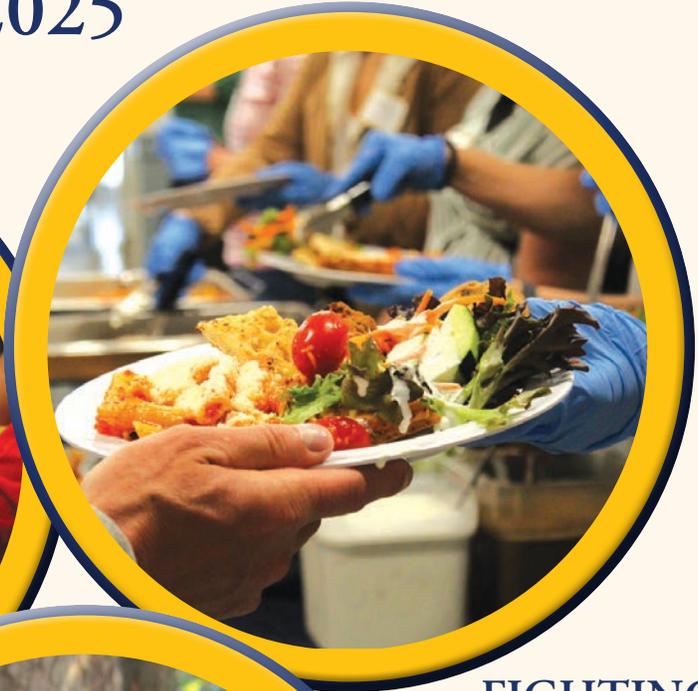


ANNUAL REPORT

2025



EDUCATING KIDS
&
SUPPORTING
FAMILIES



FIGHTING
HUNGER
&
PROMOTING
HEALTH



BUILDING COMMUNITY



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
COMMUNITY CENTER



“La escuela es lo mejor que hay para los niños en Newport.

This school is the best thing there is for kids in Newport.”

— Mom of two boys in MLK Education programs: one in Preschool, and one in After School. She works in housekeeping in a local hotel.

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103 Years of Service

Founded in 1922 and renamed after Dr. King in 1968, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center is a central service provider for at-risk individuals, families, and seniors. Only childcare programs have fees, with nearly all children (98%) being subsidized. Celebrating 103 years of service in 2025, the MLK Community Center is an independent nonprofit serving individuals and families promoting health, fighting hunger, supporting families, educating kids, and engaging seniors.

The MLK builds community.

Mission

We nourish, educate, and support Newport County residents to improve their economic, social, and physical well-being.

Vision

We build a strong and inclusive community where all people are empowered to be self-reliant and to live their best quality of life.

Values

Inclusivity: We embrace diversity in all its forms and advance equity by sustaining an inclusive and welcoming environment where everyone is valued, accepted, and supported.

Equity: We actively work towards justice, fairness, and inclusion to create a more equitable and just society.

Excellence: We are flexible and innovative in addressing our community's needs, providing high quality, impact-driven programming.

Collaboration: We are committed to partnerships to help better serve our community.

Self-Determination: We empower and educate our clients to make choices that improve their health and well-being.

Accountability: We hold ourselves accountable to our clients, donors, volunteers, and the community at large and are committed to transparency, ethical behavior, and responsible stewardship of resources.



We are proud to be a BRAVE Space (Belonging, Respect, Alliance, Validity and Equity), a place where the LGBTQIA+ community feels safe, welcome, and validated.

Programs Encompass:

- ◆ Hunger Prevention and Nutrition
- ◆ Early Learning and Out-of-School-Time Education
- ◆ Community Support and Wellness

Board of Trustees

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2025 Programs

Adult Fitness & Wellness
After School
Client Employment Program
Client Support Services
Cooking Classes
Daily Bread
Daily Hot Breakfast
Food Delivery to Homebound
Food Pantry
Kids' Wonder Lab
Midday Meals
Imagination Library (Books for Kids)
MLK Friends Dinners
Mobile Food Pantry
Nutrition Counseling & Education
Preschool
Produce to the People
Rinse & Renew Showers
Santa's Workshop (Toy & Gift Help)
School Food Pantries
Senior Lunch & Learn
Summer Camp
Summer Concert Series
Thanksgiving & Holiday Meal Help
Warming Center

Message from the Board President and Executive Director

Dear Friends,

As we write this letter in September 2025, anxiety and uncertainty surround all of us. We see it in our clients, our community, our country, and our world. Ever-changing federal policies affect all of us, despite the Center not relying on government funding to fulfill our mission. We are concerned but we are strong. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center has been an anchor of hope and help since 1922, and we're not going anywhere.

We are client-focused, helping more people in more ways than ever before. The MLK helped 8,706 people last year, 8% more than in the previous year, and the most in our history.

Everyone should have enough to eat. Our programs increase food access and reduce food insecurity. We provide fresh, healthy, and culturally varied food via a variety of programs onsite and in the community, where we respect the dignity of every individual. Read on to learn how nearly 1,400,000 meals originated from the MLK Community Center last year.

Our community programs are more varied than ever, providing connection through wellness and enrichment opportunities where participants learn a new cooking skill, make a friend, share a meal, enjoy a concert, practice yoga or Tai Chi, get creative, and more, all at no cost. Continue reading for photos, testimony, and more.

Children are learning and thriving in our Preschool, After School, and Summer Camp. Kids who attend MLK programs benefit from experiential learning delivered in a nurturing environment, and their parents go to work each day, secure in the knowledge that their children are well cared for, and relieved that scholarships make it affordable. Learn more in the following pages.



Heather Hole Strout, left, and Kimberly Cummins.

The Center's programs are strong because of our amazing staff. Work in a social services nonprofit requires a special kind of commitment. We salute our dedicated team, especially the eight employees listed at right whose collective tenure is a whopping 71 years.

Our staff is joined by a committed board, an army of selfless volunteers, thousands of generous donors and funders, and over 130 collaborative partners all working together. The MLK makes a difference because of all of us.

As the Center continues to mature, we have moved from surviving, to thriving, to sustaining. We are working hard to maintain our impact by succession planning, taking care of our building, and planning to ensure our impact into our third century. We have launched *The DreamKeepers*, a new planned giving society celebrating those who have included the MLK Community Center in their estate plans.

Whether you use MLK programs, give your time or resources, or are learning about the Center for the first time, you are part of this very special place. If you haven't been to the Center in a while, or if you've never been, come for a tour. Come see how the Center unites people, often in profound and unexpected ways. We never forget that every person's story is important because every person in our community matters. We promise: a visit is worth your time.

None of us knows what tomorrow will bring. In these times of uncertainty, the MLK Community Center is a beacon of certainty. We are here, ready to help our community, as we have done for 103 years.

Thank you for helping us build a stronger and more inclusive community,



Kimberly Cummins
President, Board of Trustees



Heather Hole Strout
Executive Director

CONGRATULATIONS!

MLK Team Members Celebrating 5+ Years of Employment at the 2024 Annual Meeting:

6 YEARS:

Heather Lynch
Director of Finance and Operations

Kyra Westmoreland
Lead Preschool Teacher

8 YEARS:

Heather Hole Strout
Executive Director

9 YEARS:

Edward Crowley
Director of Hunger Services

13 YEARS:

Alyson Novick
Director of Development

29 YEARS:

Valencia Garrett-Friend
Lead Preschool Teacher

“Martin Luther King, Jr. would be so proud of the work being done at the MLK center. I watched a young man run back into “his school,” full of excitement to lead his mom around on his own personal tour. He was so proud. **His dream is alive indeed!**”

— *Community Partner post on Facebook*

Annual Report Photos:

Kate Whitney Lucey
MLK Staff and Volunteers
Nick Pasyanos

What You Made Possible This Year

More Tuition Assistance For More Families

In fiscal year 2025, we provided \$273,710 in scholarships to low income working families with children enrolled in Preschool, After School and Summer Camp, a 7% increase from the prior year. Almost all children receive a needs-based scholarship.

Bringing More Hunger Relief Beyond the Walls Of The Center

The Mobile Food Pantry now visits Chafee Boulevard in Newport along with sixteen other sites in Newport, Middletown, Jamestown, Portsmouth, and Tiverton. Produce to the People is now year-round at Park Holm Senior Center as well as at the Center, and seasonally at Donovan Manor in Newport and Oxbow Farms in Middletown. A new food pantry at Newport Mental Health's Family Transitions program joins two school food pantries as resources beyond the building. We are providing monthly bags of food and produce to prenatal moms at Conexion Latina. Last year, MLK hunger services programs provided 20% more relief than the prior year: a mind-boggling 1,392,332 meals.



Reclaiming food from events keeps valuable food out of the waste stream... and into our client's homes.

Keeping Green

We work towards being as earth-friendly as possible. The children continue to learn about sustainability. We have diverted over 67 tons of food from the waste stream since we began composting several years ago. We inform clients of upcoming programs digitally rather than printing thousands of paper flyers. Clients bring reusable bags to the Food Pantry, Mobile Food Pantry, and Produce to the People. Those who want to take portions of meals home bring their own containers. Use of our two water filling stations have saved the equivalent of 17,642 plastic water bottles and counting.

New Sensory Play Program For Toddlers

We launched The Kid's Wonder Lab, a free 90-minute weekly program for parents/caregivers and their children ages 18 months – 4 years old. The program is an immersive experience using sensory play to enhance developmental skills in sessions where both kids and parents socialize. Programs like this certainly exist in the community – but none are free. MLK Preschoolers also attend the program.



The magic of tactile exploration in the Kids' Wonder Lab.

Expanding Our Outreach To Our Changing Community

For the first time, Hispanic/Latino people are the largest demographic who rely on the Center at 37% compared to 36% White/Caucasian, 12% Black/African American, 10% Biracial, 2% Indigenous, 2% Other, and 1% Asian. Of the 8,706 people we served, 62% of clients live in Newport, compared to 74% in 2019, and 295 people live outside of the six Newport County municipalities. Our strategies to increase our impact beyond the city of Newport are working.

Reclaiming Thousands of Pounds of Food

Thanks to our expanded capacity, we reclaim food from major events and hospitality venues that would otherwise go to waste. Salvaging high quality food would not be possible without the walk-in cooler and freezer added in the 2023 renovation.

“What you accomplish at the MLK Center is truly outstanding. I shudder to think **how much need there would be on our island without you.** Thank you for all you do.”

— Carolyn, Middletown



Reading Llama Llama Red Pajamas, thanks to the Imagination Library.

Getting Books Into Young Children’s Hands

Since its launch in 2020 during the COVID19 pandemic, Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, presented by Bazarsky Family Foundation at the MLK has enrolled over 4,500 kids. Every month, Newport County children receive an age-appropriate book in the mail from birth until their fifth birthday. The program is offered at no cost to families.

Meeting The Need For High Quality Early Childhood Education

We have added a third Preschool classroom. The 3-4 year olds in the new classroom are all Multi-Language Learners. At the MLK, preschool includes all-day care, and breakfast, lunch, and two snacks prepared inhouse by our kitchen manager.

Making Thanksgiving More Bountiful and Christmas More Merry

2024 was the first holiday season back in our renovated building. Our holiday meal assistance programs helped 2,320 people (901 families) at Thanksgiving and 2,978 people (1,033 families) at Christmas/Holiday. Parents chose toys and gifts for 1,327 kids at Santa’s Workshop.



Clients received a turkey, fresh produce, and all the ingredients to prepare a Thanksgiving feast.

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What You Made Possible This Year (CONTINUED)

A Center For the Community

We offer space free of charge to other Newport County and Rhode Island nonprofits for meetings, professional development training, public focus groups, strategic planning and more. We are proud to offer this community resource.

A Summer Of Experiences

Our campers tell us how much they like trying new things and visiting new places, and their parents tell us how much they appreciate the MLK providing opportunities they want to but can't. Summer Camp at the MLK builds equity for our kids, offering fun experiences and creating memories as campers explore Newport's rich variety of attractions. The kids swim and explore the shoreline at the beach, hike trails, learn sailing and tennis and skateboarding and self-defense, enjoy classical music concerts, choose books of their own, create art and dance and song, explore farms, tour mansions, practice mindfulness and more. Every kid deserves a "Newport summer," regardless of their family's income.



Action on the court on Juneteenth.

A Juneteenth to Remember

We celebrated the MLK's teams of yesteryear with a free youth basketball tournament and BBQ on the courts behind the Center. This healthy sporting event was intentionally held when youth were not in school and parents may have had the day off, and was offered completely free of charge.



Three individual stalls provide a place to shower in privacy and with dignity.

Paying Local Farmers For Locally Grown Food

We buy about 31% of the food we provide in our hunger relief programs. Maintaining an inventory of fresh produce is a key strategy in increasing food equity in Newport County. Grant funding and donations underwrite our contracts with five local farms. This is a win all around: We can provide food—often organic—that is locally grown, while supporting community-based agriculture. The farmers we work with benefit from half of the contracts paid up front and in turn discount our cost to below wholesale.

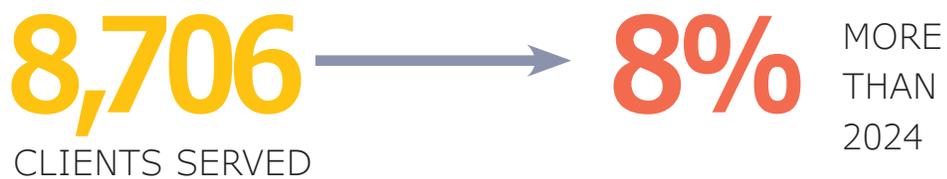
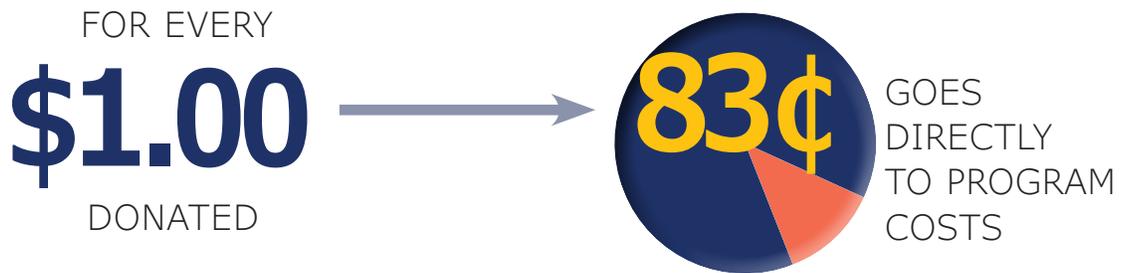
Providing Resources To Those Who Are Unhoused

Homelessness is an urgent problem in our community. Over 325 clients reported they were seeking shelter last year. For the second year, the MLK Community Center operated as an overnight Warming Center from the beginning of January through March, in collaboration with Newport Mental Health and CODAC. The Warming Center was full nearly every night and sometimes people were turned away. Responding to clients' requests, we began offering free showers every other week through our new Rinse and Renew Program. The Center is not an ideal location for these services and these are not permanent solutions. But, as we do with all programming, we aim to address unmet community needs and fill gaps where others are not providing resources.

“I feel like a million-dollar man!”

— Man after using the Rinse & Renew Shower Program

2025 Impact



2,901 NEW, FIRST-TIME MLK CLIENTS

OUR CLIENTS

62% ARE FROM NEWPORT

18% ARE FROM MIDDLETOWN

37% ARE HISPANIC/LATINO, THE HIGHEST CLIENT PERCENTAGE SERVED

67% RECEIVE SNAP BENEFITS

92% OF HOUSEHOLDS ARE LOW-INCOME, BASED ON FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

Hunger Relief

1,392,332

TOTAL MEALS PROVIDED,
ALL HUNGER PROGRAMS

→ **20%** MORE THAN 2024

282,657

POUNDS OF FRESH
PRODUCE DISTRIBUTED

→ **15%** MORE THAN 2024



1,396

GROCERY DELIVERIES TO HOMEBOUND
SENIORS AND DISABLED

→ **7%** MORE THAN 2024



180

VISITS TO

17

NEIGHBORHOODS

2,320

PEOPLE FROM

901

FAMILIES RECEIVED
HELP AT THANKSGIVING

38,056

HOT BREAKFASTS SERVED



85,570

MEALS DISTRIBUTED
FROM TWO SCHOOL
FOOD PANTRIES

Family/Child Services

2,662

CHILDREN AGES BIRTH-5 RECEIVED A BOOK EACH MONTH FROM DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY

LOW-INCOME, WORKING PARENTS RECEIVED

\$273,710

IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO MLK EDUCATION PROGRAMS

80% OF CHILDREN RECEIVE MLK SCHOLARSHIPS

87% OF CHILDREN ARE BIPOC (*Black, Indigenous, or People of Color*)

80% OF PRESCHOOLERS ARE MULTI-LANGUAGE LEARNERS

111

CHILDREN ATTENDED PRESCHOOL, SUMMER CAMP AND AFTER SCHOOL



SUMMER CAMPERS:

82% MAINTAINED OR GAINED GRADE-LEVEL PROFICIENCY

89% REPORT TRYING SOMETHING TOTALLY NEW

AFTER SCHOOL STUDENTS:

70% IMPROVED SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

80% IMPROVED READING FLUENCY

78% IMPROVED MATH SKILLS



89% OF GRADUATING PRESCHOOLERS WERE PROFICIENT IN THE RI EARLY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Community Enrichment

72 → **22%** MORE THAN 2024
SENIORS ATTENDED TWICE-MONTHLY LUNCH & LEARN



104 FREE EXERCISE/ WELLNESS CLASSES

48 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN TWICE-WEEKLY COOKING CLASSES

5 FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS

1,327

CHILDREN RECEIVED TOYS & GIFTS FROM SANTA'S WORKSHOP



DIVERTED ALMOST **24** TONS FROM THE WASTE STREAM VIA COMPOSTING



103 PEOPLE FOUND SHELTER IN THE OVERNIGHT WARMING CENTER

78 CHILDREN AND PARENTS ENJOYED SENSORY PLAY PROGRAM

Volunteers

642 INDIVIDUALS VOLUNTEERED → **19,248** HOURS OF SERVICE

Honor Roll

Since 2005, the MLK Community Center has bestowed the Keeper of the Dream awards annually during the Annual Meeting, honoring those whose outstanding commitment most embodies the ideals of our namesake, Dr. King. Recognizing the difficulty of singling out one person from hundreds of dedicated volunteers, the Content of Character Award was created in 2023 to celebrate extraordinary service to the Center.

2024 HONOREES

KEEPER OF THE DREAM

Dwight and Susan Sippelle

KEEPER OF THE DREAM - COMMUNITY PARTNER

Herkworks Architecture

CONTENT OF CHARACTER AWARD

Sarah Maher and Colleen Welsh

PREVIOUS HONOREES

2023

Keeper: Bob and Veronique Gerber
Partner: St. Paul's United Methodist Church
Character: Kate Whitney Lucey

2022

Keeper: Rhode Island Community Food Bank
Partner: BedJet LLC and the Aramli Foundation
Volunteer: Knights of Columbus, Middletown/Newport Council #256

2021

Keeper: Jane Mead Timken
Partner: Blount Fine Foods
Volunteer: Lois and Bob Zawrotny

2020

Keeper: Nancy and Doug Horsey
Partner: Jamestown Community Farm
Volunteer: Betsy Blair and Jim Van Winkle

2019

Keeper: Point Association of Newport
Partner: BankNewport
Volunteer: Gary Klein

2018

Keeper: Bazarsky Family Foundation
Partner: Middletown Rotary Club
Volunteer: Stephen and Zulekha Ludwig

2017

Keeper: Walter and Eileen Jachna
Partner: Newport Harbor Corporation
Volunteer: Lisa McWilliams

2016

Keeper: Rena DiMuccio
Partner: The Waters Edge Flowers
Volunteer: George W. Emerson

2015

Keeper: David and Donna Goodrich
Partner: Aquidneck Island Stop & Shop Supermarkets
Volunteer: Farouk and Susan Niazy

2014

Keeper: Dr. Susan Walker
Partner: Home Depot Store #4287, Middletown, Rhode Island
Volunteer: Joann Carlson and Peggy Clay

2013

Keeper: David D. Schuller
Partner: Gilbane Building Company
Volunteer: Donald G. Pfeiffer

2012

Keeper: Liz and Emlen Drayton
Partner: Atlantic Beach Club & Pavilion
Volunteer: Liz and Bob Mastin

2010

Keeper: Noreen Stonor Drexel
Volunteer: Rosalind Vaz MacLean

2009

Keeper: The Wilcox Family Foundation
Volunteer: Steven Turilli

2008

Keeper: William and Alison Vareika
Volunteer: George Steele

2007

Keeper: Ronald and Lillian Dick
Volunteer: David and Donna Goodrich

2006

Keeper: Suzette D. Schochet

2005

Keeper: Richard Sardella

No awards were bestowed in 2011.

Keepers of the Dream

Dwight and Susan Sippelle



Susan and Dwight Sippelle accept the Keeper of the Dream.

For years, Dwight and Sue Sippelle have been champions for the MLK. From their first donations of fresh produce from their garden, their philanthropy now sustains over 25 critical hunger relief, early learning and out-of-school time education, and community programs. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, Dwight and Sue knew we needed support to keep programs running and proactively reached out to help, asking: “*What do you need to fund the Preschool for a month?*”

We were honored when Sue included the MLK Community Center as one of the many organizations, businesses, and individuals she interviewed to help craft her deeply moving documentary, *Newport: In this Together*.

Their counsel has been invaluable in helping us think through how we meet our mission. When we began

solicitations for the Building Hope campaign, the Sippelles were among the first individuals we approached. Dwight and Sue’s incredible generosity to the campaign literally helped transform our physical space and built our confidence that we could meet the campaign’s lofty goals.

Recently, Sue has gathered Newport government, school, and nonprofit community leaders monthly to work on school attendance and other initiatives. The RENEWport group is now a nonprofit, with the mission to activate community to help make Newport a place for all to thrive. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center is a charter member of the group.

Sue and Dwight care deeply about the people who live here. We can’t imagine the MLK, or our community, without them.

Sue and Dwight’s incredible generosity literally helped transform our physical space and built our confidence that we could meet the campaign’s lofty goals.

Keeper of the Dream Community Partner

Herkworks Architecture



Dan Herchenroether, principal, Herkworks Architecture in front of the tribute wall he designed and created as a gift to the Center. He is joined by his sons Ford, Adam, and Grant and his wife Sara Meiwitz.

As we approached our Centennial in 2022, we envisioned a revitalized building as we entered our second century of service to our community. We knew we had to remain at our current location on the same limited footprint of property the MLK Community Center has occupied for decades. Remaining in the heart of the city was paramount. Our dream was to transform the Center into an efficient and welcoming space for volunteers and staff but most importantly for the thousands of Newport County people who rely on us. We hired Herkworks Architecture to help us translate our vision into a working building. Dan Herchenroether created a design that exceeded our expectations.

His gift of the spectacular wood tribute wall is the showcase of our lobby and a source of pride and inspiration to everyone who visits the MLK. Over the course of many weekends, Dan and his three sons worked to create this labor of love. Dan crafted 959 individual pieces to create the wall.

Dr. King's quote on the wall reads:

"I have the audacity to believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality, and freedom for their spirits."

Herkworks Architecture designed an efficient and welcoming building for volunteers and staff and most importantly for the thousands of people who rely on us.

Content of Character Award

Sarah Maher and Colleen Welsh



Sarah Maher, left, and Colleen Welsh, right, with Heather Hole Strout at the 2024 Annual Meeting and Keeper of the Dream ceremony.

Every year, the MLK Community Center provides toys and gifts for local children in a two-day extravaganza of holiday joy. Santa's Workshop is one of our most beloved and impactful programs. It is also one of the most labor-intensive programs we offer. Last year, 1,327 kids had a Merry Christmas morning, because of the two people we honored with our Content of Character Award.

Creating a beautifully and thoughtfully displayed holiday store takes months of work. By being our Elves in Chief, Sarah Maher and Colleen Welsh have not only made

Christmas merry for thousands of kids, but they have also made celebrating the holiday a dignified experience for parents who can choose just the right toys and gifts for their children in a warm and welcoming environment that feels like FAO Schwartz.

In 2023, when half of the Center was closed during construction Colleen and Sarah made Santa's Workshop happen, in an offsite location, and as volunteers no less. Their commitment to making the holiday special for children and their families amazes us.

*Sarah and Colleen have made
Christmas merry for thousands of kids.*

Celebrating our 2024 Annual Meeting and Keeper of the Dream Awards

Held in the same community room where the Overnight Warming Center, Daily Breakfast, Santa's Workshop, Senior Lunch & Learn, Preschool Graduation and so many other programs occur, our Annual Meeting is a beloved public event. Each year, we share our challenges and successes, bid farewell to retiring and welcome new trustees, and celebrate our Keeper of the Dream honorees. It's an evening of connection and celebration.



Community Collaborators

Partnerships and collaborations make the Center, and the community, stronger. We collaborate with over **130 organizations**. Our partners range from nonprofits and government agencies providing no-cost programs, to associations where the MLK is a member, to off-site partners where we provide programs, to fellow nonprofits who hold meetings and programs at the Center, free of charge. Our donation bin partners offer space and receive food donations from the public for our food pantry. We are grateful for these important relationships.

Our Partners

AARP - Tax Aide
Age-Friendly Rhode Island
AHEPA 245 Apartments
Alzheimer's Association (RI Chapter)
Ancient Order of Hibernians,
Dennis E Collins Div 1
Aquidneck Community Table
Aquidneck Island Clergy Association
Aquidneck Island Village Common
Aquidneck Land Trust
Art Connection RI
Audrain Automobile Museum of Newport
Audubon Society of Rhode Island
Bay Management
Berkshire Bank
Bike Newport
Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI
BosWell Care-Impact Partners
Boys & Girls Club of Newport County
Brown Health - Newport Hospital
Butler Basketball Club
Business Owners in Childcare Association
Center for Early Learning Professionals
Center for Service Support
Christian Action Center
Citizens Bank
City of Newport - Mayor's Office
CODAC
Community College of Rhode Island
Conexión Latina
East Bay Community Action Program
Edward King House Senior Center
Friends of Newport Skatepark
Four Hearts Foundation
Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England
Gooseberry Beach
Henderson House
House of Hope - Shower to Empower
International Tennis Hall of Fame
Jamestown Housing Authority



Collaborating with community partners helps us build equity in the community like this no-cost vaccination and micro-chipping clinic brought to the MLK by the Potter League for Animals.

Jennifer Carter Photography
League of Women Voters
Learn365RI
LIHEAP
Looking Upwards
Lucy's Hearth
McNeill Children's Institute
Michael Hayes Newport
Middletown Fire Department
Middletown Housing Authority
Middletown Public Schools
NAACP
NAVSEA
National Association for the
Education of Young Children
Navy Supply Corps School
Neighborhood Health Plan of RI

Newport Art Museum
Newport Classical
Newport Contemporary Ballet
Newport County YMCA
Newport Elks
Newport Festivals Foundation
Newport Fire Department
Newport Gulls
Newport Health Equity Zone
Newport Historical Society
Newport Housing Authority
Newport Martial Arts
Newport Mental Health
Newport Partnership for Families
Newport Photographer's Guild
Newport Police Department
Newport Prevention Coalition

Community Collaborators

Newport Pride
Newport Public Library
Newport Public Schools
Newport Sings
Newport String Project
Newport Tree Conservancy
No Wrong Door
Norman Bird Sanctuary
Ocean Hour Farm
Ocean State Center for
Independent Living
Office of Healthy Aging
Parent Support Network of RI
Phoenix Property Management
Portsmouth Housing Authority
Potter League for Animals
Preservation Society of Newport County
Redwood Library & Athenaeum
RENEWport
Revka Dance
Rhode Island Afterschool Network
Rhode Island Association for the
Education of Young Children
Rhode Island Association of Camps
Rhode Island Coalition to
End Homelessness
Rhode Island Community Food Bank
Rhode Island Department of Health
Rhode Island Department of
Human Services
Rhode Island Legal Services
Rhode Island Parent Information Network
Rhody Squash
RI Educational Opportunity Center
RI Food Policy Council
RI Special Needs Registry
Sail Newport



Community partnerships provide new experiences like getting up close and personal with an elephant sculpture and much more.

Salve Regina University
Save the Bay
Skills for Rhode Island's Future
Stalise
St. George's School
St. John the Evangelist Church
State of Rhode Island -
Division of Elderly Affairs
Strategic Prevention Partnerships
The Met School - Newport
The Simon Companies

The Situation Table
The Wellness Company
Thrive by Five
Tiverton Housing Authority
Tiverton Public Schools
Trinity Management
UnitedHealthcare
University of Rhode Island
Valley Affordable Housing
Visiting Nurse Home & Hospice
Waterbrothers
West Place Animal Sanctuary
Women's Resource Center

“Thank you to the MLK Jr. Community Center for the vital work you perform each day in Newport. Your leadership has inspired us at St. John's to explore new ways to serve others. By partnering with organizations like yours, even small groups with limited resources can make a big impact.”

— *The Parish of St. John the Evangelist*

Our Donation Bin Hosts

A-Market
Clements' Marketplace
Custom House Coffee
Naval Station Newport Commissary
Shaw's Supermarket
Stop & Shop Supermarket -
Connell Highway

Supporters

We take our responsibility to our donors very seriously.

We know that philanthropy is always a choice and never an obligation. Every person and organization listed here has made the generous choice to stand beside us in our mission to build a stronger and more inclusive Newport County. We are profoundly grateful for our partners in community.

THE DREAMKEEPERS

Launched in 2025, The DreamKeepers recognizes and celebrates those who share the deepest commitment to our mission, our vision, and our values by helping to ensure our long-term stability. This planned giving initiative honors those who have chosen to make a lasting impact by including the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center in their estate plans.

Anonymous (several)
Mrs. Robert A. Beaver
James Bracey
Elizabeth Zima Cottrell and Pat Cottrell
Kimberly and Richard Cummins
Bob and Veronique Gerber
Walter and Eileen Jachna
Gail Jacobs
Alyson Novick
Bailey Silechnick
Cynthia Sinclair
Heather Hole Strout
Roger and Susan Wells

In Memoriam

We gratefully remember and honor the following DreamKeepers whose foresight and generosity of a planned gift during their lifetime or through their estate have left a lasting impact on the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. Though they are no longer with us, their legacy continues to inspire and support our mission. We are deeply thankful for their enduring support.

Anonymous (several)
Maya L. Auchincloss
George W. Emerson, III
Fr. Edmond Prendiville
Jacqueline Whelan

\$100,000 and above

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— *Son whose parents used the Mobile Food Pantry in Middletown*

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“My wife and I tell as many people as we can who will listen to us to praise the MLK programs. There are many activities provided which help mold our children’s explorative desires...for example, the sailing program is something that my wife and I wouldn’t have been able to provide for our children. But, with MLK, Sarah and Alex have both found a passion that they love and want to pursue. Who knows, we might have an America’s Cup sailor as a direct result from being a part of MLK.”

— Newport Dad

(All Names have been changed to protect privacy)

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“Because of you, [my son] has a safe place to learn, grow, and gain new experiences. Knowing he has a teacher as kind and as helpful as you gives my family such peace of mind. Education is the gateway to a bright future and I thank you for lighting that path each and every day”

— Deon, Newport Mom
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“I am so thankful for you and my classmates. What a difference YOU have made in my life! I am healthier than I was year ago! The impact has such impact on my overall life: Healthier eating leads to my weight loss. 24 lbs so far! Blood pressure is lower. A-1C is under 7. Motivated to keep my mobility! Not allowing my pain levels to rule my life! Less stress about what to cook and easily eat healthy meals.”

— LivFit Participant

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— Newport Mom and Santa's Workshop Participant



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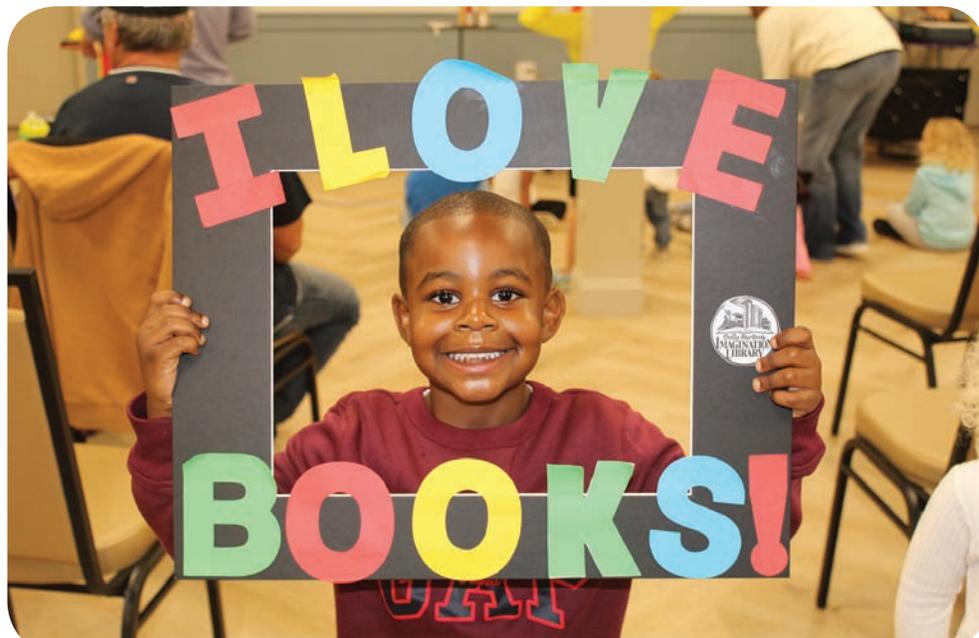
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Imani Hepburn-Vaughn candidly shared her experiences with food insecurity as a panelist at the RI Community Food Bank's 2024 Status Report Town Hall. She explained how the MLK helps: "[If it wasn't for the MLK Center], I don't know what I'd do." She gets 90% of her family's food at the MLK. Both she and her husband are working; he is in the Navy. Imani said that programs like the Food Pantry and Produce to the People are a "lifesaver." She shared how she is treated with "nothing but respect and dignity."

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We read together every night for at least 30 minutes. We have a stack of books that we have received from the Imagination Library and we really look forward to receiving our books in the mail.

The fun part is Dad reads the words and makes the funny voices and I explain the pictures. We know these books and their importance, and we are already seeing how they are making a difference in Barbara’s learning. Thank you, Imagination Library. Barbara’s all-time favorite book is *Green Tractor*.”

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United Congregational Church
United States Marine Corps
University of Rhode Island Graduate
School of Oceanography
URI East Farm Apple Orchard
US Navy Center for Service Support
Suzi and David Van Ness
Joseph and Liz Vendittelli
Viti Inc.
Ellie and David Voorhes
Jasmin Wagner
WalMart
Thomas and Judith Walsh

Walter and Elsie Kalisz
Tanya Walton
Wanumetonomy Golf & Country Club
Lisa Wardlow
Water Brothers
Waterman Grille
Watson Inc.
Kathy Watts
Loel and Patricia Weiss
Jennifer Welch
Roger and Susan Wells
Heidi Werther
Helen Westall
Jeffrey Weston
Leonard Whelan
Emma Whitman
Lisa Williams
Nancy Willis
Sue Winsor
John and Linnea Wolfe
Esther Wolk
Gail Woodworth and Thomas Dresser
Wyndham Bay Voyage Inn
Wyndham Newport Onshore
Bob and Lois Zawrotny
Joan Zerner



Summer Campers experience Newport's cultural riches, like a dance session with Newport Contemporary Ballet.



Volunteers

642 volunteers
performed
19,248 hours
of service in 2025.

At more than 15 times the size of our paid staff, our amazing volunteers are the lifeblood of the MLK Community Center, making a difference every day in every program and department. Individual volunteers and groups from schools, businesses, and clubs selflessly give their time and talent. Our volunteers perform essential tasks like preparing and serving meals, teaching wellness classes, reading to preschoolers, stocking food, escorting clients in the Food Pantry, working in all types of weather at the Mobile Food Pantry and Produce to the People, delivering groceries to homebound seniors, helping at our events, picking up food drive donations, organizing and staffing Santa's Workshop and much more.

The MLK helped 8,706 people last year. That impact is impossible without these selfless and dedicated people. We salute them.



Volunteers



MLK holiday programs are made possible by hundreds of dedicated volunteers.

Individuals

Aliyah Abdullah-Towns	Anthony Angelon	Rick Bansal	Gabrielius Bazikas	Pat Burke
Amy Acampora	Lilly Ansley-Purpura	Edmilson Barbosa de Andrade	Liz Bearce	Jim Burns
Khurshid Alam	Crystal Arel	Susan Barnes	Alicia Bell	Em Buth
Aitor Aldazabal	Phil Ayoub	Liam Barnett	Madeline Bellico	Ellen Callahan
Gail Lowney Alofsin	Laura Babcock	Jenny Barone	Al Beretta	Diana Calle
John Alofsin	Andi Bailey	Kaylee Barr	Georgia Bergin	Nicole Calvert
Mandy Anacleto	Deb Bailey	Suenia Barreto	Billy Black	Annette Campbell
Brittney Anderson	Adelaide Baird	Jennifer Barrett Hall	Betsy Blair	Margaret Carlin
Stephanie Andrea	Lauren Baker-Hart	Hayley Barrow	Julius Borges	Laura Carlone
Zhane Andrews	Asia Balaoing	Justin Bass	Bethany Boucher	Molly Carlson
	Oren Banks	Cameron Baston	Patrick Bouthillette	Beniel Carrasquillo
			Joshua Bowater	Rachel Carraway
			James Bracey	Joseph Carroll
			Alexandria Brett	Henry Cassese
			Julie Brittsan	Justin Cendrowski
			Jeff Brooks	Gabriella Cesarini
			Jarius Brown	Karlie Cesarini
			Daniella Bruno	Angel Charles-Pizarro
			Maureen Buckley	Elodie Chery
			Frank Budnick	Raks Chey
			Kateri Buerman	Isabella Chobanian

“Volunteering at the MLK Community Center is a true joy. It is clear that every staff member truly cares about every community member, and that feeling is shared among volunteers. Thank you for your professionalism and dedication!”

— *Anonymous*

Volunteers

Veronica Chobanian
 Kelly Christian
 Barbara Cioffi
 Daryll Clay
 Tyler Clinkscales
 Parrish Clinton
 Dylan Cloud
 Howard Cloud
 Beverly Cloutier
 Emma Cochrane
 Rachel Cocroft
 Amelia Coe
 Julia Coll
 Tim Collins
 Andrea Colognese
 Doriana Colognese
 Celeste Colon
 Deanna Conheeny
 Patrick Connerton
 Daniel Conti
 Milka Contreras
 Elizabeth Conway
 Kit Conway

Bennett Coogan
 Bill Coogan
 Jonathan Cook
 Nora Cooney
 Ross Cooper
 August Cordeiro
 Krissy Coristine
 Shileah Correa
 Annette Correia
 Tiffany Costa
 Maureen Cronin
 Kim Cummins
 Richard Cummins
 Sue Curran
 Liam Daly
 Nelson Damian
 Adrian D'Amore
 Susan Darby
 Anita Davis
 Joanna Davis
 Liz Davis
 Michelle Deane
 Rita DellaVolpe



Sorting food after a drive that brought in thousands of pounds of food.



Individual volunteers and teams from restaurants and businesses help prepare breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals.

Jane Demers	Catherine Dwyer	Barbara Ferris
Will Dewey	Sam Easter	Jess Ferris
Bill DeWitt	Brooke Eaton	Adelina Ferrol
Liza DeWitt	Chad Eaton	Roberto Figueras
Gary DiBlasio	Kayce Eckel	Lillian Fitzgerald
Cassandra Dimech	Dianne Elliott	Don Fitzpatrick
David Diorio	John Emanuel	Frank Flaherty
Louis DiPietro	Marianne Emanuel	David Flamand
Trish DiRuggiero	Cherish Encarnacion	Bryan Flanagan
Katherine Donovan	Noah Erasquin	Andi Flax
Juliet Douglas	Sarah Ethier	Andrea Flores
Heidi Doyle	Jocelyn Evans	Jeremy Flores
Rosemary Doyle	Jay Everson	Laura Foley
Laurie Dufour	Nick Ewenson	Isabella Fontana
Stephanie Duncan	Caroline Fallon	Sheila Foose
Dominic Durand	Robert Felber	Eve Formisano

Volunteers

Dean Fraioli
 Suzanne Fraioli
 Mandy Francis
 Scott Fredrickson
 Susan Fredrickson
 Tracy Freese
 Sarah Frost
 Jim Fry
 Bob Gaines
 Sandy Gallagher
 Michele Gallagher
 Glesinger
 Gabriela Gamble
 Kayli Garcia
 Sue Gearan
 Jacob George
 Rai Germosen
 Emily Gerosa
 Martha Giarratano
 Ginny Gilman
 Paul Gilman
 John Gilmartin
 Dave Girard
 Chris Gleason
 McKay Gleason
 Shawna Gleason
 Judy Glenn
 Kelsey Godin
 Elizabeth Goetz-



Groups from schools, universities, businesses, churches, civic and neighborhood groups make a difference at the Center.

Patridge
 Joe Goff
 Valerie Gomes
 Asia Gonzalez-Dent
 Ally Goulette
 Bev Gove
 Dave Gove
 Roy Grafton
 Naomi Green

Jodi Greenblatt
 Berne Greene
 Harold Greene
 John Greichen
 Maureen Greichen
 Patricia Greichen
 Matthew Grieve
 Keith Grove
 Grace Haesche

Nathan Hall
 MaryEllen Hallam
 Kim Hapgood
 Amy Harden
 Jeanne Harrington
 Cynthia Haslam
 Lauren Haslam
 Corbin Hayes
 Rosemarie Hayes
 Margaret Haywood
 Deirdre Hecht
 James Hecht
 Danielle Heckman
 Henley Handerson
 Jacquelyn Henderson
 Jeff Henderson
 Sakoia Hernandez
 Charles Herndon
 Elline Hildebrandt
 Kay Ho
 Bethany Hole
 Bonnie Hole
 Bridget Hole
 Jen Hole
 John Hole

Jonna Hole
 Kathy Hole
 Beth Holland
 Sherri Hollins
 Matthew Holmes
 Marlena Horan
 Doug Horsey
 Nancy Horsey
 Nicole Hortizue
 la-Schrank
 Dennis Howard
 Nancy Howard
 Sandra Howard
 Richard Hudson
 Daniel Hughes
 Andy Huling
 Marybeth Hunte
 Debra Huntington
 Rose M. Hyder
 Blair Ingraham
 Kathy Irving
 Carolyn Isom
 Bryant Jackson
 Gail Jacobs
 Alexia Jean
 Linda Jenkins
 Mary Jenkins
 Patricia Jenkins
 Diego Jerezano Rivera
 Teddy Jiganti
 Micah Johnson
 Darryl Jones
 Rasheeda Juairé
 Lisa Judge
 Ivan Jurkovic
 John Kamensky
 Nina Kaul
 Flynn Kayajan
 Mandy Kelley
 Sam Kelly
 Anne Kennedy
 Laurel Kenney
 Nancy Keyworth

“The treatment of our clients was exemplary... They were greeted with smiles, and in many cases recognition because of the relationships with the staff and volunteers. The food was the best: large turkeys, produce that was plump, healthy and abundant. The volunteers were the best: eager, welcoming, and working with a sense of joy. The process was well-orchestrated and professional.”

— *Whitney Slade, Former Board President, and Thanksgiving volunteer*

Volunteers

Eric Kimble
 Nancy Kimble
 Kiona King
 Cortney Kingsley
 Marianne Kirby
 Clare Kirschner
 Bridget Kist
 Rebecca Knapp
 Le Blanc
 Terri Kokulis
 Paula Kramer
 Jami Krause
 Kathleen Kronholm
 Cindy Kurja
 Jeffrey Lachance
 Alexander LaCon
 Kate LaFleur
 Donna LaGatta
 Coral Laliberte
 Rothina Laliberte
 Jeffrey Landsman
 Scott Langford
 Alexandria Lanieri
 Gissell LaraChavez
 Ian Larson
 Meaghan Latella
 Carlone Laura
 Janel Leary
 Linda Leonard
 Marie Leonard
 Alexa Leone
 James Lesko
 Vicky Levada
 Abigail Levcowich
 Teresa Mae Leveille
 Judy Levitt
 Ellen Leys
 Rachel Libby
 Jonathan Litke
 Cameron Little
 Amanda Loffredo
 Laura Loftus
 Dania Lopez
 Grace Loughborough

Emily Loughlin
 Allison Loughrey
 Kate Whitney Lucey
 Myles Luginbuhl
 Matt Lunati
 Katie Lund
 Shana Lusignan
 MaryLou Lyons
 Sue MacDonald
 Erica Maciel
 Jessica Maciel
 Joneya Mack
 Alix Madden
 Leslie Maher
 Sarah Maher
 Ali Mahony
 Madison Maire
 James Makrianes
 Meghan Malloy
 Jessica Malota
 Adam Manchester
 Ella Mandeville
 Jack Mannke
 Bailey Manos
 Diane Manson

Alex Margolies
 Erin Margolis
 Steve Marino
 Mitchell Marsh
 Ron Marsh
 Lewis Marshall
 Lori Marshall
 Jacqueline Martel
 Christina Martin
 Linda Martin
 Alisa Martinelli
 John Master
 Liz Mastin
 Davis Matos
 Nick Mauprivez
 Robin Maxcy
 Susan Maxwell
 Thomas Maxwell
 Bridget McClean
 Lauren McCombs
 Nessa McDermott
 Margaret McGill
 Karen McGovern
 Laura McGowan
 Connie McKay

“I wanted to thank you for helping me feed three hungry people. They were beyond appreciative. You are doing God’s day every day...You are changing people’s lives. The work you are doing is truly a gift to people.”

— Proxy Shopper for Food Pantry / Santa’s Workshop Volunteer

Gregg McKay
 Kelsey McKeon
 Noah McKinney
 Colleen Medeiros
 Maryann Medeiros
 Sue Meehan
 Yukino Megan
 Dulce Mejia DelCid
 Samantha Melei
 Abby Mello
 Stephanie Menard
 Elsa Mendez
 Victoria Mendrinos
 Rosanna Mercedes Lopez
 Matt Merolla
 John Michalak
 Judy Michel
 Sulaymaan Miles
 Elizabeth Minifie
 Cassie Minto
 Valentine Mireku
 Samantha Moleti
 Allie Molfetto



Celebrating our amazing volunteers at our annual appreciation event.

Volunteers

Idania Molina
 Joe Montecalvo
 Erika Moore
 Holly Moore
 Sebastian Moore
 Kirsty Morrison
 Sean Muldoon
 Noel Munoz
 Erin Murdock
 Isabel Muro Castro
 Bill Murphy
 Margaret Murphy
 Marielen Murphy
 Susan Murphy
 Tara Murphy
 Katie Murray
 Tara Murray
 Sean Napolitano
 Kristin Neissink
 Dale Nelson
 Elena Nelson

MaryLou Nelson
 Peter Nelson
 Olivia Neverka-
 Vinciguerra
 Carla Neves
 Christopher Nguyen
 Susan Niazy
 Peter Nielsen
 Chloe Nittoly
 Nancy Nohai
 Amy Nolan
 Robert Novick

Brittany Nugent
 Kieton Nunes
 Ledimir Nunez
 Aidan O'Connell
 Tom Oatway
 Jay O'Brien
 Kate MacKay O'Brien
 Chyleene O'Connor
 Francis O'Loughlin
 Roy Omori
 Donald O'Neill
 Douglas O'Neill

**“I am leaving here inspired!
 When I look around the MLK
 and Santa’s Workshop I realize,
 ANYTHING is possible!”**
 — *Volunteer for Santa’s Workshop*

Willem Oswald
 Annmarie Pacheco
 Debra Page
 Abbigayl Pais
 HeleneGale Palladino
 Cathy Paquette
 Nick Pasyanos
 Riven Patel
 Emma Paterson
 Evan Paterson
 Holly Paterson
 Derek Patsos
 Raychelle Patton
 Macy Pearse
 Elliot Peat
 Susan Pedro
 Michele Pelland-
 Armfield
 Jack Perkins
 Francesca Perry
 Chelsea Petreulco
 Lisa Phelan
 Mark Phelan
 Elizabeth Phelps
 Jake Phelps
 Kathi Pilotte
 Ron Pilotte
 Diane Pincus
 Andrew Pine
 Karen Pinelli
 Frank Pirri
 Madeline Polss
 Alex Porter
 Lindsey Potter
 Greg Prior
 Dave Pritchard
 Jo-Ann Puzzo
 Marie Puzzo
 Ken Quail
 Martha Drake Quail
 Dick Radebach
 Heidi Ramos Gomez
 Lily Ratcliff
 Kira Ratkowski

Sheila Reardon
 Brad Reed
 Erin Reedy
 Connor Regan
 Mike Rego
 Jamaal Reid
 Lynne Rey
 Oliver Rey
 Tony Rey
 Charlotte Richard
 Jeffrey Richard
 Mac Richards
 Jeffrey Rigney
 Brittany Ripke
 Tameka Robertson
 Anne-Marie Roche
 Clare Rok
 John Rok
 Kitty Rok
 Paula Rosin
 Evan Rosin-Pritchard
 Suzanne Rowden
 Donald Rowe
 Gina Ruisi
 Nicole Sadaniantz
 Maria Sanjurjo
 Eric Santos
 Rachel Sardinha
 James Scalon
 Olivia Scheuermann
 Carol Schneider
 Melissa Schoonveld
 David D. Schuller
 Janine Schwartz
 Kathleen Schwarz
 Cassey Scott
 Clair Scott
 Merrie Scott
 Lawrence Settle
 Tom Settle
 Vickie Settle
 Zach Settle
 Nancy Sevich
 Xylah Shane



Volunteers generously give their time and talent at the MLK.

Volunteers



Faculty and students help organize food drives.

Groups

22 Bowen's
 AAA Northeast
 Ancient Order of Hibernians, Dennis E. Collins Div. 1
 Berkshire Bank
 Castle Hill Inn
 Corinthian Events
 Diego's of Newport
 Four Hearts Foundation
 Home Depot
 Hotel Viking
 Island Time Catering
 Knights of Columbus
 McGrath Clambakes & Catering
 Navy Supply Corps School
 Newport Fraternal Order of Police
 Newport Harbor Island Resort
 People's Credit Union
 Pfizer
 Ron and Kathi Pilotte and the Pilotte Family Holiday Elves
 Portsmouth Abbey
 RE/MAX of Newport
 Rhode Island Social Skills Academy
 Sail Newport
 Saltwater Talent
 Salve Regina University Freshmen Service Plunge
 Salve Regina University Women's Lacrosse
 St. George's School
 Starbucks
 Toast
 University of Rhode Island
 Wild + Free

Jack Shea	Chelsea Smith Jones	Dominique Tanton	Jasmin Wagner
Meghan Shea	Caroline Solari	Delia Tarasco	Alexandra Walsh
Sam Shealy	Jeanne Sommers	Jill Tate	Emily Walsh
Kaitlyn Shedroff	Emma Soriano	Gabrielle Tavares	Maddox Warburton
Dennis Sheehan	Gianni Soucy	Carol Taylor	Olivia Wardwell
Heather Sheehan	Laura Sousa	Maggie Thomas	Gideon Watson
Tom Sheekey	Mandy Spivey	Maureen Thompson	Phil Weisman
Christy Sheelcey	Dana Spring	Gene Thompson-Grove	Colleen Welsh
Alice Sheerin	William Spring	Carly Thorne	David Wendell
Sole Sheibar	Nicholas St. Lawrence	Edie Threshie	Jeff Weston
Derek Shelley	Monie Stadler	Jonathan Thurston	JC White
Maroussia Shelly	Nancy Staples	Abigail Tishon	MaryBeth White
Payton Shepherd	Kathy Stark	Lauren Tomasian	Vivian White
Ryan Shorter	Peter Stark	Tyla Tran	Ciara Williams
Dyan Sierra	Haley Stern	Sophia Turner	Kay Winston
Isabella Silverman	David Sterrett	Tobe Chukwu Uwechie	Christine Witkos
Mary Silvia	Michaela Stewart	Diane Valentine	Gail Woodworth
Paula Silvia	Linda Sticca	Jim Van Winkle	Theresa Wosencroft
Sonya Simmons	Rick Sticca	Shigh Vandenberg	Pamela Wyllly
Alana Sinclair	David Still	Susan Vannice	Yan Xu
Sharyn Singer	Leslie Streuli	Rosalind Vaz-MacLean	Grady Yarrow
Roman Sisto	Chris Strout	Ana Maria Velilla	Khaled Younes
Whitney Slade	Dave Sullivan	Stephanie Vieira	Orlando Zambrano
Zach Slagler	Holly Sullivan	Jo-Ann Vignone	Bob Zawrotny
Rachael Slattery	John Sullivan	Nick Vitale	Lois Zawrotny
Asia Smith	Margaret Sullivan-Carr	Katherine Vitello	Maura Zettergren
Dwayne Smith	Ndeye Aissatou Taha	Leonard Vitucci	Wylliam Ziegler
Robert Smith	Alexander Tamer	Ellie Voorhes	Heather Zippran

Tribute Giving

Donating to the MLK in someone's name offers a thoughtful opportunity to remember a special person, to celebrate a milestone, or to express gratitude. These deeply meaningful gifts provide lasting impact by sustaining our work to better the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in Newport County. We are humbled and grateful.

GIFTS IN MEMORY

In Memory of Anthony Alercio

Lisa Alercio Brew

In Memory of Connie Baillarger

James Baillarger

In Memory of Muriel Barclay de Tolly

Gail and John Alofsin

In Memory of Karen Barnes

Anonymous

In Memory of Robert A. Beaver

Mrs. Robert A. Beaver

In Memory of Patricia R. Beede

Robert and Cynthia Albanese

In Memory of Norman R. 'J.R.' Beretta, Jr.

Anonymous

In Memory of William Boatwright

Elizabeth A. Holt
R. Michael and Helene Sceery
Christopher and Carrie Scholz
Terry Childs

In Memory of Bruce Boucher

Danielle Boucher

In Memory of Elizabeth Shovelton Brantingham

Alyson and Robert Novick

In Memory of Brodie Brigham

Patricia Duch

In Memory of Edward J. Callahan

Catherine Callahan

In Memory of Raymond Arthur Carlson

Donald Carlson

In Memory of Elizabeth Casella

Shawn Burns
Dawn Casella

In Memory of Roger Cavallo

William and Karen Cardinal

In Memory of Sybil Lorene Charbonneau

Lorene Renee Huntley

In Memory of Matthew and Emily Ciany

Charles and Toni Ciany

In Memory of Edward Coll

Anonymous

In Memory of John Connolly

Anonymous

In Memory of Sandra Crane

Lee Crane

In Memory of Mary Cullen

Anonymous

In Memory of Joyce Dawson

Anonymous

In Memory of John Driscoll

Anonymous

In Memory of George W. Emerson III

Alyson and Robert Novick

In Memory of Tom Gill

John and Susan Kenny

In Memory of Jolene Glynn

Kelly Metz
Jason and Alexa Gold
Jo Ann Pan
Laurie and James Butler
Walter and Sandra R. Peterson
Ruth Wernquest
Allison Ripa

In Memory of Peter Goff

Anonymous

In Memory of Eilish Heaney

Maeve and Marko Brumec

In Memory of Robert J. Holder and Kathleen Teehan Holder

Roseleen Holder

In Memory of Charlie Holder Sr.

Nancy Costantino
Kathryn Brady

In Memory of Stephen Hyder

David and Cindy Mullen
Clayton Carlisle
Anonymous
Ronnie St. Jean
David and Mary Ann Fiaschetti
Claire DeBlois-Murtaugh
Norman and Joyce Beretta
Brian and Annie Tatirosian
Connie and Jerry Plumb
Matthew Boyle and Maureen Philbin
Kirsten Cunneen
Jonna Hole
Laura Flavin
Jennifer Hole
Robert and Lori Loughlin
Abby Cummins
Barbara Cabral
Heather Hole Strout
John and Kathleen Hole
Luke Hyder, Jr.
Heather DeSisto
Liz Hyder-McMorrow
Laurie Waluk
Jackie Tierney
Melissa Desrochers
Matthew Machado
Christopher Strout
John and Suzette Trifero
Janet O'Connell
Lynn Roy
P. Hakan Durudogan
Lucille Hyder
Shirley Laske

Tribute Giving

In Memory of Stephen J. Jemo, Jr.

Holly and Louis Amoruso III

In Memory of John Jennings

Erin O'Leary

In Memory of Freddie Johnson

Donna and Ed Giblin

In Memory of John A. Kiddon

Anonymous

In Memory of Seamus Daniel Kirby

Michelle Shevlin

Tom and Aggie Perkins

In Memory of Sue Klau

Alyson Novick

In Memory of Frieda Klingbeil

Ralph and Delia Klingbeil

In Memory of Paul LaMond

Anonymous

**In Memory of
Sister Josephine St. Leger**

Sr. Marie Cooper

In Memory of Eric and David Lincoln

David and Helen Lincoln

In Memory of Aurelio Lucci

Francine Lucci

In Memory of James D. Marinar, Jr.

Peter Dreyer

Anonymous

Gail and John Alofsin

Bill Bagwill and Nancy Stafford

Kristen Novelli

Carol Leibowitz

Polito & Harrington LLC

Brendan and Suzanne Marinar

Alinor Sterling

Joan Maloney

**In Memory of Marion Grace,
Carol and Nancy**

Amy Burnes

In Memory of Vincent Murray

Anonymous

In Memory of Joseph Narcizo

Patricia and Daniel Ustick

In Memory of Ben and Kuni Ohama

Susan Ohama

In Memory of Edward T. O'Neill

Joseph Sweeney

Joseph O'Neill

Chris Siegler

Sophia Menaxopoulos

James O'Neill

Sheila Fair

Gary and Rosanne Esposito

John Brereton and Cynthia Maynerd

Howie and Judy Naugles

Paul Kelly

Peter and Gloria Dunn

In Memory of Peter O'Neill

Margie, Missy, Brian and Salpi O'Neill

In Memory of Robert O'Neill

Jeannette O'Neill

In Memory of Judith Page

Dianne Barker

In Memory of James and Mary Perry

Richard St. Jean

In Memory of Peter and Michael

Edna G. O'Connell

In Memory of Fr. Edmond Prendiville

Anonymous

In Memory of Gabriel Billion Richardson

Robert and Lisa Richardson

In Memory of Shirley F. Riess

Alyson and Robert Novick

In Memory of Leah Rosin-Pritchard

Lisa Pritchard

In Memory of Toni Schuller

David Schuller

In Memory of Donnell Shea

Tory Reiff

Deborah Flaherty

Daniel and Jo Glenning

Mary Mitchell Shakir

Susan Collins

Jean McMillan

In Memory of Cathleen Speer

Paul and Susan Speer

Gregory Huet and Lisa Speer-Huet

Eric and Linda Speer

John Huet

John Speer

In Memory of Evelyn Spiratos

George Spiratos

In Memory of George Brian Sullivan

Elizabeth Sullivan

Mark DeChambeau

Judith Spingler Carroll

James Sullivan

Irene Duke

In Memory of Nathan Traibman

Theresa Lacerda

In Memory of James C. Vardell

Richard Cromwell

In Memory of Vicki and Doug

Deken Schmidt

In Memory of Gloria Zurawski

Ferrer and Dorinda Buratti

Tribute Giving

GIFTS IN HONOR

In Honor of Kelly Bailey

Steven Briggs
Jane Bailey
Kenneth Zuckerman

In Honor of Jeffrey Baril

John Steiger

In Honor of Kate Van Winkle and Justin Bass

James Thurber

In Honor of James Bracey

Daniel and Courtney Bracey

In Honor of Wyatt Brooks

Erin Moitoza

In Honor of Alicia Cipriano

Laura Freedman Pedrick
Meaghan Barry Fernandes
Diane Manson
Donna Sowden

In Honor of Mike and Trudy Conroy

Ian and Tanja Conroy

In Honor of Christy Cormier and Shana Speer

Elizabeth Tylki

In Honor of Kristal Dockery

James and Tricia Hilton

In Honor of Anna Downes

Gregory Neuner

In Honor of David Dwyer

Cynthia Ward

In Honor of Brooke Eaton and Chris Long

Patricia H. Doggett
Julianna Barbieri Piggini
Kathryn Low
Jamie Hauben
Kelsey and Michael Ricci
Joseph Bearak and Sandy Rose
Bonnie Demuth
Carol Spritz
Kate Sparrow
Debra Glabeau
Debra St. George
Anonymous
Alexandra Mouligne

In Honor of Team Electives

Philip and Jennifer Sheridan

In Honor of The Ellseys

William Murphy and Frank Antonelli

In Honor of Mark Erickson and Linda Toole-Erickson

Jonathan Hammel

In Honor of Simone Frederick

Oswald Frederick

In Honor of Katherine Freeman

Thomas Freeman

In Honor of The Garzas

William Murphy and Frank Antonelli

In Honor of Gypsy

Judith Byrnes

In Honor of Dan Herchenroether, Herkworks Architecture

Lynne Herchenroether

In Honor of The Hilton Group Clients

James and Tricia Hilton

In Honor of Dr. Beth Holland

Anonymous

In Honor of Eoin Howlett

Amy Corriveau

In Honor of Gail Jacobs

Don Locke

In Honor of Ronald Joseph

Paula Kramer and David Hunt

In Honor of Bill and Susan Kowalski

Ian and Tanja Conroy

In Honor of Paula Kramer

David Hunt

In Honor of Abby Leys, Lila Leys and Ben Leys

Arthur Mead

In Honor of Felicia Llamas

Noreen Dotterer Cullen



Learning to read is more fun with friends.

Tribute Giving

In Honor of Robert and Beverly Lobecker

Teresa McMahon

In Honor of Sandy Manning

Gina Milano

In Honor of the Martin Family

Sisters of Mercy Northeast Inc.

In Honor of Middletown Traffic Police

Anonymous

In Honor of MLK Community Center Staff

Betty Cares

In Honor of Dave Monroe

Mark and Jessica Monroe

Jonathan Swanson

Kenneth Monroe

Heidi Monroe

Jeffrey and Betsy Yost

In Honor of Alyson Novick

Richard and Denise Fitzgerald

Colleen McGrath

Kathryn Whitney Lucey

In Honor of Nancy O'Neill

Kurt Edenbach and Meaghan O'Neill

In Honor of Cowboy Doug Pascua

Kat Ram

Robin Logan Dings

In Honor of David Pedrick

Hayley Pedrick

In Honor of Michael Perik

Elizabeth J. Beretta

In Honor of Sara Peters

Anonymous

In Honor of Elizabeth Phelps

Aimée DuVall Phelps



Summer Camp is eight weeks of fun and friendships.

In Honor of Christina Quinn and John Master Quinn

Keith and Kathleen Longson

Sarah Rothan

Dana Halverson

Hanna Ducey

In Honor of Alexis Radkovich

Donna Radkovich

In Honor of the Ryan Family

Anonymous

In Honor of Melanie Saunders

Susan Barnes and Claudia Helt

In Honor of Dianne Savastano and Bob Norton

Christine Manzi

In Honor of Valorie and Jack Sheehan

Barbara H. Roberts

In Honor of Jeremiah Singleton

Matt Brown

Lionel and Lynda Loranger

In Honor of Gloria Solitro

Louise Shovelton

In Honor of Heather Hole Strout

Colleen McGrath

Anonymous

Susan Barnes

In Honor of John Thompson

Mary Devine

Heather Sheley

Nicole Russell

Jennifer Hole

Cheryl Leaver

Karen Mcloughlin

Zachary Berger

Martha Spiewak

Kristin Rojas

Ali Gretchner

Charlotte Yeomans

Jacob De Mesquita

Laura Walker

Rodney Seaforth

Kara Laughlin

Gretchen Barnes

Jerry Price

Tim Owens

Susan Tourgee

Steph Ottilige

Kimberlee Knapton

In Honor of Ellie and David Voorhes

Anonymous

In Honor of Jennifer Williams

Jan Armor

In Honor of Gail Woodworth

Gary and Kathleen Woodworth

Fiscal Strength and Stability

Audited Financial Statement for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Public Support:

United States Government ¹	\$	0 ¹
State of Rhode Island	\$	18,253
Municipalities	\$	152,574
Foundation and Corporate Support ²	\$	2,313,183 ²
Individual Support	\$	1,343,554
In-Kind Contributions ³	\$	<u>1,169,441³</u>
Total Public Support	\$	4,997,005

Revenue:

Education Fees	\$	508,679
Client Employment, Parking Lot Fees	\$	109,876
Investment Income, Net	\$	1,055,912
Interest Income	\$	4,664
Other Revenue	\$	<u>7,687</u>
Total Revenue	\$	<u>1,686,818</u>

Total Public Support and Revenue **\$ 6,683,823**

Program Expenses:

Community Programs	\$	399,428
Education Programs	\$	1,167,132
Hunger Services	\$	<u>2,353,734</u>
Total Program Expenses	\$	3,920,294

Supporting Service Expenses

Management and General Expenses	\$	455,612
Fundraising Expenses	\$	<u>342,157</u>
Total Supporting Service Expenses	\$	<u>797,769</u>

Total Expenses **\$ 4,718,063**

Change in Net Assets **\$ 1,965,760**

Net Assets, Beginning of Fiscal Year **\$ 16,853,784**

Net Assets, End of Fiscal Year^{4,5} **\$ 18,819,544^{4,5}**

Without Donor Restrictions: \$13,049,754

With Donor Restrictions: \$5,769,790

The community—individuals, foundations, and businesses—supports the MLK. Only 2.5% of the Center's total public support comes from municipal, state, and/or federal government funding.

¹ Zero federal government support was received in fiscal year 2025.

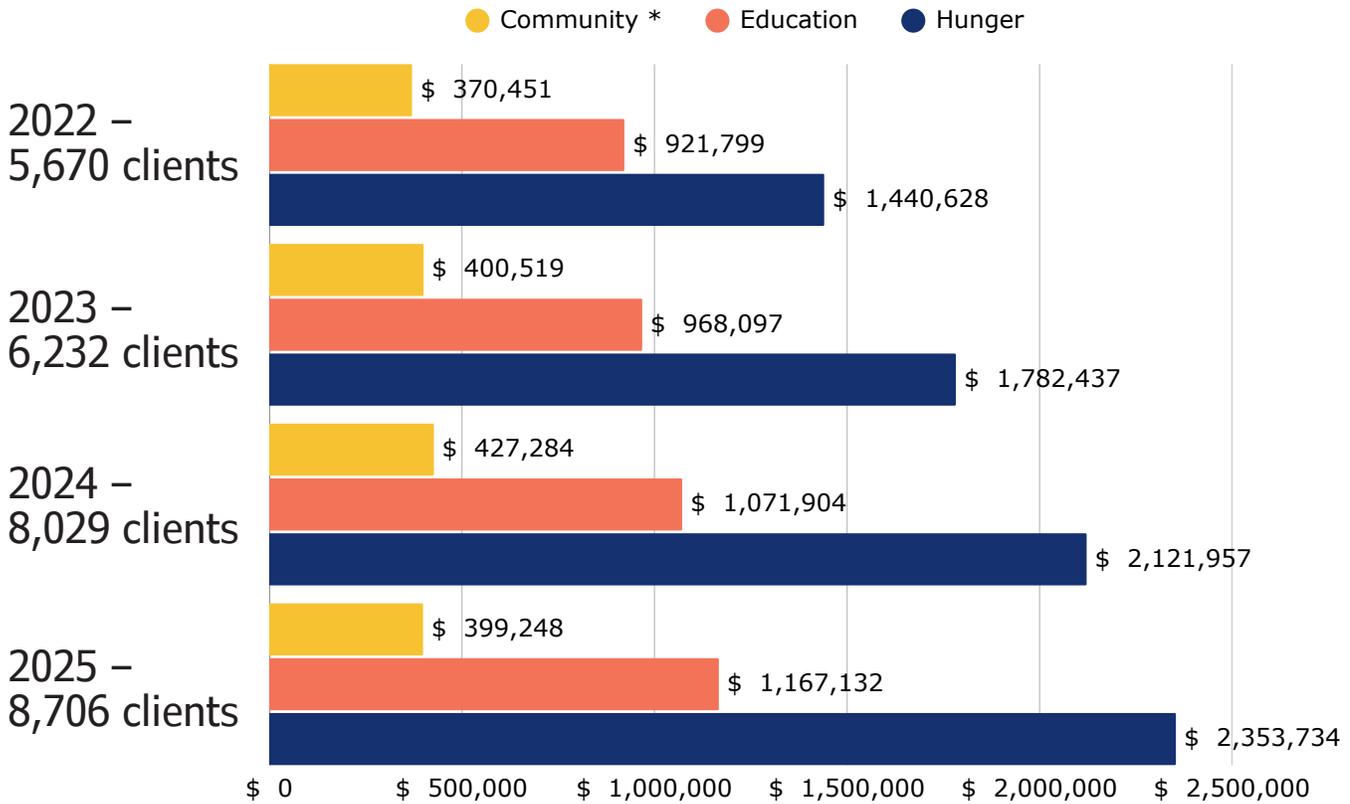
² Foundation and Corporate Support includes grants from foundations and donor-advised funds as well as support from for-profit businesses.

³ Much of the food distributed is donated. Donated food is recorded as contribution revenue using per-pound values established by Feeding America, the national food bank network. The per-pound value for the prior year was \$1.97. The Center supplements donated food supplies by purchasing nutritious food items not regularly donated.

⁴ Of the \$18,819,544 in net assets, \$8,442,787 are endowments and quasi-endowments.

⁵ Net assets include a reserve of funds to sustain 9 months of expenses. These funds are included in the endowment accounting because the Board of Trustees has a policy to repay those funds within a year, should it become necessary to use them.

Program Expenses by Fiscal Year 2022 – 2025



* After years of tremendous growth in education and hunger programs, we now have the capacity to build community programming in 2026 and beyond.



“**Lunch & Learn** gives me a sense of purpose and a place to be. I often get lonely so it is nice to be able to come to MLK and be surrounded by lovely people, lovely food, lovely atmosphere, and of course, a FUN ACTIVITY. I don’t know what I’d do without it.”

— Eleanore, 98, Newport

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