

CAPE MAY COUNTY CHAMBER

February 2025

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!

Giving Spotlight: Avalon Lions Charities



Avalon Lions Charities: Serving Cape May County with Dedication

The Avalon Lions Charities is a dynamic group of over 90 civic-minded men and women committed to serving the needs of Cape May County. As part of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization, the Avalon Lions bring together individuals from various backgrounds—including nurses, firefighters, teachers, business professionals, and retirees—who share a common passion for community service. With members residing both locally and in surrounding states, the group remains deeply connected to the shore and dedicated to making a meaningful impact. Through community-driven fundraisers like spaghetti dinners, pancake breakfasts, and a pickleball tournament, along with dedicated volunteer efforts, the Avalon Lions tirelessly support initiatives that tackle food insecurity, healthcare access, homelessness, and other critical community needs.

Their contributions benefit a wide range of local non-profits, including the Helen Diller Vacation Home for Blind Children, Volunteers in Medicine, Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise, CASA, Lazarus House, and numerous food pantries and shelters. So far in 2025, their efforts include generous donations of \$8,000 to Lazarus House Ministries Food Pantry, \$12,000 to Holy Redeemer Food Pantry,

and \$7,000 to CASA, helping to provide vital resources and support to those in need across the community.

To learn more about Avalon Lions Charities, visit their [website](#) or [Facebook page](#).

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.

Welcome to Our Newest Non-Profit Members:



Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the rich history and cultural heritage of Whitesboro, New Jersey. Through community engagement, educational initiatives, and local events, the organization promotes unity, economic development, and social progress. By advocating for the needs of residents and celebrating the town's legacy, Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro continues to make a lasting impact on the community. [Learn more.](#)

ACCC Alumni US Veterans Organization: Founded by four military veterans and Atlantic Cape Community College alumni, this organization began as a small initiative among friends on the golf course with a shared mission to give back to the community. Though a small, ACCC-affiliated group, their dedication to service reflects their commitment to making a meaningful impact.

[Visit our Non-Profit Member Directory](#)

In the News:



Cape May County Chamber EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Now Accepting Scholarship Applications!

The Cape May County Chamber Education Foundation is excited to announce that applications are now open for a variety of scholarship opportunities. These include funding for Dual and Concurrent Credit Programs (deadline Feb. 25, 2025) and scholarships for graduating high school seniors pursuing college or trade schools (deadline April 13, 2025). Since its establishment in 2015, the Foundation has proudly awarded over \$73,000 in scholarships to support students in achieving their educational goals across a range of programs.

The Education Foundation is dedicated to the enhancement, promotion, and support of educational and training programs. These programs are designed to cultivate the skills, knowledge, and leadership of local professionals and youth, with the ultimate goal of advancing our county's talent pool, entrepreneurial spirit, and economic growth.

[Learn more about the Education Foundation Scholarships.](#)



Cape May County Non-Profit Summit

The Cape May County Non-Profit Summit on Feb. 4 was a resounding success, with over 70 organizations gathering at Atlantic Cape Community College - Cape May Campus for a morning of collaboration, networking, and idea-sharing. Made possible through the partnership of Atlantic Cape Community College, Cape May County Chamber of Commerce, Acenda Integrated Health, Cooper University Health Care, and the Cape May County Women's Commission, attendees came prepared with elevator pitches and brochures, eager to build connections and explore new opportunities for growth and outreach. Stay tuned for the Fall 2025 date!



Cape Kitchen & Craft Wing Bowl Raises Money for The Branches Outreach

On Feb. 8, Cape Kitchen and Craft in Rio Grande hosted its exciting Wing Bowl, bringing the community together for a fun-filled event with a purpose. The competition raised \$500, which was generously donated to The Branches Outreach, supporting their vital work in helping those in need. [Learn more.](#)



2025 Monthly Exhibitions at Ocean City Fine Arts League Gallery

Each month, the Ocean City Fine Arts League Gallery hosts a Group Show Reception on the second Friday of the month, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. The 2025 exhibition schedule includes a variety of themed shows and are as follows: February showcases Black, White & Red, March explores the theme of Delicious, April highlights Reflections, May focuses on "In the Manner of Your Favorite Artist," June celebrates Flowers, July and August bring the theme of Summertime, September presents Still Life, October displays Fall Beauty, November is Anything Goes, and December wraps up the year with the Petite Show. [Learn more.](#)



Family Promise Seeks Sponsors for Anniversary Gala

Family Promise of Cape May County is celebrating 15 years of service with a special Anniversary Gala at Icona Diamond Beach on May 15, 2025. To mark this milestone, the organization is seeking community sponsors to support its mission of providing shelter, meals, and essential services to homeless families with children. Sponsorship contributions will help fund homeless prevention programs, transitional housing, nutritious meals, and vital resources that empower families to regain stability and independence. [Learn more.](#)

Non-Profit Upcoming Events:



Cape May County Chamber
EDUCATION FOUNDATION



Invites you to:

GOSPEL BRUNCH

~ Where Food Feeds the Body & Music Nourishes the Soul ~

Sponsored by:



Sunday, Feb. 23, 2025 | 1pm - 4pm

The Grand Hotel of Cape May

1045 BEACH AVENUE, CAPE MAY, NJ 08204

Featuring:



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MATTHEWS



KENYA
ISAAC



ANTHONY
MATTHEWS



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WHITE



NATE
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HUFANA



MICHAEL
LLOYD

\$55 ticket

ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE:
www.CapeMayCountyChamber.com/Brunch

or Call the Chamber at: 609-465-7181



Honoring the
Life and Legacy
of Lois Smith

Proceeds benefit the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation and
The Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May Foundation.



Funding has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council
on the Arts / Department of State, the National Endowment for the Arts,
and The Cape May County Board of County Commissioners through the
Division of Culture & Heritage.





[Click Here for More Information and Tickets!](#)

- **The Arc of Cape May County** advocates for the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, supporting their full inclusion in the community while enhancing their quality of life through direct services, advocacy, empowerment, education, and prevention. Committed to expanding its team of dedicated professionals, The Arc is currently seeking compassionate Direct Support Professionals to make a meaningful impact in the lives of others. New applicants are invited to attend an on-the-spot interview on Feb. 20... [Learn more.](#)
- **Cape Hope**, located in Rio Grande, is faith-based advocacy organization focusing on homeless prevention. They will host a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser on Feb. 22 from 7:00 am to 11:00 am at First Baptist Church in Cape May Court House. Donations are \$10... [Learn more.](#)
- **Coalition for a Safe Community** is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to promoting unity in the community. On Feb. 27, they will be hosting a free Black

History Month event at Atlantic Cape Community College - Cape May Campus titled "Erasing Bias in the Classroom with Janis Washington White" at 6:00 pm, featuring light refreshments. The discussion will explore themes from a thought-provoking non-fiction book that delves into the emotional harm teenagers experience in the education system due to implicit biases... [Learn more.](#)

- The **Steven C. Ludlum American Legion Post 331**, located in Stone Harbor, is a proud chapter of the nation's largest wartime veterans service organization. The American Legion is dedicated to mentoring youth, sponsoring community programs, advocating for patriotism and honor, promoting national security, and supporting service members and veterans. To raise funds for its mission, the Post is hosting a festive St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 15, featuring a diverse selection of food, drinks, and live music. Tickets are available in advance for \$30... [Learn more.](#)
- **Cape May County NAACP**, a non-profit civil rights organization dedicated to fighting racial injustice and advancing equality through advocacy, education, and legal action, is hosting its 5th Annual Freedom Fund Gala on March 15 at the Wildwoods Convention Center starting at 5:00 pm. There will be food, music, and inspiring speakers from the community. Tickets are \$150 each and can be purchased online... [Learn more.](#)




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At our locations, you can:

- Get hands-on help with your fundraising search
- Network with other local nonprofits
- Research grants and funder data



Candid Community resources are available at these Atlantic Cape locations:

Atlantic City Campus Worthington Library 1535 Bacharach Blvd. Atlantic City, NJ 08401	Cape May County Campus Mullock Family Library 341 Court House - South Dennis Rd. Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
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Are you a Non-Profit Organization looking for fundraising assistance, networking opportunities, and grant research?

Atlantic Cape Community College offers [Candid Community](#), a free public access database filled with valuable applications and resources to support your needs. This program is funded by Cape May County bizHub, Atlantic Cape Foundation, and Thrive AC and can be found at the Atlantic City and Cape May County Campuses.

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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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