



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER

August 8, 2025

***"Scholarships helped us
when we needed it."***



Our friend Ed Coll was devoted to his community, especially supporting the families and kids served by the MLK Community Center. **The grandmother of a former student was inspired by The Coll Family Campaign. She donated to provide the same experience her grandchild received to another child and their family.**

Your gift today changes a child's life. Every little bit counts for working families in Newport County. The parents of our students work hard in our restaurants, hotels,

retail, construction, and other community spaces. **80% of our students receive generous needs-based scholarships.**

In Ed's memory, The Coll family will match up to \$50,000 in donations to preschool scholarships. When you give today, **you have double the impact** on early childhood education and childcare for working families in Newport County.

Please give today. How to double your gift:

[Click Here](#) or the button below

Send us a check and note "Coll Preschool Challenge"

Give via donor advised fund. (To Give, **[click here](#)**.)

[Click here to give to the Coll Family Preschool challenge](#)



Edward Coll

January 20, 1957 - December 14, 2021

Newport Craft and Jay Leno Donate Over \$70K for the MLK



Last week, CEO of **Newport Craft**, Brendan O'Donnell, presented a check for **\$70,486** from Jay Leno's four sold out shows.

More than \$70k in funds will go to strengthening our 25+ programs for Newport County. We are blown away by Jay Leno and Newport Craft's generosity and we are thankful to everyone who bought tickets to enjoy these terrific shows.

We will be Closed Monday, August 11 for the State Holiday

All programs will be closed for a state holiday on Monday, August 11. Programs will resume as scheduled on Tuesday, August 12.



We will be closed on Monday, August 11 for Victory Day

Estaremos cerrados el lunes 11 de agosto
por el Día de la Victoria.



Crushing it at the Skatepark!



Our kids are loving the [**Friends of Newport Skatepark**](#) so much, they built a replica out of Legos to play with at the Center!

They are having such a great time learning from local legends [**Sid Abbruzzi**](#) and [**Donny Barley**](#).

We are so grateful to Friends of Newport Skatepark for crushing it with us at the park!



Special Lunch & Learn on August 20

Mark your calendars! Our Senior Lunch & Learn program has something special planned for Wednesday, August 20.

Our wonderful friends at [Revka Dance](#) are helping our Preschoolers prep for a dance performance at the next Lunch & Learn. This week, Lunch & Learn participants helped out by making set decorations for the recital, which is inspired by the book ["The Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister](#). (See photos in graphic below!)

If you would like to attend the performance, join us at the Center for a delicious meal and an adorable afternoon on **Wednesday, August 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

SENIOR LUNCH & LEARN



Join us for a special recital by our Preschoolers and Revka Dance inspired by the book "The Rainbow Fish" by Marcus Pfister.

After the recital, enjoy a delicious meal with our Preschool dance recital stars!



Wednesday, August 20 @ 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
@ MLK Community Center,
20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd.,
Free and open to all older adults in Newport County!

Monroe Family Celebrates Birthday at the MLK



Three generations of the Monroe Family came together last week to celebrate Dave Monroe's 80th birthday. The family made service a part of their celebration and volunteered to serve lunch.

If you are interested in volunteering at a Midday Meal or an MLK Friends Dinner as a family, please reach out to our Volunteer Manager, Becky Richard, by [clicking here](#) or calling 401.846.4828 x103



Military Legacies is Back August 13

Are you a current or former U.S Military service member living in Newport County?

Why not stop by Military Legacies to meet with your peers over snacks, drinks, and activities.

Join us on Wednesday, August 13 for the next MLK Military Legacies event for an evening of community and comradery.

If you can't make this one, makes sure to mark your calendar for the second Wednesday of each month!

AMERICA'S NAVY
MARINES
U.S. ARMY

U.S. COAST GUARD
U.S. AIR FORCE
U.S. SPACE FORCE

MILITARY LEGACIES
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MLK Community Programs invites Armed Forces, current and retired, to gather for an evening of community and comradery.

Wednesday, August 13 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
MLK Community Center, Edward Street Entrance
20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd. Newport, RI 02840
Free and open to all in Newport County
RSVP by calling Erin Patel at 401.846.4828 x124 or epatel@mlkccenter.org

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MLK Community Programs invita a los miembros actuales y retirados de las Fuerzas Armadas de todas las ramas del ejército a reunirse para una noche de comunidad y compañerismo.

Miércoles, 13 de Agosto 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
MLK Community Center, Entrada por la calle Edward
20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd. Newport, RI 02840
Gratis y abierto a todos en el condado de Newport
Confirme su asistencia llamando a Erin Patel al
401.846.4828 ext. 124 o escribiendo a epatel@mlkccenter.org

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Cereal Needed!

Most kids and many adults start their day with a bowl of cereal. Every family using the food pantry asks for a box. We **If you are looking for a way to support our Food Pantry, we are looking for a variety of brands and flavors of 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

Beep! Beep! Here Comes the Mobile Food Pantry!



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

Tuesday 8/12/25:

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

Thursday 8/14/25:

Pemberton Apartments, 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 August calendar Here](#)

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[del Agosto Aquí](#)



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