



Discover Non-Profits in Cape May County

Welcome to the Chamber's Non-Profit Newsletter, spotlighting news, events, and more of the extraordinary non-profit organizations in Cape May County! We are excited to bring you inspiring stories from our members who are making a positive impact in the community. Our goal is to celebrate the spirit of generosity and showcase the incredible work being done to create a better Cape May County and the world.

Giving Spotlight: The Burke Promise Initiative



Burke Motor Group GMC Chevy Buick launched the Burke Promise in 2018 to reaffirm its over a century of commitment to their customers. As part of the Burke Promise, for every vehicle purchased, Burke makes a donation to one of four local charitable organizations chosen by its customers. Burke selects new charitable organizations annually to be of the most benefit to the community at large.

Organizations that have received donations through the Burke Promise include:

- American Legion Riders Post 352
- AMVETS Post #21

- Ancient Order of Hibernians
- Avalon Lions Club
- Beacon Animal Rescue
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Atlantic & Cape May Counties
- The Branches Outreach
- Cape May County Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation
- Cape Hope
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter #44
- Holy Redeemer Health System of NJ Shore
- Humane Society of Ocean City
- Heroes on the Water - South Jersey
- Lazarus House Ministries
- No Limits Academy
- Wildwood Police K9 Unit

In its inaugural year of the Burke Promise initiative, they exceeded their goal and raised over \$30,000 to donate on their customers' behalves back to the community.

Burke announced that the Animal Outreach of Cape May County, Citizens/Veterans Advisory Committee of Cape May County, NAMI National Alliance of Mental Illness of Cape May/Atlantic Counties, and Starfish Equine Rescue are the 2024 Recipients of the Burke Promise Donations.

**To learn more about the organizations, [please view the flyer.](#)
To learn more about The Burke Promise, [please visit their website.](#)**

We want to hear from you! If you have been involved with a non-profit organization and have an inspiring story to share, we would love to feature it in our newsletter. Whether it's about volunteering, fundraising, or any act of kindness, your experiences can inspire others to make a difference. Please send your stories and photos to events@cmcchamber.com and help us celebrate the incredible work being done in our community.

In the News:



Education Foundation Now Accepting Applications for Leadership Cape May County

The Cape May County Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation announced open registration for Leadership Cape May County for its 2024-25 class. This program is designed to develop informed, committed, and qualified business, community, and civic leaders for the benefit of our area. Using models

established by successful Leadership programs held around the United States, this program combines classroom learning with field experience to grow skills as a leader... [Learn More & Apply Here.](#)

**Cape May County Zoo Receives \$1.4
Million Donation**



The Cape May County Board of County Commissioners announced that the Zoo received a significant donation from a longtime friend and supporter. Charles Muller, from Edison, New Jersey, bequeathed his entire estate to the County Zoo/Zoological Society. Muller and his wife, Elizabeth, first visited the Zoo in the early 2000s and developed a deep affection for it... [Read more.](#)



Rio Grande Grocery Outlet Pushes to Reach \$5,000 Goal in Independence from Hunger Campaign with Lazarus House

Rio Grande Grocery Outlet recently had a visit from their donation partners, Lazarus House Wildwood, to pick up donation bags. As of July 8, they have raised \$2,300 in donations to support Lazarus House in providing emergency food assistance to families in need, with a goal of reaching \$5,000 this year. Rio Grande Grocery Outlet expresses gratitude to the community for their generous

support. Until July 31, 2024, customers can contribute by purchasing a \$5.00 donation bag or making a direct donation to support the "Independence from Hunger" campaign... [Learn more.](#)



Sturdy Savings Bank Donates Race Proceeds to Local Organizations

Sturdy Savings Bank proudly presented the proceeds from their annual Run Wild 5K Run & 1 Mile Walk to the Cape May County Zoological Society and the Coalition Against Rape and Abuse (CARA). Each organization received an equal share of the race's proceeds. [Learn more.](#)

Non-Profit Upcoming Events:

- **Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for Children of Atlantic, Cape May, and Camden Counties**, founded in 1994, advocates for the best interests of children in the foster care system. Nearly 300 trained volunteers provide individualized support and a voice in court for 464 children, ensuring their needs are met and helping them thrive. They have upcoming Information Sessions to learn more about becoming a CASA Volunteer, **dates and locations can be found here.**
- **Cape May Point Science Center**, located in one of the world's most biodiverse and vital regions in Cape May Point, provides unique opportunities and funding to advance ecological research, education, and advocacy and encourage the protection

of our piece of nature's heaven. The Center further aims to uncover and preserve history, and the building it calls home. They have plenty of family-friendly activities throughout the summer, including courtyard stargazing, family science nights, lecture lunches, and more. **Please visit their website for more information.**

- **Cape Assist** focuses on preventing and treating substance misuse throughout Cape May County, offering a wide range of services and training for youth, families, schools, and community organizations. Their counseling program provides a compassionate, hands-on approach, with a dedicated team that develops sustainable recovery plans to ensure a better quality of life for individuals. Don't miss the LTHYC Youth & Family Back-to-School Pool Party on August 2, 2024, from 5:30– 7:30pm at the Lower Township Municipal Pool, featuring a DJ, food, games, and a backpack giveaway for the first 100 youth. **The event is free, but registration is required here.**
- **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Atlantic & Cape May Counties**, founded in 1965, creates and supports one-to-one mentoring relationships to help youth realize their potential and build their futures. Serving over 200 children through community and school-based programs, their mission is to ignite the power and promise of youth through meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers and children. The organization's 2024 Big Ticket to Ride Car Raffle is their biggest fundraiser, crucial for funding these mentoring relationships that provide guidance, safety, and enriching activities to boost children's confidence and hope for the future. **Tickets are \$100 and purchasing information can be found on their website.**

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