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104 Years of Service

Founded in 1922 and renamed after Dr. King in 1968, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center is an independent nonprofit serving people of all ages. Only childcare programs have fees, with 85% of children subsidized by the MLK and 15% by the state. The MLK Community Center is committed to creating an environment where all persons affiliated with the Center, particularly those of us who are people of color, within the LGBTQIA+ community and/or with disabilities, are truly seen and treated with the utmost consideration, respect, and compassion. 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. Guided by our values, we provide community-responsive services that promote well-being, foster relationships, empower the individual, and are centered in equity. After 104 years of service to our community, our organization, our physical building, and our programs are stronger than ever.

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.

Programs Encompass:

- Hunger Relief and Nutrition
- Early Learning and Out-of-School-Time Education
- Community Enrichment and Wellness

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2026 Programs

Adult Fitness & Wellness
After School
Client Employment Program
Client Support Services
Cooking Classes
Daily Bread
Daily Hot Breakfast
Food Delivery to Homebound
Food Pantries
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 Pantries
Senior Lunch & Learn
Summer Camp
Summer Concert Series
Thanksgiving & Holiday Meal Help
Warming Center, in partnership with CODAC and Newport Mental Health

Message from the Board President and Executive Director



Heather Hole Strout, left, and Kimberly Cummins.

Dear Friends,

Newport County is a community of contrasts. Great wealth exists alongside great need. Newport is one of Rhode Island's five core cities with the second highest concentration of child poverty, with 32% of kids living in poverty, and 13% of children living in extreme poverty. Sky-high housing prices make living here challenging for most. Like the rest of our country, there are tensions about infrastructure, social issues, climate, and more. Rather than focusing on what divides us, at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, we lean into what unites us, and what we do best: be a resource of multi-generational connection in our community.

Recently, one of our funders spoke of the MLK Community Center's *"compassion, creativity, and commitment."* Our core beliefs center on the people we serve. Everyone should have enough food to eat and that food should be varied and healthy and meet their cultural and dietary preferences and needs. Young children should have a strong start as they begin their schooling. Parents should have access to high-quality affordable childcare. Kids should have a safe and engaging place to go in the hours between school and home. And when school is not in session, a summer filled with classic Newport experiences should be possible for every kid. Enriching and engaging opportunities for learning and fun should be available to all. From infants to seniors, every person in our community has inherent worth and dignity simply because they exist.

Our hunger relief, education, and enrichment and wellness programs uphold Dr. King's audacious belief that *"peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity and equality and freedom for their spirits."*

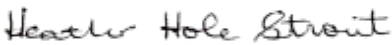
We meet our mission because of our incredible staff, our dedicated board, our army of selfless volunteers, thousands of generous donors and funders, and over 140 collaborative partners. There are myriad ways you can connect with the MLK. You may participate in one or many of our 26 programs. You may volunteer weekly or seasonally. You may donate food every month, money every year, or toys at Christmas. You might be searching to make a difference in Newport County and learning about the MLK for the first time. No matter how you engage with the Center, you are part of our community, and you matter to us.

In the pages of this report, you'll read stories of impact from clients, donors, and volunteers. Every moment of connection and compassion at the MLK only happens because of people like them…and because of people like you.

Thank you for standing with us to 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 During the 2026 Fiscal Year:

5 YEARS:

Joel Costa
Custodian

José Ramos
Hunger Relief Program Coordinator

7 YEARS:

Heather Lynch
Director of Finance and Operations

Kyra Westmoreland
Lead Preschool Teacher

9 YEARS:

Heather Hole Strout
Executive Director

10 YEARS:

Edward Crowley
Director of Hunger Services

14 YEARS:

Alyson Novick
Director of Development

30 YEARS:

Valencia Garrett-Friend
Lead Preschool Teacher

"When Rhode Islanders see a neighbor in need, they show up with a sense of shared responsibility that feels rare in today's world. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center embodies that spirit. For more than a century, the MLK Center has been **a place where community isn't just talked about, it is lived**. Today, their programs reach thousands of Newport County residents through hunger relief, education, wellness programs and opportunities to connect. That breadth of work matters, especially now, when so many families are navigating a "perfect storm" of high housing costs, rising food prices and cuts to critical federal supports like SNAP.

The MLK Center was among my first stops during my first month as CEO of the Rhode Island Community Food Bank. I remain inspired by how responsive the center is to community needs, by the wraparound support they provide, and by the dedication of their supporters and staff. This season, as demand for food assistance reaches historic highs, **organizations like the MLK Center remind us what's possible when we center dignity, compassion and partnership**. Their work is a testament to the power of community and to the belief that everyone deserves the chance to thrive. **Rhode Island is stronger because of the MLK Center**."

— *Melissa Cherney, CEO, Rhode Island Community Food Bank*
Providence Journal *(December, 2025)*

Year in Review

Now Open Six Days a Week

In January, we realized another long-held goal and added Saturday Breakfast and Food Pantry hours to our schedule. The added breakfast day fills a gap in the schedule of congregant meals available in the community. Opening the food pantry on a weekend day helps those who cannot get to the Center on a weekday due to work or family commitments.



Volunteers cook and serve hot breakfast six days a week.

Meals are More Than Bowls of Cereal and Cups of Soup for Adults and Kids

Breakfast is served six days a week and features at least four dishes like eggs, sausage, hash browns, and sauteed veggies – as well as cereal and fruit.

Our lunch program began during the Covid pandemic six years ago, with once-a-week service of a to-go cup of donated prepared soup. The program is now offered as a hot sit-down meal three times weekly and features hearty and fresh food. Children in our education programs similarly enjoy delicious and varied breakfast, lunch, and snack. All meals served at the MLK are made fresh daily and fully prepared in-house.



Quiche, cantaloupe, and hash browns are a favorite breakfast at the MLK.

> "My doctor complained that I only eat one meal a day. **I think coming to breakfast has made me eat healthier**. She doesn't complain anymore."
>
> — *Lenny B., Newport*

A milestone for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library at the MLK

We have enrolled over 5,000 young children in this monthly book gifting program since its launch. Newport County children from birth to their fifth birthday are eligible for this free program, which is fully underwritten by Bazarsky Family Foundation.



Early, easy, and regular access to books boosts life-long literacy and helps with school readiness for kids like Louie from Portsmouth.

Expanded Wellness and Enrichment Programming, Doubled Participation

Enhanced offerings like art and Mah Jongg classes, adult and child clothing giveaways, pet clinics, concerts and film screenings, and more have led to more than double the number of people connecting at the Center than in prior years. Extensive community partnerships help make this impact possible.



In partnership with the Newport Art Museum, ArtLink boosts creativity and supports mental health.

Warming Center

Our Partnership with CODAC and Newport Mental Health continues, but in a different location.
As a group, we recognized the MLK was not the best location for this program. Overlapping programs conflicted with Warming Center hours and the need for sleeping space exceeded the square footage of our Community Room. Transportation is now available to bring clients to the Warming Center. The MLK continues to provide supplies and food. 116 people used the Warming Center during the winter of 2025-2026.

Blizzard of 2026

An historic storm dumped 34 inches of snow in Newport in January. The Center was closed for four days, the most in known MLK history. In contrast, we remained open every day throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Climate change makes the potential for severe weather events more of a reality than ever.



At Rinse and Renew, professional haircuts help restore dignity and build self-confidence.

More Personal Hygiene Access for People who are Unhoused

After a 2025 pilot year, the Rinse & Renew shower program expanded from every other week to weekly. Clients take a hot shower in dignified privacy with toiletries provided and receive new undergarments, socks, and t-shirts and have access to professional haircuts. The impact of this program is tremendous.

> "I had no idea that [Rinse & Renew shower program] was going to be so nice. That was unbelievable, **I feel human.**"
>
> — *Carolyn, Newport*

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Year in Review

North End Food Pantry Opens

This year, the Newport City Council unanimously approved a food pantry in the north end of Newport. We opened the pantry in June, fulfilling a long-time objective. Located at the edge of Miantonomi Park, the pantry is housed in a modular building easily accessed by an underserved part of the City, particularly the Park Holm and Newport Heights neighborhoods. The North End Food Pantry is open three days a week. A session of Produce to the People vegetable distribution program is also held weekly at the site.



Ribbon-cutting ceremony at the MLK's new North End Food Pantry.

Navigating the SNAP Crisis

The 2025 federal government shutdown and resulting SNAP crisis were historic for our country and certainly for the Center. We immediately prepared for what became the busiest month in our history: we helped 34% more people in October than the prior month. A drive-through food drive ensured we could meet the increased need. The MLK was a plaintiff in a nationwide coalition of local governments, charitable and faith-based nonprofits, and more as a plaintiff in a lawsuit filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island, challenging the Trump-Vance Administration's unlawful suspension of SNAP benefits. Judges in Massachusetts and Rhode Island compelled the use of emergency funds to restore benefits.

Watching the ever-rising price of groceries and recognizing that the Center is an essential part of the safety net that upholds our community, we have increased the amount of food clients receive during a monthly food pantry "shop" from two to three weeks' worth. Clients can also receive a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables every week through Produce to the People.



The community came together to keep the pantries stocked during the SNAP benefits crisis.

> "Thank you from the bottom of my heart and soul for being part of this lawsuit in favor of helping poor people get more food. I never thought I would need this service but I have been approved and I am thankful for that. I worked 30 years as an RN and 20 years as a landscaper. I have no pension and bring home less than $1,200 a month from Social Security."
>
> — *Anonymous, Newport*

Buying More Food to Meet the Need

Visitors to the Center often ask "Where does the food come from?" There is no single answer. We are a member agency of the RI Community Food Bank, which supplies 41% of the food we offer. Donated food accounts for a quarter of our inventory. Empty shelves are not an option so we buy food to ensure we can meet the need. In 2026, we purchased 34% of the food we offered, the highest percentage to date.



- 41% The Rhode Island Community Food Bank
- 34% Purchased by the MLK
- 25% Donations from our community



Book Buddies bring stories to life with our preschoolers. 45% of MLK clients are children under 18.

More Help for Working Families and Their Children

A lack of affordable childcare options is a tremendous strain for families of all types, especially most of the families we serve. We offer need-based scholarships to low-income working families with children enrolled in Preschool, Afterschool, and Summer Camp. Last year, we provided over $340,000 so kids can thrive and parents can go to work – 25% more than the prior year. MLK education programs lift up the community.

> "[MLK preschool] Helps the parents go to work without worrying. My daughter enjoys every day at school."
>
> *— Lesly Araceli Estrada Padilla, Newport*

Community Partnership to Reduce Harmful Risks for the Most Vulnerable

The MLK Community Center is a member of The Situation Table, a partnership that meets weekly to identify and mitigate risks for individuals and families in crisis. Launched in 2025, the program is the first of its kind in Rhode Island. Over twenty representatives from child welfare, Fire/EMS, hospitals, housing, mental/behavioral health, peer recovery, public health & safety, schools, and youth services agencies participate.

Keeping Green

Given the volume of our food that moves through our pantry and meal program operations within the Hunger Relief and Education departments, some food spoilage is inevitable. We composted more than 25 tons of food last year, diverting it from the waste stream.

Kids' Wonder Lab Expands

We launched this free 90-minute weekly program for parents/caregivers and their children ages 18 months–4 years old in 2025. An immersive experience using sensory play to enhance developmental skills, both kids and parents socialize during the session. This year, we added a second weekly session to meet the demand. Programs like this certainly exist in the community—but none are free. Children from all three MLK Preschool classrooms also attend the program. Five sessions are now available each week.

Accelerating our Strategic Plan

Having accomplished the goals of the 2025-2027 plan a year early, we began crafting a new plan that will guide the Center through 2030.

2026 Impact



9,075 CLIENTS SERVED

2,568 NEW FIRST-TIME CLIENTS

FOR EVERY $1.00 DONATED

83¢

GOES DIRECTLY TO PROGRAM COSTS



OUR CLIENTS ARE FROM:



- 59% NEWPORT
- 19% MIDDLETOWN
- 22% OTHER NEWPORT COUNTY COMMUNITIES

OUR CLIENTS ARE:

36%	WHITE
35%	HISPANIC/LATINO
13%	BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
11%	BIRACIAL-TWO OR MORE RACES OR ETHNICITIES
2%	AMERICAN INDIAN
1%	ASIAN
2%	OTHER

100% OF HUNGER RELIEF CLIENTS ARE LOW-INCOME

53% RECEIVE SNAP BENEFITS, **4%** LESS THAN 2025

45% ARE CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18

20% ARE SENIORS

Hunger Relief



TOTAL MEALS PROVIDED, ALL HUNGER PROGRAMS

1,892,199

36% MORE THAN 2025



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY MADE

191 VISITS TO

16 NEIGHBORHOODS

317,616
POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE DISTRIBUTED

12% MORE THAN 2025

36,164
HOT BREAKFASTS SERVED

1,491
GROCERY DELIVERIES TO HOMEBOUND SENIORS

9% MORE THAN 2025





2,450 PEOPLE FROM

974 FAMILIES RECEIVED HELP AT THANKSGIVING

8% MORE THAN 2025

124,908
MEALS DISTRIBUTED FROM TWO SCHOOL FOOD PANTRIES

46% MORE THAN 2025

Family and Child Services



$344,375
IN SCHOLARSHIPS DISTRIBUTED TO LOW-INCOME, WORKING PARENTS, ENSURING HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS ARE ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

81%
OF STUDENTS RECEIVE MLK SCHOLARSHIPS

118
CHILDREN ATTENDED PRESCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL AND SUMMER CAMP



91%
OF STUDENTS REFLECT THE RICH RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITY

72%
OF PRESCHOOLERS ARE MULTI-LANGUAGE LEARNERS

82% OF SUMMER CAMPERS MAINTAINED OR GAINED GRADE-LEVEL PROFICIENCY

82% REPORT TRYING SOMETHING TOTALLY NEW





97% OF GRADUATING PRESCHOOLERS MET OR EXCEEDED THE RI EARLY LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

48 AFTER SCHOOL ACADEMY STUDENTS RECEIVED **25,920** HOURS OF MATH, LITERACY, STEM, AND HUMANITIES ENRICHMENT DURING THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

Community and Wellness





64 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN TWICE-WEEKLY COOKING CLASSES

92 SENIORS ATTENDED TWICE-MONTHLY LUNCH & LEARN

28% MORE THAN 2025

2,078 CHILDREN RECEIVED A BOOK EACH MONTH FROM DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY



1,350 KIDS RECEIVED GIFTS FROM SANTA'S WORKSHOP

93 INDIVIDUALS TOOK **286** SHOWERS DURING RINSE AND RENEW PROGRAM PILOT YEAR



186 FREE EXERCISE/WELLNESS CLASSES OFFERED

4 FREE OUTDOOR CONCERTS, ENJOYED BY HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE

COMPOSTING DIVERTED MORE THAN **25** TONS OF FOOD WASTE FROM THE WASTE STREAM

Volunteers and Staff



893 PEOPLE VOLUNTEERED

20,879 HOURS OF SERVICE

28 YEAR-ROUND MLK STAFF

11 SEASONAL MLK STAFF

Honor Roll

Since 2005, the MLK Community Center has bestowed the Keeper of the Dream award 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.

2025 HONOREES

KEEPER OF THE DREAM
Jerry Kirby

KEEPER OF THE DREAM - COMMUNITY PARTNER
Citizens Bank – Washington Square Branch

CONTENT OF CHARACTER AWARD
Ginny Gilman

PREVIOUS HONOREES

2024
Keeper: Dwight and Susan Sipprelle
Partner: Herkworks Architecture
Character: Sarah Maher and Colleen Welsh

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.

Keeper of the Dream

Jerry Kirby



Jerry Kirby has a huge heart for the MLK Community Center.

A national leader in historic restoration and preservation and owner of Kirby Perkins Construction, Jerry understands Newport's complex human and architectural landscapes: *"Most people look to the right when they come over the bridge. I tell people to look to the left and see the north end of the City."* "Looking left" has led to more than a decade of generosity, sponsoring events and supporting holiday programs. Jerry has donated major amounts to help thousands of kids have a merry Christmas, and thousands of people enjoy a holiday meal with their families.

Jerry's generosity to the Friends of Newport Skatepark helped make the project a reality. Every year, MLK summer campers — and hundreds of other local kids — embrace skateboarding in a world-class skatepark. Following the tragic loss of their son, Seamus, Jerry and Kim Kirby celebrated his life by asking for donations to the MLK Center in his memory.

His passion for the Center is infectious, as evident by the new friends he brings through the doors, converting them to devoted donors and MLK ambassadors. Jerry cares deeply about his hometown and shows that quietly, consistently, every day. We can't imagine the MLK Community Center — or our community — without him.

Keeper of the Dream – Community Partner

Citizens Bank - Washington Square Branch



For nearly 20 years, the Citizens Bank - Washington Square Branch has invited the MLK Community Center to run their parking lot at the intersection of Marlborough and Thames, providing affordable parking options to residents and visitors alike. Parking fees generate tens of thousands of dollars that help fund Center programs which build and support a resilient intergenerational, multicultural community in Newport County.

The MLK Community Center's partnership with Citizens Bank goes far beyond financial support. Running the parking lot enables the MLK to provide jobs and wages for people who need it most. In the words of a longtime parking lot attendant, *"I want to thank Citizens for letting the Center run the parking lot...I feel freedom. I can smile; I can feel the breeze. I've made so many friends! Work is good for my health, and the money I collect helps other people, not just me."*

Citizens Bank truly lives up to its mission to help their customers and communities reach their potential.

Content of Character Award

Ginny Gilman



It says a lot about Ginny Gilman that she was reluctant to accept this award. Her humility and compassion are part of what makes her so special.

Ginny is a steady and compassionate presence at the MLK Community Center. She warmly welcomes clients at breakfast check-in and shows genuine care for their well-being. She played a key role in launching our "Rinse & Renew" shower program and has since devoted every Tuesday to greeting participants with humility and kindness. Ginny ensures others have happy holidays, registering clients so kids have Christmas gifts and families can prepare Thanksgiving and holiday meals in their own homes. She is a key volunteer in our weekly "Produce to the People" program, lugging boxes of fruits and vegetables and setting up the display so dozens of people can get fresh and healthy produce every week. The program runs year-round and is held outside for half of the year. No matter the weather, Ginny is there.

In three years, she has given over 925 hours of her time to the MLK.

Ginny's leadership, warmth, and dedication make her an invaluable part of our community.

Celebrating our 2025 Annual Meeting and Keeper of the Dream Awards

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















2nd Annual Juneteenth Youth Basketball Tournament was a Slam Dunk!

On June 19th, 96 kids had a blast on the courts behind the Center for an afternoon of fun 3x3 competition. Plenty of spectators, including families, came by to watch. Each player on a winning team received $100. One participant promptly handed their $100 bill back to MLK Executive Director Heather Hole Strout, saying she wanted it to help people at the Center. **Events like this help build community and increase access to recreation for all.**



Run, Team MLK, Run!

The MLK Community Center is grateful to be an official beneficiary of several charity races in Newport County. Last year, Team MLK's incredible fund-racers ran **58.8** miles to help fight hunger, foster healthy communities, and deliver high-performing educational programs that are accessible to all. Volunteers from the Center checked in racers and handed out bibs, and many stayed to cheer on our runners!

Races included **Citizens Pell Bridge Run, Amica Newport Marathon, Newport Winter 10K**, and the **Charlie Holder, Sr. Charity Race**.



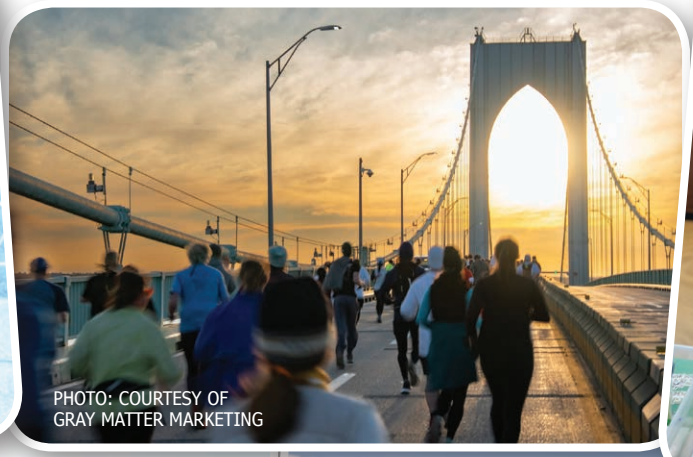

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Community Collaborators

We are proud to collaborate with **over 140 organizations.** Our partners range from nonprofits and government agencies providing no-cost programs at the Center, 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 at their locations and receive food donations for the MLK's pantry. We are deeply grateful for these important relationships.

Our Partners

AARP – Tax Aide
Age-Friendly Rhode Island
AHEPA 245 Apartments
Alert Healthcare
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
Aquidneck Resilience
Art Connection RI
Audrain Automobile Museum of Newport
Audubon Society of Rhode Island
Bay Management
Beacon Bank
Bike Newport
Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI
Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County
Brown Health - Newport Hospital
Butler Basketball Club
Business Owners in Childcare Association
Center for Healing and Justice through Sport
Center for Service Support
Christian Action Coalition
Citizens Bank
City of Newport – Mayor's Office
CODAC
Coggeshall Farm: an Old Sturbridge Museum
Community College of Rhode Island
Community Health Network
Conexión Latina
East Bay Community Action Program
East Bay Recovery Center
First Tee Rhode Island
Foster Forward
Four Hearts Foundation
Friends of Newport Skatepark
Girl Scouts of Southeastern New England
Gooseberry Beach
Henderson House
International Tennis Hall of Fame
Jamestown Arts Center
Jamestown Housing Authority
Jennifer Carter Photography
League of Women Voters of Newport County
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 Coffee Cup Project
Newport Community School
Newport Contemporary Ballet
Newport County YMCA
Newport Elks
Newport Festivals Foundation
NewportFILM
Newport Fire Department
Newport Gulls
Newport Health Equity Zone



Newport PD leads self-defense classes at Senior Lunch & Learn.

Community Collaborators

Newport Historical Society
Newport Housing Authority
Newport Mansions
Newport Martial Arts
Newport Mental Health
Newport Partnership for Families
Newport Photo Guild
Newport Police Department
Newport Prevention Coalition
Newport Pride
Newport Public Library
Newport Sings
Newport String Project
Newport Tree Conservancy
Nonviolence Institute
No Wrong Door
Norman Bird Sanctuary
Ocean Hour Farm
Ocean State Center for Independent Living
Office of Healthy Aging
Parent Support Network of RI
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— *Shanette Johnson, Newport*

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> "I am very grateful to the teachers for your care, patience and love for our kids. Also, for the food that is prepared with love. I really appreciate everything you do for them."
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>
> *— Ethan after volunteering in Preschool, 5th grade, St. Philomena's*

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> "The food pantry is important to a lot of people with the price of food going up. Food stamp(s) just don't make it til the end of month. Without the pantry people will be hungry."
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> "I am grateful my daughter is in a wonderful and safe place. Thanks for the patience with the children, the teachers are so lovely. God bless you!"
>
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>
> — *SP*

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> "I think [the MLK mobile food pantry] is one of the greatest things that has happened to the building. It's things that are healthy and in the winter it's especially good that they bring the food into the building." — *Louise, Newport*

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>
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> "Serving lunch at the Center has always been important to us, but Wednesday evening's dinner provided the Bailey's Beach Club with an even greater opportunity to make a significant contribution and strengthen our connection with a community that we value and have been a part of for many years. I also had to smile when I read the title of your newsletter article, "Slam Dunk Meal!" It perfectly captured the spirit of the evening and the tremendous teamwork that made the event such a success. Thank you again for your partnership and all that you and the MLK Family and Friends do for our community"
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> *— Daniel Brown, General Manager, Bailey's Beach Club*

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— Penny, Portsmouth

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>
> *— Kathy Almanzor, former MLK Board Member, Newport*

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893 *volunteers performed*
20,879 *hours of service in 2026.*

Nearly 20 times the size of our paid staff, our army of amazing volunteers make 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, picking up donations, 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 9,075 people last year. That impact is impossible without these selfless and dedicated people. We salute them.



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"I started volunteering with the MLK Center to give back to the community. I found my own sense of community here, and I love to help in the breakfast program."

— *Mitch, Volunteer*

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Alice Hanly
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Amy Harden
Chrissy Harrington
Jackie Harrington
Jeanne Harrington
Kim Harrington
Robbie Harrington
Elli Haskes
Greg Hausler
Brandy Haynes
Ricardo Haynes
Margaret Haywood
Shannon Heafey



Forest Avenue Elementary students posing with their food drive benefiting the MLK.

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Deirdre Hecht
James Hecker
Ella Hegener
Zach Heimbuch
Teddie Hember
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Bridget Hole
Jennifer Hole
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Jonna Hole
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Dave Hunt
Monica Huntsberry
Alex Hurd
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Polly Hutchinson
Rose M. Hyder
Ross Insalaco
Whitney Irmeger
Bryant Jackson
Gail Jacobs
Colby James
Linda Jenkins



Volunteers from St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth serve a meal.

Mary Jenkins
Crystal Jenney
Lila Jensen
Thomas Jensen
Joshua Jeon
Helen Johnson
Hunter Johnson
Joyce Johnson
Liliana Johnson
Nick Johnson
Sherri Johnson
Nathan Jolicouer
Rasheeda Juaire
Irene Kandilas
Daniel Karczewski
Selina Kardel
Nina Kaull
Timothy Kay
Pam Keefe-Paiva
Quintus Keij
Siebo Keij
Tracey Keij-Denton
Jack Keirnan
Suzanne Kekligian
Mandy Kelley
Joan Kelly
John Kemp
Cindy Kendall
Allyson Kenney
Ed Kenney
Laurel Kenney
Audrey Kent
Annie Keomany
Richard Kershaw
Nancy Keyworth
Cole Kicelemos
Michael Kieler
Kay Kimble
Nancy Kimble
Eleanor King
Marianne Kirby
Ollie Kirby
Mike Kirchner
Claire Kirschner
Evan Kluge
Shea Knightly
Viktor Kochetkov
Terri Kokulis
Francine Kollydas
Aswin Koshy
Paula Kramer
Kathy Kronholm
Steve Krous
Alexander LaCon
Donna LaGatta
Ali Lagesse
Gabi Laidley
Shawnita Lambert
Jeffrey Landsman
Cheryl Langford
Scott Langford
Nick Larsen
Ian Larson
Jocelyn Lavoie
Michael Lawrence
Janel Leary
Scottley Leddy
Justin Leeming
Zachary Leeming
Andrew Lefcourt
Marie Leonard
James Lesko
Teresa Mae Leveille
Judy Levitt
Lisa Lewis
Ellen Leys
Maura Lindsey
Chris Link
Jonathan Litke
Cameron Little
Amanda Loffredo
Christine Logan
Grace Logan
Tammy Long
Trevor Looney
Caiden Lopez
Dania Lopez
Keiry Lopez

"When I was in kindergarten and starting school, I didn't speak English that well and I struggled with learning it. I know it's comforting to have someone who understands both languages and helps you move forward. That's what I want to do here, repay that kindness that I was shown when I was little."

— *Elsa, Volunteer/Education Intern*

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Wil Loughborough
Lori Loughlin
Heather Low
Myles Luginbuhl
Shana Lusignan
Mary Lou Lyons
Marianna Lyvynuik
Emily Maass
Sue MacDonald
Rosalind MacLean
Jay Madden
Leslie Maher
Sarah Maher
Darya Maiale
Charbel Makhlouf
Alisha Malloy
Betty Maloof
Adam Manchester
Diane Manning-Gunlock
Marni Marciano
Jeffrey Marcus
Alex Margolies
Erin Margolis
Lauren Marianetti
Steve Marino
Eve Marlborough
Kara Marley
Hayden Marsh
Mitchell Marsh
Ron Marsh
Chace Marshall
Christina Martin
Linda Martin
McKenna Martin
Donna Massey
Liz Mastin
Steven Mastriano
Sarah Maton
Pat McAuliffe
Andrew McCann
Andrew McCarthy
Onna McCarty
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Lauren McCombs
Susan McCracken
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Kaila McGeal
Karen McGovern
Connor McGrath
Mary McKenna
Ellen McKeon
Timothy McMahon
Sharon McNamee
Ashley McShane
Jack McVicker
Alex Mecklenburg
Christina Medeiros
Colleen Medeiros
Caroline Medley
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Kevon Meertins
Yukino Megan
Dulce Meija del Cid
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Luis Rene Melendez Lopez
Elsa Mendez
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Ashli Mengel
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Abdoulaye Momammed
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Donna Moore
Erika Moore
Holly Moore
Sebastian Moore
Christina Moorse
Arlene Morales
Patrick Moran
Emma Moreau
Amanda Moreira
Kevin Moreira
Christine Morelli
Matt Morgan
Reece Morris
Heather Mosca
Cyrus Moussavi
Tami Mullins
Isabel Muro Castro
Bill Murphy
Maggie Murphy
Marielen Murphy
Samantha Murphy
Susan Murphy
Katie Murray
Rim Nassiri
Erin Neagle
Mary Lou Nelson
Peter Nelson
Caelan Nesbitt
Olivia Neverka-Vinciguerra
Maureen Neville
Santiago Neville
Frank Newsome
Susan Niazy
Amy Nolan
Michael Nolan
Ryan Nolan
Robert Novick
Brittany Nugent
Kieton Nunes
Jack O'Connor
Tom Oatway
Mike O'Connell
Chyleene O'Connor
Alexander Odom
Sean Odum
Kathleen O'Keefe
Francis O'Loughlin
Zack Olsen
Shelly Olson
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Pat O'Neill
Kathlene O'Neill Hicks
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Stacie Powell
Hawkin Powers



RISSA (Rhode Island Social Skills Academy) volunteers pack hygiene kits for "Rinse & Renew" shower program.

Volunteers



Freshmen from Salve Regina University serve lunch during the "Salve Service Plunge."

Rally Powers
Jasmine Prime
Tara Brennan Primis
Dave Pritchard
Pete Provencher
Zachary Pruett
Marissa Puente
Marie Puzzo
Carolina Quiros
Dick Radebach
Emma Rainer
Alexander Ramirez-Moreno
Katherine Ramos
Maria Rapusa
Bernadette Raymond
Sheila Reardon
Sonya Reece
Amelia Reed
Bob Reid
Jamaal Reid
Pat Reid
Chris Reidy
Tyler Reissman
Maryn Rendish
Leticia Renouf
Lynne Rey
Oliver Rey
Sophia Rey
Tony Rey
Lynn Reynolds
Leo Ribeiro
Charlotte Richard
Anne Richards
Tim Richards
Jackson Richardson
Cindy Riordan
Ann Ritterbusch
Maria Roa
Audra Robinson
Michaela Robitaille
Anne-Marie Roche
Julianna Rodrigues
Pedro Rodriguez
Claire Rok
John Rok
Kitty Rok
Joe Rose
Ashley Rose-Long
Paula Rosin
Evan Rosin-Pritchard
Joan Rossi
Thomas Rossi
Bambi Roth-Nuki
Michelle Roy
Rindy Sabatino
Jacqueline Saccento
Amanda Saccoccio
Barbara Saccucci Radebach
Sarita Sagar
Peter Salvadore
Andrew Sanchez
Joanna Sanchez
Ethan Sauco
Michael Saunders
Eric Schmigle
Laura Schnaible
John Schneider
Lisa Scholl
Dave Schuller
Rob Schultz
Grayson Schutte
Janine Schwartz
Kathleen Schwarz
Talia Scott
Dawn Sears
Graham Sellar
Natasha Seneviratne
Veronica Serini
Kayla Setters
Tom Settle
Vickie Settle
Nancy Sevich
Erin Shalala
Ali Shannon
Steph Sharp
Carol Shaw
Dave Shaw
Molly Shea
Dennis Sheehan
Payton Shepard
Payton Shepherd
David Sherman
Acadia Shumski
Hunter Shumski
Scot Shumski
Jana Sicak
Emma Sidor
Isabella Silverman
Paula Silvia
Alexander Simmons
Ali Skelton
Ellen Slade
Whitney Slade
Rachael Slattery
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Christine Smith
Christopher Smith
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Tatyana Stanton
Kathy Stark
Chrissy Stevenson
Linda Sticca
Rick Sticca
Yuna Stithisane
Leslie Streuli
Jonah Strickland
Christopher Strout
Jenna Strout
Daniel Sullivan
Dave Sullivan
Jennifer Sullivan
Sharon Sullivan
Margaret Sullivan-Carr
Sohan Sur
Kelly Sweet
Pamela Swiatek
Steven Tadros
Ilko Tchakarov
Conrad Tea
Zoryana Tershovska
David Thomas
Joanne Thomas
Maggie Thomas
John Thompson
Maureen Thompson
Gene Thompson-Grove
Gretchen Thor
Laura Thurston
Jasmine Tilson
Benjamin Titus
Andriana Todorova
Lauren Tomasian
Robin Tosto
Nathan Tran
Scott Travers
Casey Tremper
John Trifero
Inez Trigg
Joe Trilling
Nicki Trilling
Jacqueline Trujillo Garcia
Lynne Tungett
Briana Turnbull
Yuvraj Uddanti
Jarquin Urbina
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Alexis Vanbuskiru
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Vanessa Vasquez Pena
Ana Maria Velilla
Brooke Vergona
Jillian Verzwyvelt
Stephanie Vieira
Jo-Ann Vignone

"I used to need to get food from here. Now I get to donate! It feels so good to give back!"

— Anonymous

Volunteers

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Katherine Vitello
Matthew Vivian
Ellie Voorhes
Kathleen Wagner
Bethany Waldron
Jess Walsh
Elijah Wande
Marilyn Warren
Marisa Waycuilis
Victor Waycuilis
Perry Wein
Maddie Rose Weissman
Phil Weissman
Roger Wells
Colleen Welsh
Mark Welzenbach
David Wendell
David Weston
Isabel Whaling
Matthew Wheeler
Sam Whitcher
Julie White
Owen White
Melissa Wilbur
Shunda Wilkin
Chyra Williams
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Neily Williamson
Adrienne Willis
Jason Wilson
Christine Witkos
Gail Woodworth
Theresa Wosencroft
Jason Wright
Grady Yarrow
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Matt Zimbelman



Neighbors helping neighbors. The Boys + Girls Clubs of Newport County served a meal, worked in the pantry, and helped with other community programs.

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Apex Technology
Aquidneck Resilience
Aramli Family Foundation / BedJet
Bailey's Beach
BankNewport
BayCoast Bank
Blackstone Caterers
Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County
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The Hole Family
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Little Chateau
Mac Bowen Designs
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Newport Artists Collective
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Newport Experience
Newport Fine Linens
Newport Fraternal Order of Police
Newport Island Harbor Resort
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Newport Singles
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Restoration of the Breach Without Borders
Rhode Island Social Skills Academy
RhodySquash
Roger Williams University
Rogers High School Transition Academy
The Rosin-Pritchard Family
RTX
Salve Regina University Freshmen Service Plunge
St. George's School
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Tolia
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In Honor of Gerald Randall
Joan Woods

In Honor of Alister Reynolds
James and Tricia Hilton

In Honor of Alan Sanches
Debra and Donald Sanches

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John W. and Elizabeth Q. Brooks

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Anonymous

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Irvin and Marilyn Schorsch

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David and Dianne Piccoli
Barbara H. Roberts

In Honor of Michelle Skoorka
Constance White

Tribute Giving

In Honor of Wesley Stiess
Jamie Hilton
Kara Museler
Anthony Cerino
Katherine Farnham
Hana Couture

In Honor of The Sterne Family
Arthur Spivack

In Honor of Heather Hole Strout
Jennifer Hole
Anonymous
Patrick and Kathleen Burke
Rebecca J. Bertrand
Brooke Vergona
Jonna Hole

In Honor of Terry and Paul Vanslette
Ellen Cosgrove

In Honor of Ellie and David Voorhes
Katherine Zellers

In Honor of White Horse Tavern
Jarred LaPlante

In Honor of Jennifer Williams
Jan Armor

In Honor of Gail Woodworth
Gary and Kathleen Woodworth

In Honor of Kay and Von Zwisohn
William and Mary Durgin



Seniors are all smiles at Lunch & Learn.

Fiscal Strength and Stability

Audited Financial Statement for Fiscal Year
July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Public Support:	
United States Government[1]	$ 0[1]
State of Rhode Island	$ 17,609
Municipalities	$ 172,337
Foundation and Corporate Support[2]	$ 3,382,645[2]
Individual Support	$ 1,348,284
In-Kind Contributions[3]	$ 1,299,906[3]
Total Public Support	**$ 6,220,782**
Revenue:	
Education Fees	$ 606,317
Client Employment, Parking Lot Fees	$ 122,775
Investment Income, Net	$ 1,933,112
Interest Income	$ 3,748
Other Revenue	$ 14,431
Total Revenue	**$ 2,680,383**
Total Public Support and Revenue	**$ 8,901,164**
Program Expenses:	
Community Programs	$ 449,820
Education Programs	$ 1,334,682
Hunger Services	$ 2,795,044
Total Program Expenses	**$ 4,579,546**
Supporting Service Expenses	
Management and General Expenses	$ 508,617
Fundraising Expenses	$ 390,528
Total Supporting Service Expenses	**$ 899,145**
Total Expenses	**$ 5,478,691**
Change in Net Assets	**$ 3,422,473**
Net Assets, Beginning of Fiscal Year	**$ 18,819,544**
Net Assets, End of Fiscal Year[4,5]	**$ 22,242,017**[4,5]

Without Donor Restrictions: $15,783,623
With Donor Restrictions: $6,458,394

The community—individuals, foundations, and businesses—supports the MLK. Only 3% 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 2026.

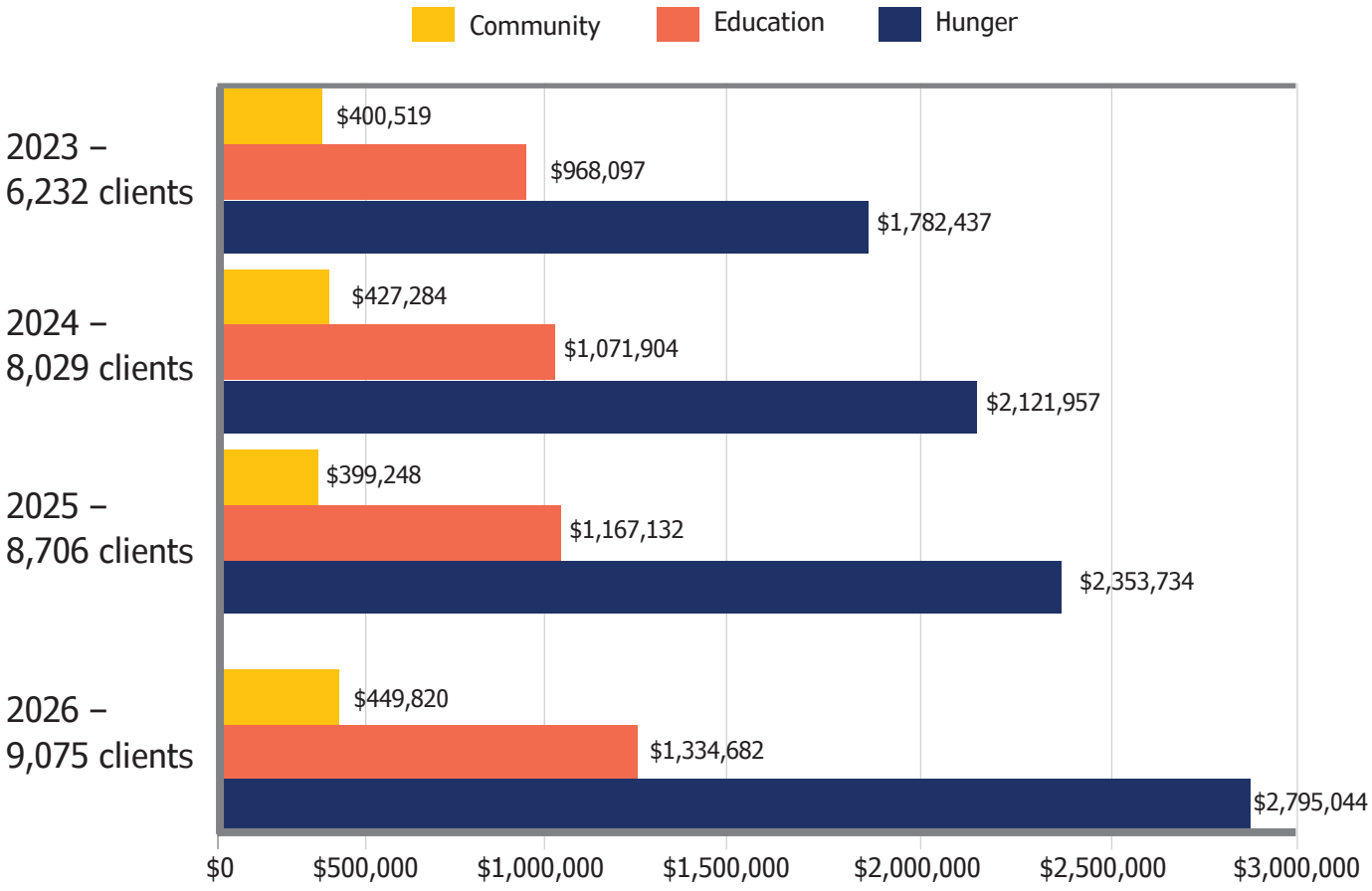
[2] Foundation and Corporate Support includes grants from foundations and donor-advised funds as well as support from for-profit businesses.

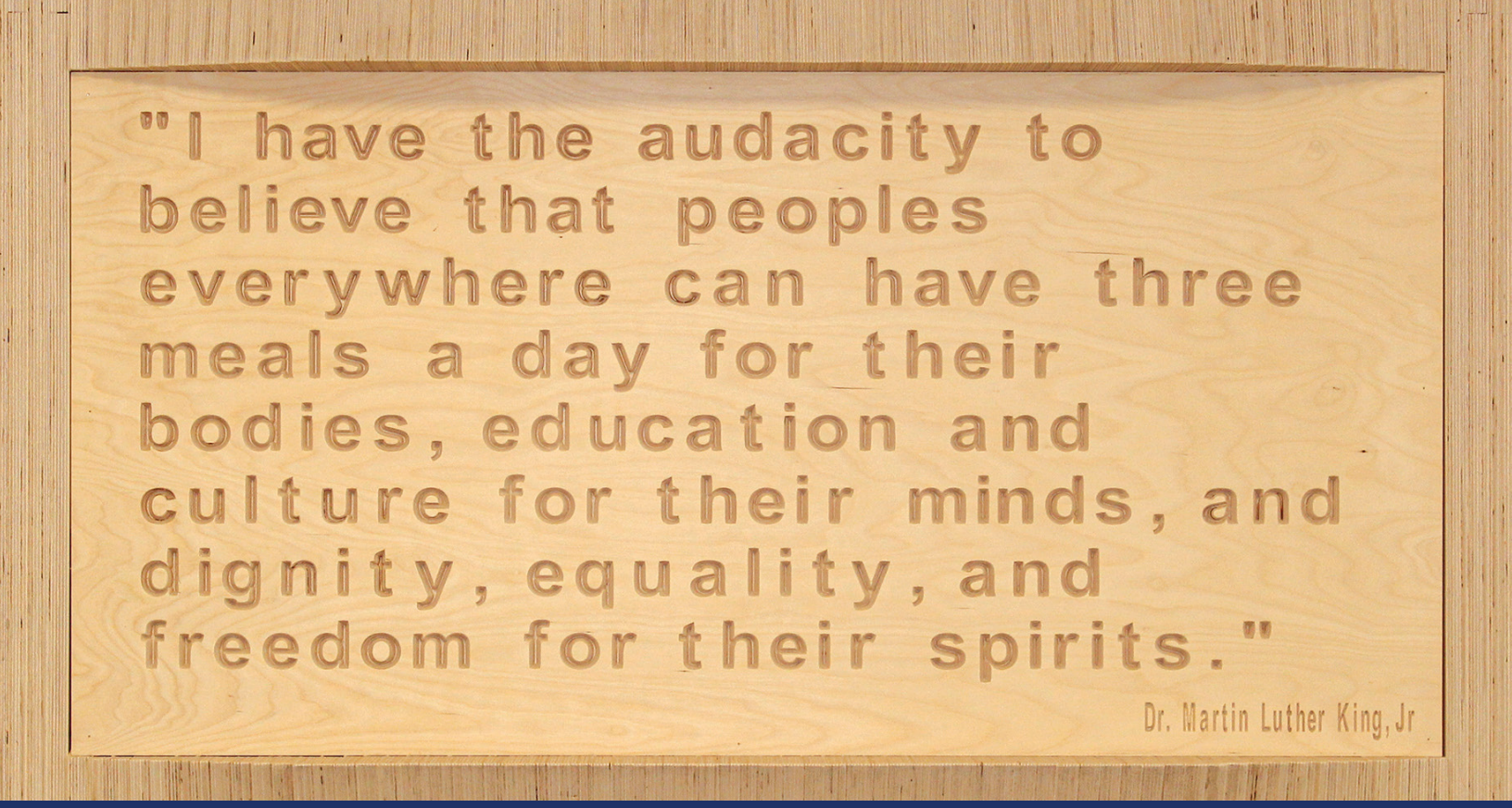
[3] Much of the food distributed is donated. Donated food is recorded as contribution revenue using per-pound values established by Feeding America, the national food bank network. The per-pound value for the prior year was $1.92. The Center supplements donated food supplies by purchasing nutritious food items not regularly donated.

[4] Of the $22,242,017 in net assets, $9,802,040 are endowed or quasi endowed net assets.

[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
2023–2026





Inscribed into the wall of our lobby, Dr. King's words inform our mission and inspire us, every day.

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