



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER

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Addressing the State of Homelessness

There's a crisis in our community. There needs to be more conversations about the unhoused populations in Newport County and beyond. They need more than temporary relief; they need solutions. I wrote a letter to the editor to our local news outlets to start the conversation.

[Click here to read more.](#)



Letter To the Editor: Addressing Homelessness in Newport County, The State of Rhode Island, and the Nation

By Heather Hole Strout, Executive Director of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Community Center



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Black History is Our History

Black history is our history, and we want to continue celebrating our roots. Below is one of our favorite recreational photos from the late 1940s. Back then, the Center was called the Newport Community Center, as it was not renamed after Martin Luther King Jr. until 1968.

To see more MLK Moments in history and to follow along with our Black History Month Celebration, make sure you're following us on our social pages.

[Instagram](#)

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Still Thinking of Ways to Make That Special Someone Smile?

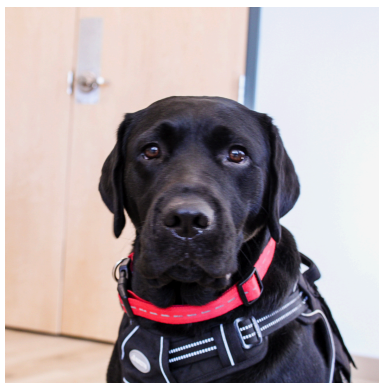
Valentine's Day is coming up fast! If you're still thinking of ways to honor your special someone, why not give to the Center in their honor? Your gift would help support 25 programs that serve over 8,000 each year.

Just click the link below and fill out the "in honor of" field with their name and contact info, and we will send them a special thank you. Sometimes the best gift is the gift that keeps on giving.

[Click here to give.](#)



Thank you Ruggles and Archie!



This was a special week for the Center as we had some special guests! Ruggles, the Community Resource Dog from Salve Regina University, came to teach our preschoolers and our seniors about his job. He works as a therapy dog to help provide emotional support at Salve's Campus. You can follow Ruggles on Instagram and learn more about him [here](#).

Our preschoolers also got to spend time learning about Archie the barred owl. The Audubon Society is an amazing community partner and they do a fantastic job teaching the kids in our

educational programs about local wildlife. You can learn more about the Audubon Society of Rhode Island [here](#).



Thank You for Donating Cereal!

Thank you to everyone who has given to the Food Pantry recently and helped us with a greater variety of cereals! **Approximately 215 boxes of cereal are picked up at the Pantry each day, so this is a huge help.** Everyone deserves to have their favorite bowl of cereal in the morning!

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!](#)**

DONATIONS NEEDED
MLK FOOD PANTRY

CEREAL

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Give to the Food Pantry

Prom Dresses Needed!

Prom season will be here before we know it! We are proud to partner with Jennifer Carter Photography, Michael Hayes Newport, Stalise, and Newport Elks Lodge for this year's prom dress drive. If you have an old prom dress from the last 2-3 years in good condition, you can drop them at the sites listed above. The dresses will be distributed at the Elk's Lodge in Newport on April 2nd and 3rd. Stay tuned for updates!



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

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20 DR. MARCUS WHEATLAND BLVD.,
NEWPORT, RI 02840



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

Join our Team!

We have a few open positions at the Center and we want you on our team! [Click here](#) to learn more about the positions.



**WE ARE
HIRING!**

**OPEN
POSITIONS:**

- PRESCHOOL ASSISTANT TEACHER
- SUMMER CAMP COUNSELOR
- HUNGER SERVICES ASSISTANT

email us your resume at jobs@mlkccenter.org

Here Comes the Mobile Food Pantry! Rain, Wind, Snow or Shine!

You can count on our Mobile Food Pantry to deliver to 17 neighborhoods in Newport County each month no matter what nature throws our way.

Give to the MFP to help us keep up the good work! [Click here.](#)



Give to the MFP

This Week's MFP Locations



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

Monday 2/10/25:

59 John Chafee Blvd, Newport, RI 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday 2/11/25:

Festival Field, 80 Rogers Lane, Middletown, RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thursday 2/13/25:

45 Pemberton Ave. Jamestown, RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Bayside Village, 143 Third St. Newport, RI 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 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

[Download February calendar Here](#)

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Our Contact Information

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