



March 7, 2025

Did You Know?

Did you ever wonder what our logo means? The **wheat** represents our dedication to **hunger**, but have you noticed the **silhouette of MLK** in the side? This allows us to **honor his legacy and represent our mission and values** as inspired by Dr. King. The **book** represents our dedication to quality **education**, and if you look closely, you'll see a **house** in the binding. That house represents our **community**, Newport county.

The banner at the bottom showcases the longevity of our service, which is **over 100 years**. Our friend Steven Turilli designed the original logo. In 2022 during our centennial celebration, we switched to a **blue and gold** theme to celebrate our community and history in **Rhode Island**. The colors are inspired by our state flag.



Did You Know?

The meaning behind our logo?

The **wheat** represents our dedication to **hunger services**.

MLK's silhouette is etched into the wheat to pay homage to our namesake.

The **book** represents our dedication to **education**.

The bottom banner displays our foundation date to show **over 100 years of dedication to Newport County**.

If you look closely, you will see a **house** in the binding of the book. This represents **community**.

Our **blue and gold** theme was updated in 2022 to celebrate our centennial. They are inspired by the **Rhode Island flag** to **honor and celebrate our history**.



The Kids' Wonder Lab Launched!

The first official sessions of The Kids' Wonder Lab took place this week! We are so excited to have this program for children and their care givers free of charge at the Center, thanks to the Bazarsky Family Foundation.

It is an amazing opportunity for young children to socialize and develop foundational skills. **Stay tuned for updates on future sessions and registration!**



Food Drive at Clements' Marketplace

Attention Portsmouth Shoppers! **Clements' Marketplace** is now hosting an MLK Donation Drive at their Portsmouth location! **Donating food, personal care and household products literally could not be any easier.** Just drop it in the bin on your way out of the store if you don't have time to visit us at the center. The donation drive is here to stay, so you can donate any time!

We are so grateful for our friends at **Clements'** for supporting the Center, and to you as well for your future donations!

MLK FOOD DRIVE ALERT!

CLEMENTS' Marketplace
PORTSMOUTH
 2575 E Main Rd, Portsmouth, RI 02871

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!

LOOK FOR THIS BIN!

★ ATTENTION PORTSMOUTH SHOPPERS! ★

If you're looking for an easy way to give back to Newport County, look no further than the MLK donation bin at Clements' Market in Portsmouth!

Calling All Book Buddies!

We still have openings for March! Email our program manager, Becky Richard at r-richard@mlkccenter.org or call 401.846.4828 x103

Special thanks to our friends Gus, the former President of Newport Hospital, and Nancy, a dedicated MLK Volunteer, who came to read to our preschoolers for Book Buddies last week! Gus read "I am Brown" by Ashok Banker and Nancy read "Change Sings" by Amanda Gorman, and the kids loved it!



Do You Have Young Children?

The Rhode Island Association for the Education of Young Children **RIAECY** is conducting a survey to assess the childcare needs for families in Newport County. If you have young children in your home, your voice is important.

[Click here to take the survey.](#)

CHILD CARE IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

ASSESSING NEEDS IN **NEWPORT COUNTY**

PARENT SURVEY



Thank you for participating in the RIAECY Early Childhood Education (ECE) Parent Survey. Your feedback will help us to better understand your experiences as a parent navigating child care in Newport County. Your input will help us to advocate for improved access to resources to support quality child care in the communities where you live and work.

Please scan the QR code to complete the parent survey.

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EVALUANDO LAS NECESIDADES EN EL CONDADO DE NEWPORT

ENCUESTA PARA PADRES



Gracias por participar en la encuesta de RIAECY sobre la Educación Temprana (ECE). Sus comentarios nos ayudarán a comprender mejor sus experiencias como padre sobre el cuidado infantil en el Condado de Newport. Su aporte nos ayudará a abogar por un mejor acceso a los recursos para apoyar el cuidado infantil de calidad en las comunidades donde usted vive y trabaja.

Escanee el código QR para completar la encuesta para padres.

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Introducing...MARCH BOOK MADNESS

It's time for March Madness in Afterschool, but our students aren't playing basketball. **They are reading 16 books this month**, putting the books into a **bracket**, pitting

them against each other, and deciding which book is the best.

We are SO excited to follow them along on this adventure, and we hope you are too! The kids started today with the first four books in the top bracket:

Dragons Love Tacos By Adam Rubin Vs. *True Story of the 3 Little Pigs* By Jon Scieszka

And

Yeets are The Worst By Alex Willan Vs. *Miss Brooks' Story Nook* By Barbara Bottner

Stay tuned as the weeks go by for updates and [Click here for the bracket!](#)




401 Gives is Just Around the Corner!

It is the generosity of our community that allows us to **provide over 25 programs** in education, hunger relief and community health and wellness to **8,029 individuals** in Newport County.

In honor of the community we serve, **it is our goal to raise \$108,029** for 401 Gives this year. **The fundraiser will be live from 6 a.m. on April 1 to 6 p.m. on April 2.** You can give to whatever program means the most to you to help us in our mission to keep Newport County Strong.

[Click Here to visit our website and learn more about our programs.](#)

[Click Here to learn more about 401 Gives.](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

401 GIVES

APRIL 1, 2025

powered by the Alliance for Nonprofit Impact
at United Way of Rhode Island

Help Us Raise **\$108,029** for
Newport County

 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
COMMUNITY CENTER

Hearty Soup Needed!

Did you know that the Center goes through roughly 1500 cans of soup a month across five different hunger relief programs? With two servings per can, that's approximately 3000 meals!

We have already gone through the most recent soup donations from last month, and we always need more. If you are looking for a way to support your community, look no further than a can of **hearty, nutritious soup!**

We need hearty, ready to eat soups rather than condensed soups.

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

Beep! Beep! Here Comes the Mobile Food Pantry!



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

Monday 3/10/25:

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

Tuesday 3/11/25:

Festival Field. 90 Girard Ave. Newport, RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Thursday 3/13/25:

45 Pemberton Ave. Jamestown, RI 12:00 p.m. - 12:00 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 March calendar Here](#)

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