



## ***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: Sturdy Savings Bank***



***Sturdy Savings Bank was built on a simple principle: serving the community. Our mission is the same ~ 100 years later.***

Sturdy Savings Bank is deeply committed to supporting local non-profits and community organizations throughout Cape May County and Somers Point. Their contributions range from financial donations to participation in events that strengthen the community. The bank regularly supports educational initiatives, food pantries, and veterans' services, making a positive impact on various causes. Sturdy's staff are actively involved in community service, participating in local events and fundraising efforts, underscoring the bank's dedication to being a trusted and engaged community partner.

Recently, Sturdy Savings Bank has supported:

- Cape May County Coast Guard Community Foundation
- Somers Point Historical Society
- Cape May Volunteer Fire Department
- Cape May MAC
- Christ Child Society
- Middle Township Harvest Festival
- Ocean City Arts Center
- Nature Center of Cape May
- Cape May County Zoological Society
- Coalition Against Rape and Abuse (C.A.R.A.)
- Kelly's Kidz
- Lazarus House
- Citizens Veterans Advisory Council (C.V.A.C.)

For more information on Sturdy Savings Banks and their charitable giving, [please visit their website](#) or [view photos on Facebook](#).

*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](mailto:events@cmcchamber.com) and help us celebrate the incredible work being done in our community.*

### **Welcome to Our Newest Non-Profit Members:**

 **The Community Foundation of South Jersey** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for residents in the South Jersey region. By partnering with donors, local nonprofits, and community leaders, the foundation works to address critical needs and support initiatives in areas such as education, health, and economic development. Through effective stewardship of charitable funds, they strive to create lasting positive impact and foster vibrant, thriving communities across South Jersey. [Learn more.](#)



The **Marine Mammal Stranding Center (MMSC)**, based in Brigantine, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of marine mammals and sea turtles along the state's coast. Founded in 1978, the MMSC is the only federally authorized center in New Jersey tasked with responding to strandings. Over the years, they have rescued over 5,000 animals, including whales, dolphins, seals, and turtles. The organization also offers educational programs and maintains a Sea Life Museum to raise awareness of marine conservation efforts. Their work relies heavily on public donations and volunteer support. [Learn more.](#)

## Visit our Non-Profit Member Directory

### *In the News:*



## Kindle Oktoberfest in Search of Vendors, Sponsors, Volunteers!

Kindle Auto Plaza's 6th Annual Oktoberfest is still welcoming sponsors and vendors for this year's event, set to benefit the **Cape May County Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation**. Taking place on Sunday, September 29, 2024, from 12 pm to 6 pm, this family-friendly festival promises a day of fun with music, free rides, local craft and food vendors, raffle prizes, and more. The event, held rain or shine, is also in need of enthusiastic volunteers to help make the day a success.

If interested in sponsoring or having a vendor space, please email [Christine@kindleautoplaaza.com](mailto:Christine@kindleautoplaaza.com). [Learn more.](#)



## Shop for a Cause: Bestwork Industries Offers Back-to-School Savings While Supporting the Visually Impaired

Bestwork Industries for the Blind, Inc. is offering a special back-to-school coupon code for online purchases through their Bestwork Supply Center through the end of September. By shopping with them, customers not only get access to a wide range of office and school supplies but also support a meaningful mission. Every purchase

helps provide training and employment opportunities for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Bestwork, a non-profit founded in 1981, is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for these individuals through sustainable employment programs... [Learn more.](#)



## Cape Assist Announce 10th Annual Endless Summer Benefit

Cape Assist announces that the final Annual Endless Summer Benefit will be held at the Icona Windrift in Avalon, NJ, on Thursday, September 26, 2024, from 6 PM to 9 PM. After a decade of success, the 10th year marks a meaningful farewell to this cherished event. The benefit has always united the community

in the fight against substance misuse and mental health challenges, and attendees are invited to join in making this final celebration a memorable one. Proceeds will continue to support the mission of Cape Assist in serving families in need... [Learn more.](#)



## Supporting Cape May: Join the Second Annual Cape Charities Fundraiser

Cape Charities supports the Cape May County community by providing financial aid to ten charitable organizations, including non-profits and ministries that address critical needs like food, shelter, clothing, and

family resources. The second annual Cape Charities Fundraiser is taking place on Oct. 17 from 5-7 pm at Mudhen Brewing Company in Wildwood. By funding these causes and raising awareness, they aim to foster a stronger, more compassionate community where everyone can thrive... [Learn more.](#)

## *Congratulations!* 2024 WOMEN OF WONDER



**Deborah Brasch**  
Executive Director  
for Caring for Kids in  
Cape May Court House



**Christina Clemans**  
Managing Broker for  
The Chris Clemans Group at  
Tim Kerr Sotheby's  
International Realty



**Amy Mahon**  
Partner and Director  
of Operations for  
Reich Asset Management



**Denise Venturini-South**  
Commissioned Chaplain  
and Founding Director  
of Cape Hope



## Atlantic Cape Community College Foundation and Cape May County Women's Commission Announce 2024 Women of Wonder Recipients

The Atlantic Cape Community College  
Foundation and Cape May County

Women's Commission proudly announce the 2024 Women of Wonder Award recipients: Deborah Brasch, Christina Clemans, Amy Mahon, and Denise Venturini-South. The Women of Wonder Award celebrates Cape May County women for their exceptional leadership, dedication, and contributions to helping others reach their full potential. They will be honored at a charity luncheon on Thursday, November 14, at The Flanders Hotel in Ocean City. Proceeds from the event will support scholarships for female students from Cape May County studying at Atlantic Cape Community College... [Read more.](#)

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### Heart of Surfing Featured on ABC for Empowering Kids Through Surfing



Heart of Surfing, a nonprofit based in South Jersey, was recently highlighted on ABC's *World News Tonight with David Muir* for its inspiring work teaching children with autism and other developmental disabilities to surf. Through this unique and therapeutic experience, they empower participants by helping them enjoy the ocean and build confidence. Their feature on national

television showcases the incredible joy and inclusivity that surfing brings to these children and their families, further cementing their impact on the community...

[Watch broadcast.](#)

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### Non-Profit Upcoming Events:

- **East Lynne Theater Company (ELTC)**, an Equity Professional Theater based in Cape May, was founded in 1980 to revive forgotten American plays. Initially focused on classic works from the nation's theatrical past, ELTC has since broadened its mission to include contemporary pieces with American themes. Their upcoming show, "A Case for the Existence of God", runs from September 18 through October 12. This marks ELTC's first true contemporary production, centering on the unlikely bond formed between two single fathers—one Black, one white; one straight, one gay—within the confines of an office cubicle, using empathy and humor to explore their shared struggles... [Learn more.](#)
- **Family Promise of Cape May County** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting homeless families with children. Their mission is to provide safe shelter, meals, and the necessary support services to help families regain stability and independence. They are extending the deadline for sponsorships to October 4 for the Bob Baxter Memorial Golf Invitational, taking place on October 7 at The Shore Club. This event is one of the organization's largest fundraising opportunities... [Learn more.](#)

- The **Christ Child Society of Cape May County** is a non-profit organization that provides essential items like coats, diapers, cribs, and layettes to infants and children in need. They partner with local schools and social service agencies to distribute these resources, ensuring vulnerable children receive critical support. They will be hosting their annual Baby Shower on October 13th from 1-3 PM and is seeking donations of new, unwrapped baby items and books... **Learn more.**
- **Next Gen 30, INC** is dedicated to performing 30 acts of kindness each year in the communities cherished by Genevieve Farnan, with a focus on promoting the health and education of young people in Cape May County. They have partnered with the City of Cape May to host the second annual "NextGen30 Halloween 3x3 Basketball Tournament" on October 19 at Kiwanis Park. With four age brackets, the tournament offers a fun and inclusive opportunity for players of all experience levels to show off their skills and enjoy a great day on the court... **Learn more.**




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- **Network with other local nonprofits**
- **Research grants and funder data**



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*Are you a Non-Profit Organization looking for fundraising assistance, networking opportunities, and grant research?*

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**Are you a Non-Profit Organization with news to share or interested in our Non-Profit membership?**  
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