Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center

Food for the Body and Mind

2014 ANNUAL REPORT
Dear Friends,

With great pleasure, we issue this joint letter highlighting the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center’s 93rd year of service to the diverse members of Newport County. The MLK Community Center continues to be a vital resource for community members seeking assistance for hunger relief, high quality early childhood and school age education, and supports and services to support self-advocacy.

You, our supporters, have helped us meet new challenges and goals in 2014. As we reflect on the state of the MLK, we are proud of how far we have come yet are very much aware of how much we are still needed by the Newport County community.

Thanks to tremendous community support, we exceeded the Alletta Morris McBean Charitable Trust’s $100,000 challenge. Our Hunger Services expansion is complete. The Center’s reorganized administrative spaces are more welcoming and efficient and the expanded pantry, new loading dock and cooler/freezer provide more resources for our hungry neighbors. As the Center grows and we better understand the needs of our community, we find more and more residents looking to us for critical resources.

The MLK is becoming Newport County’s community solution.

More Seniors attend monthly programs and receive Medicare/Medicaid help. More families are moving from hunger to health through family dinners, nutrition classes for kids and adults, cooking classes, and nutrition counseling. More homebound clients receive much needed groceries. More preschoolers get a great start at the MLK and more children thrive in enriching Afterschool and Camp programs that yield real academic gains.

Despite our progress, misconceptions about the MLK Community Center persist. Some might think we serve only Newport or only a particular demographic group. Others assume we are mostly government funded. We have made those myths a jumping off point for this report. We have created the inspiring “Are you with us?” video, produced entirely by volunteers. You can view it on our website at mlkccenter.org/videos.

As we look at how we can best support future success for our Preschool and Afterschool students, we realize that designing programs that encourage creativity and critical thinking/problem solving skills will require updated technology. Updated integrated administration functions are also needed. You’ll see us focus on this in the coming year.

If you haven’t been to the Center recently or if you’ve never been, you’re missing something very special. We urge you to come in for a tour. Meet our dedicated staff. See the depth of our programs. We know you’ll feel the energy and be proud of the impact your generosity creates.

Together, we are building a stronger Newport County.

Thank you for standing with us,

David G. Howe Marilyn Warren
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD PRESIDENT

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Community Programs

**Family Dinners:** MLK families gather for dinner twice a month at the MLK to share a healthy meal prepared by volunteer chefs, using ingredients from the Food Pantry combined with fresh produce.

**Lunch & Learn:** Once a month, seniors gather at the MLK for a healthy lunch and an informational workshop on a wide range of topics. Recent sessions have included nutrition, Medicare/Medicaid, chair exercise, avoiding fraud, and elder law.

**Integrated Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP):** The MLK Case Manager offers consultation for seniors and their families to understand, plan and manage health and Medicare benefits.

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**Hunger Services**

**Breakfast Program:** Nutritious meals served Monday-Friday by volunteers.

**Daily Bread:** Bread and other baked items from local restaurants and merchants are available Monday-Friday.

**Feed a Friend Food Pantry:** MLK volunteers escort shoppers through pantry to select non-perishable food items, meats, produce (when available) and household items four times a week. The Center also provides Emergency Food Boxes and Shelter Packs for individuals in crisis.

**Food 2 Friends (Food Delivery):** MLK volunteers deliver groceries, produce and household items from the Center’s food pantry to food-insecure homebound individuals.

**Dietitian/Nutrition:** MLK staff dietitian provides free nutrition counseling, guidance in food pantry shopping, and cooking and nutrition classes.

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**Education Programs**

**Preschool:** The MLK offers a literacy-based, DHS licensed, affordable program for children 3 years old to school age. Daily program includes breakfast, hot lunch, and snack, a caring and structured environment, creative play, indoor and outdoor physical activity, nutrition classes, music and more.

**Afterschool Program:** The afternoon hours count at the MLK with literacy and math-based programming Monday - Friday from 3:30 - 6:00. Children in kindergarten through fourth grade enjoy a full hot meal, homework help, indoor and outdoor physical activity, and a wide variety of enrichment activities, including robotics, violin, art, nutrition class and more.

**Summer Adventure Camp:** MLK campers enjoy 8 weeks of fun-filled days throughout the summer with literacy, art, Move Up Math, science, sports, nutrition classes, beach trips and field trips to Sail Newport, the Norman Bird Sanctuary, Ballard Park, Newport County YMCA and more.

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Client Stories

“My friend was having a really tough time...he was barely making it. I found odd jobs for him to do whenever I could, tried to slip him a few bucks here and there, and would take him grocery shopping and pay for his food. I finally asked him why he wasn’t using resources available to him, like the MLK Community Center’s food pantry. He was really reluctant to do so; he was humiliated that he couldn’t afford to feed himself, ashamed and embarrassed. And, to be honest, he thought all he could get there was cheap and gross food that he wouldn’t want to eat anyway. I told him the MLK would take good care of him and that they had good food. It took a lot of convincing but he finally got his courage up and went to the MLK food pantry to ask for food. He told me he couldn’t believe the options that were available to him: fresh produce, much of it local, fresh bread, and a wide variety of non perishable food. There was even frozen meat. All of this in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. The MLK Food Pantry was a really huge help to my friend at one of the lowest points in his life. The best part of this story is that he’s no longer a food pantry client. He’s in a much better place in his life now and doesn’t need the Center’s help. But he remembers when he did and when he has parties or is with friends, he’s always asking people to donate food to the Food Pantry. He brings in donations all the time.”

Another one of our clients is a disabled widower. His health has deteriorated so much that he now receives Meals on Wheels. Even though he owns his home, with the increased cost of food, utilities, and property taxes, he cannot afford to pay for food delivery. The MLK Community Center provides him with easy to make breakfast items, such as cereal or oatmeal. He also receives canned meats, soups, and fruit with pop-tops because he has difficulty using a can opener. Shelf-stable milk, fresh produce, bread, and easy to microwave food delivered by Food 2 Friends means that he is able to eat a well balanced diet. “I lost my license a few years ago, don’t live near a bus line, and am not well enough to carry food up the bus steps even if I did live on a bus line. This is an invaluable service. Thank you.”

The MLK Community Center helps feed Newport County’s most vulnerable populations. From serving breakfast to distributing food via the Feed a Friend Food Pantry to programs like Family Dinners and Lunch & Learn, the Center’s critical programs fight food insecurity in many ways.

Feed a Friend Food Pantry

- In 2014, **179,082 meals** were distributed to **2,414 people**—up from 144,000 meals distributed in 2013.
- **974 people** were NEW to the pantry in 2014.
- Thanksgiving baskets were distributed to 780 people and Christmas baskets were distributed to 844 people. These baskets provide people with enough meals for the long holiday breaks.
Food 2 Friends
- Food 2 Friends delivered groceries, produce, and household supplies to 101 homebound hungry elderly and infirm clients who lack the physical capacity or transportation to access the pantry themselves.

Breakfast Program
- The Breakfast Program is the only daily meal site in Newport County, operating every weekday morning.
- In 2014, 286 people were served 9,577 meals. 50% of those clients were new to the program in 2014.
- Our typical Breakfast Program client is a 45-year old white male earning less than $9,999 per year.

Other Statistics
- 110 emergency food boxes were distributed to 94 people on days when the pantry was closed.

“Walking into the Martin Luther King Center to use the food pantry I feel respected. I feel that we all are respected equally whoever walks in here. No matter what our color, no matter how we’re dressed. The staff are professional and supportive.”
Educating our Community

The MLK Community Center’s education programs offer substantial social, emotional, and academic benefits to the children of working families year-round.

Diversity is a hallmark of the education programs. Families of varied ethnicities, socioeconomic statuses, and countries of origin enroll their children at the Center.

Lighthouse Preschool
- 51 children attended preschool in 2014 from Middletown, Portsmouth, Newport, and Tiverton.
- Languages spoken in the home include English, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean and Chinese, Jamaican, and Russian.
- 66% of our preschoolers entered Kindergarten already reading.

Lighthouse Afterschool Program
- 67 children attended the afterschool K-4 program.
- 20% of the students are 2nd language learners.
- 24 children had a volunteer mentor from Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Rhode Island.
- Workshops include Move up Math, SPARK physical fitness, violin lessons, art, robotics, and nutrition classes.
- After School Parents are working in our community, in the restaurant, hotel, fast food, marine, and retail industries. They are also employed in municipal government, as pastors, hairdressers, URI professors, and in the military.

FACT
- All of the families who enroll their children in the education programs pay tuition for preschool, afterschool, and summer camp. 60% of families receive Department of Human Services subsidies while the other 40% pay full tuition.

"Camp is awesome. We do cool stuff. I like the math games the best."

MYTH
- Parents who don’t work send their kids to the MLK for free childcare...

The Preschool is an award-winning, literacy-rich program that prepares children for success in kindergarten and beyond. The Afterschool Program is a godsend for working families. Summer Camp is a critical academic boost for kids.
Summer Camp

- 49 children attended summer camp in 2014.
- All staff members are certified teachers—including a former student who is now a Newport Public School kindergarten teacher.
- At the end of the eight weeks of summer camp, 85% of the students had increased their reading level and another 6% or maintained their reading level. 90% of the students increased their math fluency, while another 4% maintained their math fluency.
- 10% of the children in summer camp had an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).
- All of the students participated in a student-led community service activity.
- Field trips included lessons at Sail Newport, trips to Norman Bird Sanctuary, Ballard Park, local beaches, clamming, archery, Island Books, International Yacht Restoration School, Boys & Girls Club Camp Grosvenor, the Newport County YMCA archery and rope course, Save the Bay Exploration Center, and the URI Biomedical Lab.
A Case Manager joined the MLK Community Center staff in 2012 and has developed programs that educate clients and connect them to services that can improve the quality of their lives. This includes monthly Lunch & Learn sessions, where seniors can enjoy a nutritious lunch during seminars and presentations on topics such as financial literacy, Medicare and Medicaid, avoiding fraud, physical fitness, and more.

The MLK added a Registered Dietitian to its staff in 2011 to teach nutrition classes in our Afterschool program. Since then her role has expanded to include cooking classes for adult food pantry clients and one-on-one nutrition counseling, regardless of clients’ insurance or ability to pay.

Case Management and Nutrition services empower our clients as individuals and promote a healthier community.

> Cooking classes were introduced in 2014, with 29 clients participating.
“I learned a lot from the dietitian about portion sizes and how to make healthier choices. The staff made it easy for all of us. Now I feel confident enough to use the food pantry on my own, whenever I need it.”

- 67 families attended the **50 Family Dinners** held in 2014.
- 77 people shopped in the Feed a Friend food pantry while at a Family Dinner.
- 94 children received nutrition education.
- 137 people received nutrition counseling while shopping in the food pantry and 12 people met with the dietitian in a private session.
- **45 seniors** attended a monthly Lunch & Learn.
- 978 people received referral services from the Case Manager.
- **63 people** met with the Case Manager to enroll in Medicare or Medicaid through the Senior Health Information Program (SHIP).
- Income Tax Preparation Assistance was provided to 43 clients by volunteers from AARP, up from 14 returns the prior year.

During an intake with one of our new Food Pantry clients, the client expressed to our Case Manager serious concerns about her health due to weight gain because of a change in her medications. The Case Manager told her we had a Registered Dietitian who could meet with her for nutrition counseling. She was also invited to attend a Lunch & Learn event. She has attended several events and now brings her husband, too. One afternoon recently, the Case Manager was in the lobby when the client came for her one-on-one nutrition counseling session. She told the Case Manager, “I’m here to see the miracle worker. Due to the medications I was taking, I was gaining weight. With the help of the dietitian, I have learned which foods interact with my medication and I have lost weight. I can’t believe it was that easy and that I didn’t know it before.”

“Well, I went to the Center just for the insurance counseling. I have a disability and I needed help applying for Medicare. It’s so complicated. I could never have done it all on my own.”
Finances


Public Support and Revenue

Federal Support $47,576
State and Local Support $16,376
Foundation Grants $384,800
Restricted to Capital Improvements $20,000
Donations and Appeals $387,077
Special Events $91,552
Parent Paid Program Fees $158,933
DHS Reimbursement for Programs $187,427
Parking Lot Revenue $26,105
Other $26,387

TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE $1,326,233

Expenses

Program Support $743,016
Management and General $178,905
Development and Fundraising $104,271
Parking Lot Salaries $14,951

TOTAL EXPENSES $1,041,143

Cash Assets, end of fiscal year $527,236
Reserve Account $247,979
General Operating Fund $279,257
Volunteers gave 8,100+ hours in 2014

In 2014, volunteers donated more than 8,100 hours, working with staff to build a stronger Newport County. With a very small staff, the MLK Community Center relies heavily on the generosity (and hard work) of members of our shared community. Volunteers make a difference in almost every program at the Center. The following list illustrates the variety of roles filled by our dedicated volunteers.

- Food Pantry Shopping Escorts
- Breakfast Crew and Cook
- Santa’s Workshop Escorts and Wrappers
- After School Mentors
- Event Staff for Swing into Spring, Keeper of the Dream, the Pell Bridge Run and more
- Administrative and Database Aides
- Senior “Lunch & Learn” Cooks
- Facilities & Maintenance Handypeople
- Food Drive Organizers
- “Stuff the Van” Helpers
- Preschool Readers
- Food 2 Friends Shopper/Baggers and Drivers
- Daily Bread Baggers
- MLK Center Ambassadors
- “Family Dinners” Chefs
- Shopping Pantry Stockers
- Seasonal Food Basket Helpers for Thanksgiving & Christmas
- Photographer for Programs & Events
- Drivers for large donation pick-ups

Farouk and Susan’s Story

Farouk began volunteering at the MLK Community Center in 2012. His wife Susan joined two years later. Together they have volunteered hundreds of hours. Farouk works in the Daily Bread and Breakfast Programs, with AARP’s tax return preparation assistance, and at events like the Pell Bridge Run. Susan’s volunteer positions include receptionist, food pantry guide, fill-in cook for our education program, and cook for the Senior Citizen Lunch & Learn Program.

Volunteers often turn their passion into service. Susan’s passion for cooking led to her becoming the dietitian’s assistant in our Healthy Cooking Classes, teaching clients how to cook healthy and delicious meals using food pantry groceries. She purchases necessary food items, does kitchen set-up and food prep, and assists clients during class. She is also the volunteer cook in the Lunch & Learn Program, which unites topics of interest to seniors with fellowship and a nutritious hot meal, collaborating with the dietitian in planning this program and is solely responsible for preparing the meal each month.

Dedicated volunteers like Susan and Farouk selflessly further the Center’s mission to strengthen Newport County. Their diversity enriches our programs. By treating clients, staff, and other volunteers with dignity and respect, they complement the staff’s work. We applaud their commitment.

“I wanted to be a part of something that served a definite need and helped people in my community.”
Change doesn’t happen in a vacuum. Building a stronger
Newport County takes work, interaction, and connection.
Committed to collaboration, the MLK Community Center
partners with many organizations across all program sectors.

Our educational partnerships enrich the preschool, after
school and summer camp programs, providing unique
experiences and mentor relationships for our students. Our
hunger services programs are sustained by critical donations
of non perishable food, proteins, and fresh produce.
Community programs like our parking lot and Medicare/
Medicaid counseling would not exist without these vital
relationships.

We salute the following partners who help us better
serve those in the greatest need and strengthen us as an
organization.

The MLK Community Center is a member of
Newport Partnership for Families, an agency
network supporting families’ access to and
effective use of services.
Foundations and Grants

Less than 5% of the MLK Community Center’s annual budget comes from public funding.

Only $10,000 is received annually from the federal government to run the Breakfast Program five days a week, feeding more than 280 people a year. Only $5,827 is received from state and federal funding to run the Feed a Friend Food Pantry and Food 2 Friends, which distributed 398,420 pounds of food in 2014.

Support from foundations and grantors is critical to sustain and improve existing programs, and is a major driver in the development of new programs as well. The following supported the MLK from January, 2014 to April, 2015.

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In 2013, the Alleta Morris McBean Charitable Trust awarded the MLK Community Center a $100,000 challenge grant to renovate our facilities to handle the growing need for our hunger services. That challenge was met in 2014.

Before: The single entrance on Tilden Ave. meant all food donations and deliveries passed through reception, often interrupting client service and making the Center seem unwelcoming.

After: A new entrance on Dr. Marcus F. Wheatland Blvd. offers a brighter, more spacious environment for clients that allows smoother, more focused service.

Before: Storage for perishable food was scarce and often inaccessible, limiting our ability to provide fresh produce and frozen meat.

After: Proteins and produce are safely and securely stored in a 1,500+ cubic-foot walk-in freezing/cooling space.
Community response was overwhelmingly positive. More than 230 donors contributed a total of $141,958 to exceed the challenge and fundamentally reshape the center and its capacity to address the food needs of our community.

Before: Food deliveries and donations congested the halls and the old entrance on Tilden Ave, which often blocked traffic and caused clients to wait outside in adverse conditions.

After: A new loading dock on Dr. Marcus F. Wheatland Blvd. is the dedicated point for food donations and deliveries, relieving congestion inside the building and traffic on Tilden Ave.