



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CENTER

October 17, 2025

POSTPONED: Keeper of the Dream & Annual Meeting

In light of the devastating loss of Jerry Kirby's sister and brother-in-law Aggie and Tom Perkins, ***we are postponing our annual meeting and Keeper of the Dream to a later date.*** Jerry is our 2025 Keeper of the Dream recipient. Our hearts are with Jerry, the Perkins and Kirby families, and the Kirby Perkins Construction family during this profoundly difficult time. We appreciate the understanding and support of our community as we come together with compassion and respect.

We will reach out when we are able to reschedule the event. We look forward to celebrating our honorees and the Center with you when the time is right.

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month



We had a really special celebration to close out Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15). Our preschoolers celebrated with Hispanic inspired dances, songs, costumes, and posters. **We are proud to have such vibrant celebrations of culture here at the center**, and we hope you enjoy these photos from the festivities.



The Situation Table

Each week, I join 15 other agencies including Newport and Middletown public safety teams, Newport Mental Health, Newport Hospital, and more for **The Situation Table**. We work collaboratively on two common goals:

- 1. To reduce the elevated risk amongst vulnerable residents in our community**
- 2. Collect data to understand our community and report to a national risk-tracking database for community safety.**

The Situation Table model was originated in Canada ([click here to learn more](#)) and **it considers 105 risk factors** such as crime victimization, criminal involvement, self-harm, physical health, mental health, housing, basic needs, and more. Based on these risk factors, we discuss care and resources needed to help individuals on a situation-by-situation basis.

We are proud to join community leaders to have these important conversations to help Newport County's **most at risk citizens**.

We Are Planning for a Food Pantry in Newport's North End

Melissa Cherney (pictured left), The CEO of ***The Rhode Island Community Food Bank***, visited the Center to discuss the growing need in our community for Hunger Relief. We continue to push for a food pantry in Newport's North End to help us better serve Newport County. Newport This Week picked up the story. To read more, [click here](#) or use the button below.



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Rinse & Renew

We are grateful to ***The Ernest and Mary A. Ritchie Memorial Fund at the Rhode Island Foundation*** for sponsoring this week's Rinse & Renew session.

It is because of this type of generous community support that we are able to provide this essential need, with towels, toiletries, and fresh underwear and socks, free of charge to our community.

Enjuágate y Renuévate

Duchas gratuitas en el MLK




Martes, 14 de Octubre, 9:00 a. m. – 2:00 p. m.
 Unidad de duchas móviles detrás del MLK Community Center
 20 Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd. Newport RI

Se proporcionarán toallas y artículos de aseo personal. Habrá ropa interior y calcetines limpios disponibles.

Gratis y abierto a todos: Por orden de llegada.
 Esta sesión es patrocinada por:
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Cereal Needed in the Food Pantry

Clients choose two breakfast items when they visit the food pantry: a bag of oatmeal and a box of cereal. We serve about 1,000 families a month. That's **2,000 cereal items we need to source every month.**

Can you help keep breakfast bowls full with a donation of oatmeal (instant, quick-cook, or old-fashioned) or hearty and healthy cereals of wheat, bran, oats, rice, or corn?

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!](#)

Thank you.



Give to the Food Pantry

Beep! Beep! Here Comes the Mobile Food Pantry!



Here's next week's Mobile Food Pantry Locations

Monday 10/20/25:

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

Tuesday 10/21/25:

1 Park Holm Newport RI 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

AHEPA Apartments, 87 Girard Ave. Newport RI 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. - *Residents Only*

Thursday 10/23/25:

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

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Our Contact Information

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