



February 14, 2025

Love Your Valentine...and the MLK, too!

Happy Valentine's Day from us to you! We hope your day is filled with love. **We are thankful you are part of our MLK Family.**

Still looking for ways to honor that special someone? **Why not give the gift that keeps on giving and support the Center?** Just click the link below and complete the "in honor of" field with your Valentine's name and contact info, and we will send them a special greeting to let them know you made a gift in their honor.

[Click here to give.](#)



Black History is Our History

Our Preschoolers have been busy learning about Black icons in American history for Black History Month:

- **Garrett Morgan:** The Inventor of the traffic lights that keep our roads safe.
- **Katherine Johnson:** The NASA mathematician responsible for the trajectory equations that made the very first American space launch possible.
- **Serena Williams:** Legendary, professional women's tennis player who won multiple Grand Slam tournaments, Olympic Gold Medals, WTA Championships and countless player achievement awards.

These icons have made instrumental, positive impacts on society while inspiring generations to strive beyond what's possible.

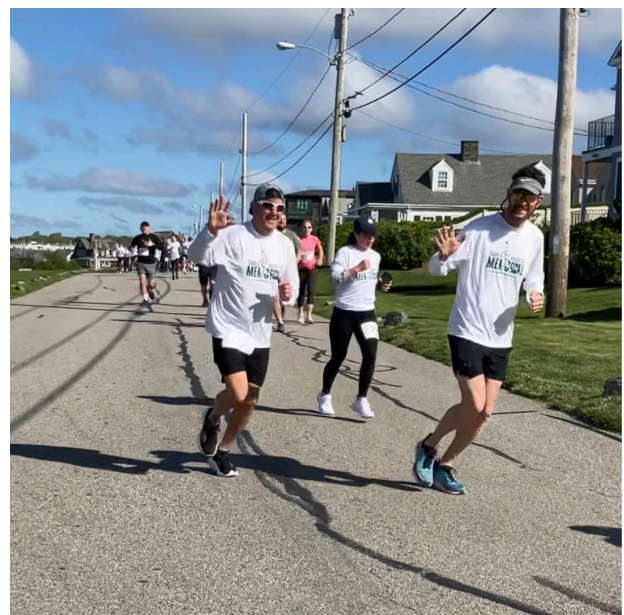


Race in Memory of Charlie Holder, Sr. May 17

Join the Holder family for the second annual Charlie Holder Sr. Memorial 5k at the Newport County YMCA on Saturday, May 17, 2025. The event raises money for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center and the Newport County YMCA Summer Scholarship in memory of the late Charlie Holder Sr. There's something for every participant: a competitive 5k run, a fun walk, and even a virtual race. New this year: a 100 yard dash for kids before the race begins.

Last year, over \$17,000 was raised; this year the goal is \$20,000 to help the Y and the MLK. Charlie was a beloved Newporter with a passion for running. His family holds the race in his honor to carry on his legacy and support the community he loved.

[Click here to register and/or volunteer and learn more.](#)



Dish Liquid Needed!

Imagine coming home from a long day of work, you just cooked dinner for the kids, and now all there is to do is clean up. You don't have a dishwasher so everything needs to be washed by hand. But -- you've run out of dish liquid. How do you clean up?

That is the reality for a lot of the people who utilize the MLK Community Center. Our community members work hard, and it is our job at the Center to lessen their worries. Household products are always in demand and right now we have very little dish liquid in the Food Pantry. **If you're looking to make an impact, please donate bottles of any type of dish liquid.** (No jumbo sizes, please. Regular and small size bottles help us help more families.)

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!](#)**

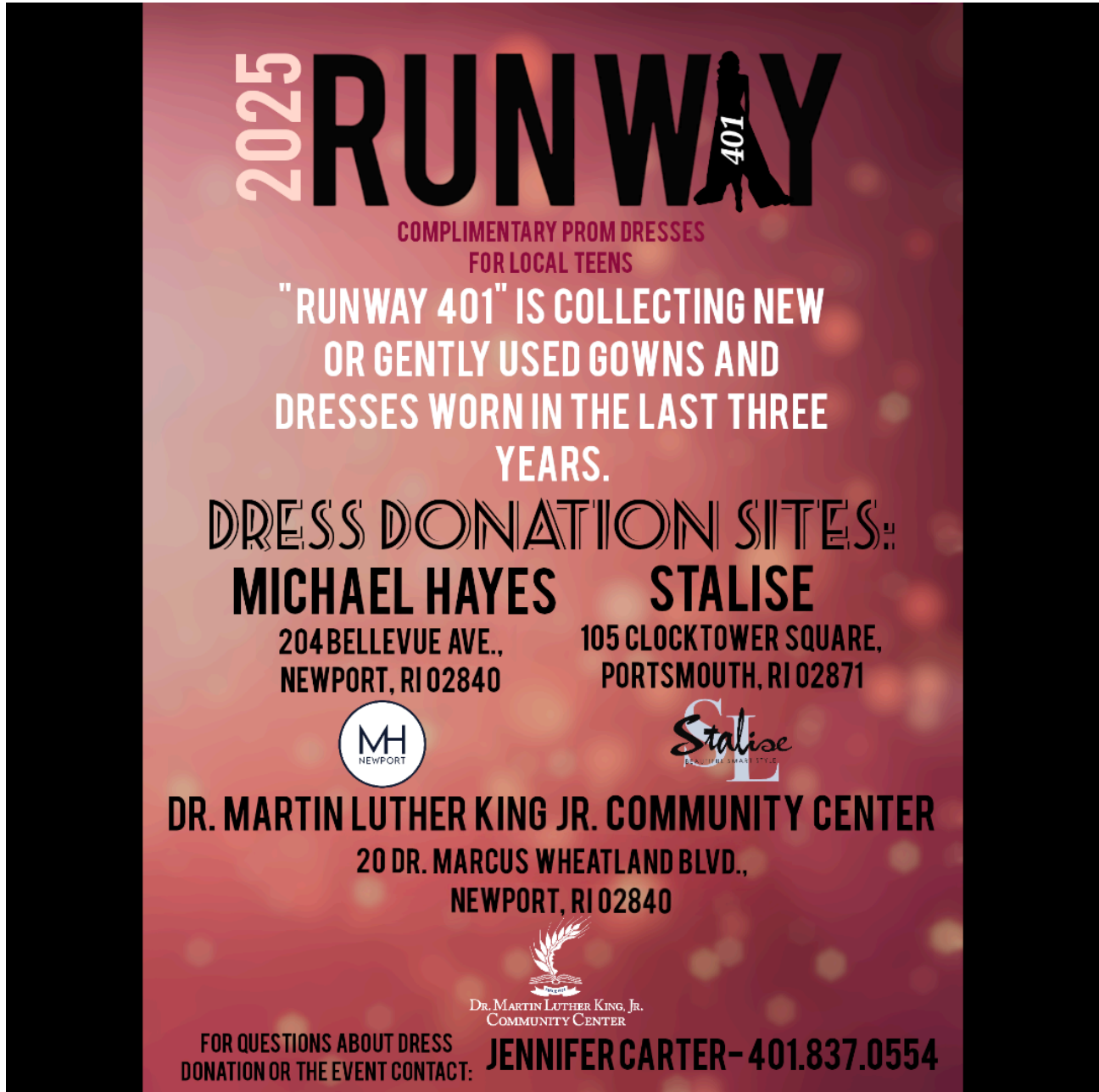


Give to the Food Pantry

Do You Remember Your Prom Night?

Stop for a moment and try to remember how you felt on your prom night. You were dressed to the nines, laughing with your friends, and making memories you still cherish.

Wouldn't you live to provide that feeling to local kids in need of a dress to wear to prom? **Keep the happy memories flowing and donate to Runway 401.** Dropoff locations are listed below.





2025 RUNWAY 401

COMPLIMENTARY PROM DRESSES
FOR LOCAL TEENS


"RUNWAY 401" IS COLLECTING NEW
OR GENTLY USED GOWNS AND
DRESSES WORN IN THE LAST THREE
YEARS.

DRESS DONATION SITES:

MICHAEL HAYES	STALISE
204 BELLEVUE AVE., NEWPORT, RI 02840	105 CLOCKTOWER SQUARE, PORTSMOUTH, RI 02871

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMUNITY CENTER
20 DR. MARCUS WHEATLAND BLVD.,
NEWPORT, RI 02840



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
COMMUNITY CENTER

FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT DRESS
DONATION OR THE EVENT CONTACT: **JENNIFER CARTER-401.837.0554**

Join Us for BINGO at Lunch & Learn!

Wednesday February 19 is Senior Lunch & Learn. We hope to see you there for an afternoon of BINGO, and as always, a delicious meal.

Can't make it? Don't worry! **Lunch & Learn recurs on the first and third Wednesday of every month.** See you in March!

SENIOR LUNCH & LEARN



Join us for an Afternoon of
BINGO and a delicious meal!

Wednesday, February 19 @12:00 p.m.
@ MLK Community Center,
20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd.,
Free and open to all in Newport County!



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We Are Open on President's Day

If Monday's are your usual Food Pantry day, don't worry! **We will be open on Presidents' Day with our regular hours.**

If you have the day off, we hope you enjoy your day!

HAPPY PRESIDENTS' DAY

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WE WILL BE OPEN



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Beep! Beep! Here Comes the Mobile Food Pantry!



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

Tuesday 2/18/25:

1 Park Holm Newport, RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thursday 2/20/25:

Donovan Manor, 19 Chapel St. Newport, RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Edgar Court, Edgar Ct. Culpde-sac, Newport, RI 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 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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Our Contact Information

{{Organization Name}}

{{Organization Address}}

{{Organization Phone}}

{{Organization Website}}

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Volunteer

Give



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