



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER

May 2, 2025

Our Volunteers Make it All Possible!



Volunteers are the heart of the MLK Community Center. They make our work possible. Last year, we had **640 volunteers** dedicate **18,600 service hours** to the center.

Last week, we had a special celebration to honor our amazing volunteers and it was such a joy to come together.

From everybody here at the Center, thank you to our volunteers for your time and your hard work. **You are making a difference in people's lives and making a difference in Newport County.** Cheers to you!

If you're interested in volunteering, [click here](#).



Preschool Book Buddies

Our preschools adore the MLK's Book Buddies reading program. Last week they had a blast with our friends Jennifer Pipe, Gail Woodworth, and Newport Mayor Charlie Holder who came in as book buddies to read stories.

Jennifer read [**The Barnyard Dance by Sandra Boynton.**](#)

Gail Read [**Dinosaur Bones by Bob Barner.**](#)

Mayor Charlie Holder read [**The Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle**](#) and brought the kids sunglasses as a special gift.

The kids love meeting new friends, reading a story and doing crafts about them afterwards. If you're interested in being a Book Buddy, you can contact Rebecca Richard, our volunteer manager, by [clicking here.](#)



Charlie Holder Sr. Memorial 5k

Charlie Holder Sr. was a proud member of the Newport County Community as well as an avid runner. To honor his memory, his family holds a memorial 5K to support the community that he loved.

The Charlie Holder Sr. Memorial 5K is **on Saturday, May 17, 2025 at the YMCA.**

Whether you run, walk, or just come for a good time, you're supporting our community through the [**YMCA**](#) and the [**MLK**](#).

We hope to see you there!

[**Register Today.**](#)

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St. John's Episcopal Church Easter Drive

Father Kevin and **St. John's Episcopal Church** held an Easter Food Drive for the MLK and donated over 300 lbs. of food and household products.

We are so grateful to have St. John's as a community partner. They are so good to us and the community here in Newport County.



MLK Friends Lunch

Stop by next Friday for our Monthly MLK Friends Lunch! This month we will have volunteers from **RE/MAX of Newport / Smooth Sailing RI Realty Group**. Deirde Hecht is leading her group of corporate volunteers, as she is not only a leader for RE/MAX, but she is a rockstar volunteer at Daily Breakfast at the MLK.

We are excited to have her and her peers at our MLK Friends Lunch, and we hope to see you there too!



MLK Friends Lunch

FRIDAY, MAY 09, 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
VIERNES, 09 DE MAYO, 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

WITH VOLUNTEERS FROM:
**RE/MAX OF
NEWPORT**



Enjoy a sit down meal with friends and neighbors. First come, first served.

Le invitamos a que se sienten con nosotros y disfrute de una cena entre amigos. Por orden de llegada.



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Jellies and Jams Needed!

We try to provide as much variety as possible in our food pantry. Quick, on the go breakfasts are helpful to our working families, and toast with jelly or jam is a classic!

If you're looking for a way to support the center, we need jams and jellies of any kind. A variety of flavors would be much appreciated.

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:

Tuesday 5/06/25:

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

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

Residents Only

Thursday 5/08/25:

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

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