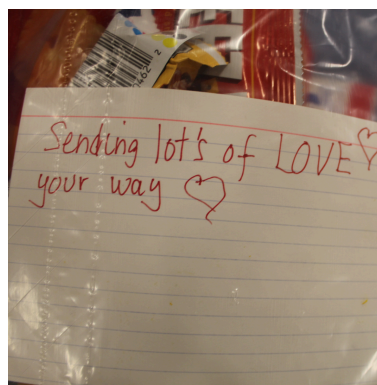
January 31, 2025

RISSA Supports Warming Center

Thank you so much to our friends from Rhode Island Social Skills Academy, RISSA, for stopping by to prepare bags of snacks and toiletry products for the folks who utilize our Warming Center. They also wrote kind notes that went in each bag.

Based on Aquidneck Island, RISSA offers an innovative experiential learning program designed to help young people of all abilities launch successful adult lives by developing and practicing strong social and life skills and nurturing supportive friendships. It was such a pleasure to have them at the Center!

You can follow along with RISSA and their activities on Facebook [here](#).



Honoring Black History Month

As Black History Month begins, we honor the life of the remarkable Dr. Rowena Stewart (1932-2015) Sometimes referred to as the "mother of black museums," in her earlier career she made a difference right here in Newport as the Executive Director of the MLK Community Center. After leading the Center for 11 years, Dr Stewart became the first director of the Rhode Island Black Heritage Society in 1975. From 1985 – 2002, she held leadership and curatorial roles at the Afro-American Historical and Cultural Museum in Philadelphia, the Motown Historical Museum in Detroit, and the American Jazz Museum in Kansas City.

Dr. Stewart devoted her life to amplifying African American history and voices locally and nationally. She embodied the mission and values of the Center as she worked to empower her community by uplifting the rich history of Black culture. We take inspiration from her today and every day, as we celebrate her incredible life.

(Photo: Providence Journal)



Ruggles is Coming to Senior Lunch & Learn

Ruggles has been hard at work at Salve Regina University for the past four years with students, faculty and staff. It is safe to say he is the favorite campus security member on campus!

Salve introduced Ruggles as a community resource dog in the Fall of 2021, and he has made a big impact on campus. **Next Wednesday, February 5, Ruggles will be joining us for Senior Lunch & Learn with his handler Michelle to talk about what it means to be a community resource dog and the impact it can have on a community.**

You don't want to miss this one, so we hope to see you there.

SENIOR LUNCH & LEARN



Join us for an Afternoon with
**Ruggles, Salve's Community
Resource Dog!**



February 5 @12:00 p.m.
@ MLK Community Center,
20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd.,
Free and open to all in Newport County!



**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Breakfast is a Cereal-ously Important Meal



Thank you to our friends at All Saints STEAM Academy in Middletown for donating 316 boxes of cereal. Each day, we go through about 215 boxes at the Center, so this is a huge help!

Since we go through so much cereal, **we still need more variety in our Food Pantry! Oatmeal and other hot cereals are welcome too**, because everyone deserves to have the choice of their favorite cereal.

We receive donations Monday – Friday 8:30 – 5:00 at the Loading Dock. Ring the bell at the Donations and Deliveries door and we'll be glad to receive your donation. **Don't have time to shop? You can make a donation to the food pantry and we will do the shopping for you. [Just click here!](#)**



Give to the Food Pantry

A Very Special Book Buddy

Former Preschool Teacher, Miss Kristen, came to read to the kids today as a part of our Book Buddies Program. We are sad to see Miss Kristen leave as she is moving away from Newport, and the kids were so excited to see her. She read "The Mitten" by Jan Brett as a part of recent class discussions about how to dress warm for winter. When the book was finished, the kids colored their own mittens.

If you are interested in teaching in our Preschool program, we would love to have you on our team.

[Click here for more details on open positions at the center.](#)



Newport This Week Features ArtLink

Our friends at Newport This Week visited ArtLink a few weeks ago to learn more about our collaborative program with the Newport Art Museum. Journalist, John Pantalone, told the story of our ArtLink participants with a beautifully crafted narrative about how the program brings people together to learn and express themselves through art.

ArtLink is a fantastic program, and we were excited to see it featured in the paper. **You can join us for ArtLink every Friday at 10:00 a.m.**

[Click here to read the article](#)



Beep! Beep! Here Comes the Mobile Food Pantry!



Here's next week's Mobile Food Pantry Locations:

Tuesday 2/04/25:

Oxbow Farms, 80 Rogers Lane, Middletown, RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lucy's Hearth, 19 Valley Road, Middletown, RI 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thursday 2/06/25:

Tiverton Housing Authority, 99 Hancock St., Tiverton, RI 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Hancock Estates, 345 Hancock St., Tiverton, RI 12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

All are welcome. You do not need to reside in the neighborhood to use the Mobile Food Pantry. Please remember to bring your reusable bags

PROGRAM CALENDAR

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