



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
COMMUNITY CENTER

September 19, 2025

One Final Summer Concert with the Toe Jam Puppet Band

Our summer concert series, Live From the Loading Dock - Parkside, has just one more event this year. Join us for a family friendly evening with **Toe Jam Puppet Band!**

The performance is from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. A kid-friendly meal will be provided. As always, make sure to bring your own blankets and chairs to the pocket park across from the Edward St. entrance to the Center.

We can't wait for one last summer concert with you all!





**LIVE FROM THE
LOADING DOCK...
PARKSIDE**

TOE JAM PUPPET BAND
Wednesday, Sept. 24 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
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Rhode Island Black Storytellers at Lunch & Learn

We had a change of plans this week at Lunch & Learn. The Newport Police had a conflict, but will be back for the Self Defense and Situational Awareness training at a later date.

Thankfully, Raffini from [***Rhode Island Black Storytellers***](#) stepped in to share beautiful stories about her family.

One story focused on her admiration and love for her son and late mother. They shared a special bond that her son still remembers to this day, even though his grandmother passed when he was two (he is currently 50!). Raffini vividly described the homemade yeast bread her mother would make every Sunday, and how indelible that memory is for both of them.

Her stories were heartfelt, raw, and relatable. Everyone was all ears for every word, and the emotion in the room was felt by everyone.

We are so grateful she was able to step in for this unexpected, but wonderful afternoon.



**Can You Help Us at the Newport Marathon
and the Bridge Run?**

Are you looking for a fun way to help the MLK and get out into the community? As a charitable beneficiary for the **[Amica Newport Marathon](#)** and the **[Citizen's Pell Bridge Run](#)**, we provide volunteers to support these vibrant community events.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Marathon at registration and bib pick up on ***Saturday, October 11 from 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.*** and for late bib pick up on ***Sunday, October 12 from 5:15 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.***

The following weekend, we need help on ***Saturday, October 18 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.*** for registration and bib pick up for the Bridge Run.

Volunteering for these events is a lot of fun. Check out the photo below of the crew from last year's Pell Bridge Run. ***This is a great opportunity for volunteers 16 years or older to get community service hours.***

Please contact our Volunteer Manager, Becky Richard, by **[clicking here](#)** or using the button below if you are interested.

Thank you!

Volunteer for the Races



JOIN OUR VOLUNTEER CREW!

Amica Newport Marathon
 Saturday, Oct. 11 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, Oct. 12 5:15 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

Citizen's Pell Bridge Run
 Saturday, Oct. 18 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

The MLK is a charitable beneficiary of both races, so we are honored to provide volunteers for registration and bib pick up for both races.

Contact Rebecca Richard
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Amica | NM NEWPORT MARATHON | DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER | Citizens' PELL BRIDGE RUN

Do You Know Someone Who Needs Excellent and Affordable Childcare?

We still have a few spaces for children 3 - 5 in our Preschool Program.

The program runs Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A healthy breakfast, lunch, and snack is provided each day. Our Preschool Program focuses on the Rhode Island Early Learning Standards, helping kids be socially and emotionally ready for kindergarten. Every day includes creative and outdoor play as well as literacy and numeric activities. **Mostly, it's a whole lot of fun!**

[Click here](#) to reach out to our Director of Education, Missy Davis, to learn more and enroll. *Generous needs-based scholarships are available.*



Register for Holiday Help Starting Tuesday, October 14

The holidays are coming up fast, and we are preparing for another busy season here at the Center.

Registration for Holiday Help begins Tuesday, October 14. Come to the Center Monday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. for in person sign ups.

Registration for Thanksgiving help ends Friday, November 14. Registration for Santa's Workshop and Christmas Meal help ends on Friday, December 12.

Make sure to bring your ID, proof of address, and proof of household size.



MLK HOLIDAY HELP

REGISTRATION BEGINS:
Tues., Oct. 14, 2025

REGISTRATION ENDS:
For Thanksgiving: Fri., Nov. 14, 2025
For Christmas: Fri., Dec. 12, 2025

SIGN UP IN PERSON
No online registration
MLK Community Center
20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd. Newport RI
Monday - Friday
10:00am - 2:00pm

TO SIGN UP, BRING:

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT ERIN PATEL

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☎ 401.846.4828 x124

❄ PHOTO ID ❄

❄ PROOF OF NEWPORT COUNTY ADDRESS* ❄

❄ PROOF OF AND HOUSEHOLD SIZE ❄

*Newport, Middletown, Portsmouth, Jamestown, Tiverton, and Little Compton





AYUDA PARA LOS DÍAS FESTIVOS

EL REGISTRO COMIENZA:
Martes, Oct. 14, 2025

ÚLTIMO DÍA PARA INSCRIBIRSE:
Acción de gracias: Vie., Nov. 14, 2025
Navidad: Vie., Dic. 12, 2025

REGISTRO EN PERSONA
MLK Community Center
20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd., Newport RI
Lunes - Viernes
10:00am - 2:00pm

PARA REGISTRARSE TRAER:

- ❄️ IDENTIFICACIÓN CON FOTO ❄️
- ❄️ EVIDENCIA DE DOMICILIO DEL CONDADO DE NEWPORT* ❄️
- ❄️ EVIDENCIA DE DOMICILIO DE CADA MIEMBRO DE LA FAMILIA ❄️

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¿Preguntas?
Contacta a Erin Patel
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Want a Job You Can Feel Good About? Join our Team!

Do you want to be a part of helping over 8,000 people a year? Distributing over 1.3 million meals to those in our community who need them? Providing 1,327 kids with gifts for the holidays? Educating and caring for over 100 kids in the community to support working families?

If that sounds like you, we want you on our team. We are hiring for a **Volunteer Manager** and an **After School Teacher**. [Click here](#) or use the button below to learn more about the jobs and apply.



**WE ARE
HIRING!**

OPEN POSITIONS:

- VOLUNTEER MANAGER
- AFTER SCHOOL TEACHER

email us your resume at jobs@mlkccenter.org

Learn More and Apply Now

Side Dishes Needed!

Sometimes the sides really do make the meal! **We are in need of side dishes like rice pilaf, yellow rice, rice and beans, or any pasta side dishes.** These are really popular with our clients and we get requests for them often.

We struggle to keep side dishes on the shelves. Can you help?

We receive donations Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. 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 9/22/25:

Apple Creek Apartments, 700 Windwood Dr. Tiverton RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday 9/23/25:

West House, 417 Forest Ave. Middletown RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Residents Only

Thursday 9/25/25:

Quaker Estates, 2368 E. Main Rd. Portsmouth RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Anthony House, 51 Middle Rd. Portsmouth RI 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
Residents Only

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 September calendar Here

Descargue el Calendario
del Septiembre Aquí



Our Contact Information

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{{Organization Address}}
{{Organization Phone}}
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