



August 1, 2025

Exploring with Newport Tree Conservancy



Our Summer Campers spend lots of time outside, getting up close and personal with Nature. A group of our kids loved exploring the urban forest of Miantonomi Park with our friends at **Newport Tree Conservancy**.

Partnerships like this make camp such a special experience for our campers.



Your donation to Preschool, DOUBLED

All year long, moms and dads bring their kids to the MLK's Preschool and head off to essential jobs in our community in hospitality, in restaurants, in retail, in landscaping and construction, in healthcare, and more. Our parents go to work confident their kids are thriving in our all-day program. The kids learn through creative play. Every day they enjoy a healthy breakfast, lunch and snacks. Our tuition is affordable but still a heavy burden. **80% of our kids receive a needs-based scholarship.**

Our dear friend Ed Coll knew how important our preschool is in preparing kids to succeed in kindergarten and beyond. That's why, in his memory, **The Coll Family is generously matching every dollar you give to support preschool scholarships, up to \$50,000.**

Will you help a child thrive in our preschool? *Please, make your gift today.*

- Click the button below to give online OR
- Please note "Coll Preschool Challenge" on your check. OR
- To give by donor-advised fund, **[reach out to Alyson.](#)**

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



In Memory of Ed Coll: Preschool Scholarship Match

\$1 for \$1 up to \$50,000



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Thanks to the generosity of the Coll Family, your gift can be doubled.

Another Shower Session, thanks to the HEZ



Rinse & Renew
Free Showers at the MLK

Tuesday, August 5, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Mobile Shower Unit behind MLK Community Center
20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd. Newport RI

Towels and toiletries will be provided. Clean underwear and socks will be available.
Free and Open to all: First come, first served.

This Session is Sponsored By:
Newport Health Equity Zone



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Next week's Rinse & Renew session is made possible by our community partner, the **Newport Health Equity Zone (HEZ)**. The HEZ is a resident-driven collaborative addressing the root causes of health disparities in the North End and Broadway neighborhoods of Newport.

This important program is making such a difference for those who lack a place for personal hygiene.

Showers are free and private. The session is Tuesday, August 5 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

All the 'Butters!

Thanks to our friends Kimberly (left) and Jess (right) from **Bank of America** for bringing a donation of 200 pounds of "all the butters" to our food pantry. Bank of America employees across Rhode Island held a drive for peanut butter, sun butter, almond butter...all the shelf-stable spreads that are a staple in food pantries like the MLK. We're grateful to be one of the beneficiaries of this important source of protein.



Wonderful words about the Kids Wonder Lab

Sharing some great feedback from Delca, who attended The Kids Wonder Lab with her daughter. We think you'll love reading this as much as we did:

I wanted to take a moment to say THANK YOU! Sofia really loved the Wonder Lab program. I am so grateful we had the opportunity to participate. Sofia really enjoyed the different sensory activities and the overall program. At bedtime, we take a moment to say what we are grateful for, and oftentimes she still says she's grateful for "Ms. Erin" or "Sensory Play with Ms. Erin".

We miss the Wonder Lab and just wanted to thank you for offering such a great program for the little ones. It was phenomenal! What a wonderful community resource. I will continue to pass on the Wonder Lab information to incoming military families.

Thank you, St. Mary's



Shout out to our friends from **St. Mary's Episcopal Church** in Portsmouth. Last week, members of the parish donated and served a delicious dinner of baked turkey and ham, pasta and garden salad, rolls, and cookies for dessert. For years, the congregation has volunteered in our programs, donated food, toys, fresh produce and more.

We appreciate you!

School may be closed but The Island Oasis isn't.

Families have been using the **Island Oasis Food Pantry at Middletown High School** on Tuesdays this summer, despite school being closed. Anyone in need can use the pantry on **August 5 or August 19 from 3:00 - 5:00 pm**. We're grateful for our partnership with Middletown Public Schools and proud to bring this resource to Middletown families.

(Last year 1,596 Middletown residents benefitted from an MLK program, whether it was the Island Oasis, or the Mobile Food Pantry, or Preschool, or Santa's Workshop, or another program. Generous people like you make that impact possible.)



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:

Monday 8/04/25:

59 Chafee Blvd. Newport RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8/05/25:

Oxbow Farms, 80 Rogers Ln. 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 8/07/25:

Hancock Estates, 345 Hancock St. Tiverton RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 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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