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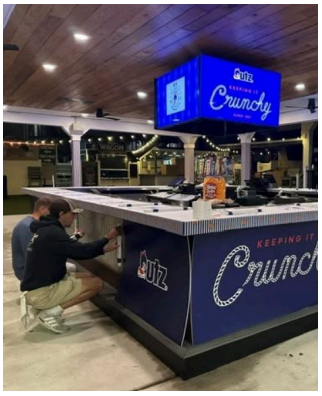
Discover Non-Profits in Cape May County

Welcome to the Chamber's Non-Profit Newsletter, spotlighting news, events, and more of the extraordinary nonprofit organizations in Cape May County!

As the holiday season approaches, non-profit organizations across Cape May County are embracing a time of giving, gratitude, and community connection. From providing food and housing assistance to supporting education, healthcare, the arts, and environmental initiatives, local non-profits continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families throughout our community.

Giving Spotlight: Allegra Marmora







Allegra Marmora: Helping Organizations That Do Good, Do Even More

Supporting Local Nonprofits Through Creative Marketing, Print & Community Partnerships

Located in Marmora, **Allegra Marketing, Print & Mail** is proud to partner with nonprofit organizations throughout Cape May County and the surrounding region,

helping bring their missions, messages, and events to life.

As a locally owned, woman- and veteran-owned business led by co-owners Denise and Nick Wieand, Allegra is passionate about doing work for and supporting organizations that make a difference in our communities.

From fundraising campaigns and donor appeals to newsletters, brochures, direct mail, event signage, banners, promotional products, graphic design, and digital marketing, Allegra provides comprehensive solutions that help nonprofits raise awareness, engage supporters, and maximize their impact.

The **Allegra team has supported organizations such as the Cape May County Coast Guard Community Foundation, CASA, Big Brothers Big Sisters** and many other nonprofits, providing creative and production services for community events and initiatives. Allegra has also brought large-scale event concepts to life, including custom graphics, branded displays, bar wraps, column graphics, and an impressive boat display for an event benefiting the **Eagles Autism Foundation**. *Click here to read the full article.*

Giving back to the community is also an important part of Allegra's mission. Through its **FootPRINT Fund**, Allegra provides eligible local nonprofit organizations that apply and that are selected with up to $1,000 in print and marketing services to help strengthen their outreach, expand programs and increase awareness of their missions.

Whether helping a nonprofit promote its next fundraiser, recognize sponsors, communicate with donors, or create a memorable community event, Allegra brings creativity, experience, and personalized service to every project.

At Allegra Marmora, we are a local resource that believes that when nonprofits succeed, our entire community benefits. Our mission is simple: Helping organizations that do good, do even more.

*To learn more about Allegra Marketing, visit their **website** or **Facebook page.***

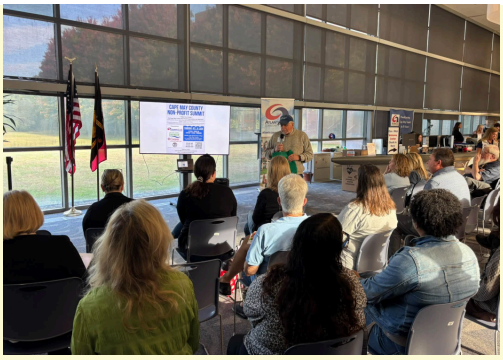
We want to hear from you! If you have been involved with a non-profit organization and have an inspiring story to share, we would love to feature it in our newsletter. Whether it's about volunteering, fundraising, or any act of kindness, your experiences can inspire others to make a difference. Please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

Visit our Non-Profit Member Directory

In the News:

Cape May County Fall Nonprofit Summit

The Chamber hosted its Fall Cape May County Nonprofit Summit on October 15 in partnership with Atlantic Cape Community College, Cooper Norcross Health Care, and the Cape May County Women's Commission. The event brought together local



nonprofit organizations for a morning of connection, collaboration, and community building, strengthening relationships and fostering opportunities for continued partnership throughout Cape May County.

Attendees of the Cape May County Nonprofit Summit are encouraged to share their feedback by completing a brief survey. Input will help guide future summits and educational opportunities, ensuring the programs continue to meet the needs of and provide meaningful support to local nonprofit organizations.

Click here to take the survey.



Cape May VFW Post 386 & Auxiliary Win Nonprofit of the Year

Cape May VFW Post 386 and Auxiliary was named the 2026 Non-Profit of the Year from the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce. The organization was recognized for its widespread community involvement and achievements at the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Installation Dinner on October 21. The Auxiliary supports local organizations, including Lazarus House and the Cape May Community Food Pantry, and secures matching grants to expand its charitable contributions. Through its Host a Coastie Program and Operation Fireside, the Auxiliary helped coordinate the hosting of 110 U.S. Coast Guard recruits at Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Auxiliary has earned numerous state and national awards and was named Most Outstanding Auxiliary for 2024, 2025, and 2026. ***Read more.***



Education Foundation Scholarships

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 Post-Secondary Education (deadline Dec. 16, 2026), Dual and Concurrent Credit Programs (deadline Feb. 22, 2027), as well as scholarships for graduating high school seniors pursuing college or trade schools (deadline April 12, 2027). 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 Education Foundation scholarships.]



Avalon Lions Continue Commitment to Charity Giving

The Avalon Lions Charities Foundation recently distributed a total of $36,000 in donations to several nonprofit organizations serving Cape May County. Among this month's recipients were The Branches Outreach, Habitat for Humanity, Cape May Food Closet, Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro, and Lazarus House Ministries. These generous contributions reflect the Avalon Lions' continued commitment to supporting local organizations, strengthening our communities, and helping meet the needs of residents throughout Cape May County. ***Learn more.***



SOAR Church Coat Giveaway

On November 17 at 5 PM, The SOAR Church and Thrive Ministries will host their annual coat giveaway at Woodbine Elementary School. This outreach event is designed to meet the needs of the community by supplying coats to the Children that attend the school. The SOAR Church has been doing this event for over 15 years and have supplied hundreds of coats doing that time. This is the second of two events that are held annually with the Wildwood school district being held during Month of October. Both events will supply several hundred coats to both school districts for the up-and-coming winter. These events are part of the SOAR Church's vision to help to make our communities, healthier, safer and stronger. ***Learn more***.

The Branches Outreach Launches Two New Community Events

The Branches Outreach has launched two new community events that will take place weekly. *Branches and Brew* - a coffee, community, and networking event - will take place on the last Thursday of every month at various locations. It's free to attend and allows individuals to build meaningful connections as well as to bring along and uplift team members, showing them that they are appreciated. Those who wish to attend are required to RSVP before the day of the event by texting **Emma**. *The Branches Reading Group* is a new and relaxed book club open to individuals who love to read, as well as those who would like to improve their reading level. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own book and read at their own pace. All reading levels are welcome to attend, read, discuss, and build friendships without

judgment. The reading group meets twice a week, every Tuesday and Thursday, at The Branches Center in Rio Grande. ***Learn more***.

American Red Cross/Southern NJ Chapter - Operation Fireside

As the holiday season approaches, U.S. Coast Guard recruits will be away from home. For many of them, this is their first time being separated from family for the holidays. Through Operation Fireside, the American Red Cross has provided reprieve and comfort to these recruits since 1981 and is continuing that tradition again this year. Families that live within 50 miles or a 60-minute drive to the Coast Guard Training Center in Cape May are welcome to apply as host families for Thanksgiving and for Christmas to give these young men and women a sense of home away from home. If you are interested, please contact the Red Cross Operation Fireside program coordinators **here**.

Cape May County Quit Center

The Cape May County Quit Center at Cape Assist is dedicated to helping individuals on their journey to a healthier, tobacco-free life. Offering free, personalized support, the Quit Center provides evidence-based counseling, nicotine replacement therapy, and resources tailored to meet the unique needs of each participant. Whether you're looking to quit smoking, vaping, or using other tobacco products, our trained professionals are here to guide and support you every step of the way. The Quit Center also offers specialized programs for youth, adults, and military families to address the specific challenges faced by each group. ***Learn more.***



Heritage Circle at Historic Cold Spring Village

Historic Cold Spring Village invites interested women to join a new recurring event inspired by sewing and gathering circles of the past. The newly announced Heritage Circle welcomes local women to bring along their own project - embroidery, crochet, knitting, mending, or any other small handicraft - and become part of a community-building circle. This gathering is open to experienced craftswomen, total beginners, and even those who don't have crafts to work on. Everyone is welcome to become part of the community and to develop, foster, and share a love of historical tradition and handicraft. For more information, send an inquiry **here**. ***Learn more.***

Cape May County Distinguished Citizens Award Reception

Scouting America Garden State Council honored Assemblyman Antwan L. McClellan, Assemblyman Erik K. Simonsen and Cape May County Chamber of



Commerce President/CEO Barbara Stafford Jones at its 2026 Cape May County Distinguished Citizens Awards Reception, held October 27 at the Wildwoods Convention Center. Proceeds from event registrations, sponsorships and donations supported the Council's mission of providing mentorship, personal growth opportunities and outdoor adventures to youth throughout South Jersey.

Wetlands Institute Announces Temporary Location

The Wetlands Institute has moved to its transitional home as the building prepares to undergo major and exciting changes. Starting November 7, weekend activities like Seasonal Science, Teaching and Touch Tank, Creature Feature & Craft, and Seashell Sunday will be available to attend at their temporary location on Delsea Drive in Cape May Court House. For a full list of seasonal events offered by The Wetlands Institute, please refer to the events calendar on their website. ***Learn more.***

Donations:

This season, we encourage everyone to give back and support these important organizations. With Giving Tuesday falling on December 1, it's a great opportunity to make a difference through a financial contribution, volunteering your time, attending a fundraising event, or simply spreading the word about their mission. Every act of generosity, big or small, helps strengthen our community and support those who need it most.

Please consider lending a hand or donating to one of our Chamber Non-Profit members. Visit their pages for up-to-date information on donations:

- **The Branches Outreach**
- **Lazarus House Ministries**
- **Family Promise of Cape May County**
- **Lunch with Lynch Foundation**
- **Cape Hope**
- **Christ Child Society of Cape May**
- **Caring for Kids**
- **Community Food Bank of New Jersey**
- **Avalon Lions Charities**
- **Children's Fresh Air Home**
- **Court Appointed Special Advocates**
- **NextGen30**
- **Solider On**

View All Non-Profit Chamber Members

November at The Arc of Cape May County: Care Connects Us



November is National Family Caregivers Month, and The Arc of Cape May County is celebrating the families and caregivers who show up every day for the people we serve. “Care Connects Us” reflects the dedication and relationships that make our community stronger.

Help us reach $10,000 this Giving Tuesday. On Tuesday, December 1, we’re raising funds for Recreation and Employment programs that help the people we serve build skills, find work, and stay connected in the community. Give at www.arcofcapemay.org/donate.

One business can help bring Arc of Possibility back to the airwaves. We’re seeking a sponsor to relaunch our segment on Wake Up Call with Mark Hunter, Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. on 98.7 The Coast. To discuss sponsorship, contact **Melanie Collette**, Chief Development and Marketing Officer.

Thank you for standing with The Arc of Cape May County! ***Learn more.***

Diaper Donation Drive

The Cape May County Chamber of Commerce is collecting new, unopened diapers to help support local families experiencing diaper need. For many low-income households, the cost of diapers can create a significant financial burden, forcing parents to make difficult choices between purchasing essential supplies for their children and putting food on the table. Unlike groceries, diapers are not covered by assistance programs such as SNAP or WIC. Community members are encouraged to participate by donating new diapers of any size at the Chamber office, which is serving as a convenient drop-off location. Every contribution helps ease the burden on families and ensures parents have access to this essential everyday necessity. ***Learn more.***



Wreaths Across America

Forgotten Warriors Vietnam Museum is partnering with Wreaths Across America to honor and remember veterans who rest in the Cape May County Veterans Cemetery. For $17, individuals can sponsor a wreath as a display of gratitude to somebody who served this country. For every sponsorship, a wreath will be placed on a veteran’s grave during the ceremony on National Wreaths Across America Day. If you can’t sponsor, consider volunteering your time on December 19 to lay the wreaths on the graves, or even spread the word to friends, family members, coworkers, or on social media. ***Learn more.***

Holiday Gift Drive

Center for Family Services is seeking community support to help make the holiday season brighter for the children and families they serve through its Holiday Gift Project. Monetary donations allow staff to purchase gifts tailored to each child's needs and interests and can be made directly through the Center for Family Services website under the Holiday Gift Project page. Those who prefer to donate a specific item are also welcome to contribute new, unwrapped gifts, allowing staff to ensure each item is appropriate for the child's age, size and personal interests. Physical gifts and gift cards may be dropped off at the Center for Family Services. Every contribution helps bring a little extra joy to families during the holiday season. ***Learn more.***

Holiday Toy Drive

CASA is collecting toys, gift cards, and other holiday items through its annual Holiday Toy Drive to help bring holiday cheer to the children it serves. Donations will be accepted through Monday, November 30, and should be delivered to the CASA office by that date. Businesses, individuals, and families are encouraged to participate and help make the holiday season a little brighter for local children. ***Learn more.***

Food Drives

The Branches is hosting two food drives to support local families facing food insecurity this holiday season. Donations of non-perishable food items are being collected at the Stone Harbor Fire Department, while a second drive, in partnership with Shore Guys Heating and Air, is accepting non-perishable food, unopened personal care items, blankets, sheets, and unused bath towels. Donations for the second drive can be dropped off at Shore Guys Heating and Air in Rio Grande or picked up by a technician during a scheduled service appointment. ***Learn more.***

Toy Drive

Bestwork Industries for the Blind is participating in the annual Toys for Tots campaign, collecting new, unwrapped gifts for children up to 14 years old. Community members are encouraged to donate and help make the holiday season brighter for children in need. Donations will be accepted through Friday, December 11, at the Bestwork Industries for the Blind facility in Cherry Hill. ***Learn more.***

Toy Drive

Burke Motor Group is hosting a Toys for Tots Toy Drive from November 9 through December 10 to help bring holiday cheer to children in need. For every vehicle sold during the drive, customers will have the opportunity to select a toy from the

showroom to donate. Community members are also invited to stop by and contribute new toy donations to support the campaign. ***Learn more.***

Non-Profit Upcoming Events:

Giving Tuesday is December 1, 2026

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Since then, it has grown into a year-round global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity.

Learn more.

- This holiday season, **Cape May MAC** fills its calendar with fun, festive events. The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will kick off the season on November 21 at the Emlen Physick Estate, where Santa will light the grand tree. Then, throughout December, Cape May MAC will offer holiday trolley tours, walking tours, and house tours that offer insight into seasonal traditions and showcase beautifully decorated Victorian Architecture. ***Learn more.***

- On November 28, **Naval Air Station Wildwood** will celebrate Christmas at its historic aviation museum from 10 am to 4 pm. For no cost, guests are welcome to the museum to experience live music, hot chocolate and cookies, seasonal gift shop discounts, craft tables for children, photo ops with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, and more. Food trucks, raffle baskets, a beer and wine garden, and local vendors offering seasonal gifts will be featured. ***Learn more.***

- **Cape Assist**'s Annual Trees of Hope Lighting Ceremony will take place on December 3 outside of the Cape Assist Building. This ceremony is a way of spreading hope and remembrance for families and individuals who have been impacted by addiction. Personalized ornaments to commemorate affected loved ones are available for purchase to be displayed on the tree, which will stay lit and decorated throughout the month of December. ***Learn more.***

- **The Branches Outreach** is hosting Breakfast with Santa on December 5. Families are invited to enjoy a festive breakfast, face painting, holiday crafts, and pictures with Santa. The Branches is offering four one-hour sessions to accommodate families at 9am, 10am, 11am and 12pm. Registration is required. ***Learn more.***

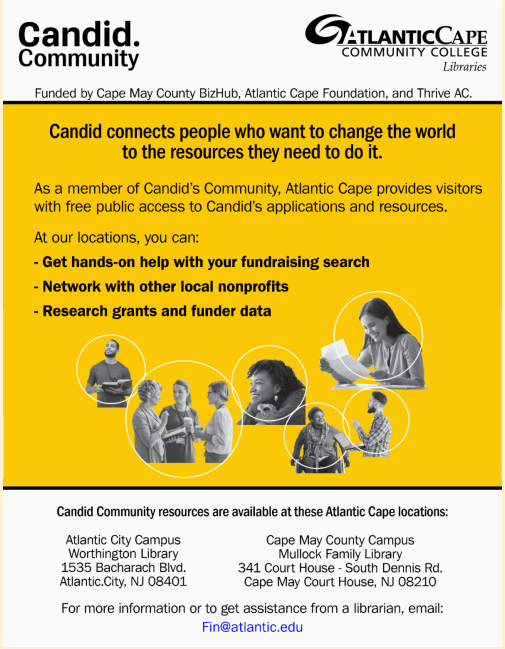
- Following the North Wildwood Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Hereford Inlet Lighthouse on December 5, **Children's Fresh Air Home** will open its doors to guests for a festive evening of prizes, drinks, and donations. Learn about the history and mission of the historic home while enjoying complimentary tastings and many raffle baskets. Every dollar will create opportunities for underserved children to spend a week of carefree time at the shore. ***Learn more.***

- On December 6, **Hook, Line, and Warriors** is hosting a festive Breakfast with Santa buffet at American Legion Post 524 in Ocean City. The morning will include a photo-op with Santa, a Chinese auction, and gifts for children who attend! All proceeds from the event will benefit the veterans and first responders that Hook, Line, and Warriors supports. ***Learn more.***

- A Cold Spring Christmas is coming to **Historic Cold Spring Village**! Celebrate the magic of the holiday season on December 12 from 10am - 3pm. Bring the family and enjoy a festive day filled with holiday cheer, seasonal activities, and plenty of Christmas spirit that includes Breakfast with Santa at the Cold Spring Grange, Christmas carolers, holiday vendors and more. ***Learn more.***

- Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the **Cape May County Zoo** on December 20. There will be festive music, candy giveaways, and opportunities to see the Zoo's animal residents throughout the day. Additionally, children will have the opportunity to take photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus, drop off letters at Santa's Mailbox, create a variety of fun and simple holiday crafts, and participate in a holiday-themed scavenger hunt. ***Learn more.***

More Resources:



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.

For more information or to get assistance from a librarian, please email: fin@atlantic.edu.



Cape May County Community Outreach serves as a central online hub for connecting residents with the resources and organizations that can best meet their needs. With many in the community impacted by the county's seasonal economy and high housing costs, the site provides a valuable starting point for those seeking assistance.

At the same time, CapeMayCommunityOutreach.com works to raise awareness of the many volunteer and financial support opportunities available, strengthening both local nonprofits and the wider Cape May County community. ***Learn more.***

The **New Jersey Center for Nonprofits** has served as the primary resource and advocate for the state's charitable and public-service sector since 1982, positioning itself as "your champion and go-to resource" for New Jersey nonprofits. For local nonprofit organizations, especially those juggling many hats, the Center is worth keeping on the radar as a source of practical training, peer-connection, timely policy updates, and member benefits. ***Learn more.***

OceanFirst Foundation offers a valuable suite of resources tailored specifically for nonprofits. Their Online Resources section provides grant-writing tips, connections to other Grantmakers, and a wealth of guidance designed to bolster organizational effectiveness. Additionally, they provide a PR Toolkit for Grant Partners and tools for nonprofit outreach, event promotion, and volunteer coordination. These resources, combined with their grant programs including General Operating/Flexible Support, JOIN! Grants, scholarship and summer camp grants make OceanFirst Foundation a vital partner for nonprofits seeking both funding and operational support in New Jersey. ***Learn more.***



The Cape May County Division of Veterans' Services provides assistance and resources to veterans, surviving spouses, dependents, and their families throughout Cape May County. Established shortly after World War II, the Division helps veterans access a wide range of benefits, including disability compensation, VA pensions and healthcare, burial benefits, property tax reductions, and assistance with military records and medals. The Division also administers the Cape May County Veterans' Cemetery, provides information on state and federal programs and local veteran discounts, facilitates county Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies, and connects veterans and their families with additional governmental and community resources. ***Learn more.***

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