



Summer 2026

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 summer transitions into fall, non-profit organizations across Cape May County are preparing for another busy season of fundraising events, volunteer initiatives, educational programs, and community outreach. Whether providing food assistance, housing support, educational opportunities, healthcare services, arts programming, or environmental stewardship, these organizations continue to strengthen our communities through compassion and collaboration.

We encourage everyone to support our local non-profits by volunteering, attending an event, making a donation, or simply helping spread awareness of their important work.

Giving Spotlight: Franklin Bank



Franklin Bank - 165 Years, 165 Acts of Kindness

As Franklin Bank celebrates 165 years of serving our neighbors, we're reflecting on what has always been at the heart of who we are, our communities. Since the very beginning, we've believed that banking is about more than financial services; it's about building relationships, supporting local families and businesses, and helping the places we call home thrive. That commitment has guided us for 165 years, and it continues to shape everything we do today.

To honor this milestone, we're celebrating our 165th anniversary by completing **165 Acts of Kindness** throughout the communities we proudly serve. From sponsoring local events and supporting nonprofit organizations through donations, to surprising someone with a simple act of kindness that brightens their day, each act is a small way of saying "thank you" to the people and communities who have supported us for generations. We believe that even the smallest gestures can create meaningful connections and lasting impact.

For 165 years, Franklin Bank has been more than a place to bank. We've been a neighbor, a partner, and a trusted part of the community. As we celebrate this milestone, we're reminded that our greatest achievement isn't measured in years, but in the relationships we've built and the lives we've had the privilege to touch. That's what makes Franklin Bank a true community bank, and it's a legacy we're proud to carry forward for generations to come.

To learn more about Franklin Bank, 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:

The **Greater Vineland Chamber of Commerce** is the largest Chamber in Cumberland County and a very active organization offering a variety of ways for business people to connect and be actively involved in the community and region. They are dedicated to enhancing the welfare of the area through progressively strengthening the development of local industries, businesses and organizations. [Learn more.](#)

Catholic Charities of South Jersey has been providing hope since 1936 and is a faith-based agency rooted in the Gospel and in the social teaching of the Catholic Church. They provide social services to, advocate for, and empower the poor, oppressed, and vulnerable. This is done on a non-discriminatory basis throughout the six southern New Jersey counties. From their humble roots when they started as the Catholic Aid Society to today, their mission has not changed: to serve the poor and vulnerable with dignity and respect. Each year, Catholic Charities of South Jersey serves more than 28,000 people in the six counties of the Camden Diocese. [Learn more.](#)

Stephen C. Ludlam American Legion Post 331 is a historic veterans organization serving the communities of Avalon and Stone Harbor, with a membership that extends well beyond the local area. Chartered in 1946 and named in honor of a local World War II hero, the Post is dedicated to supporting veterans, promoting patriotism, and giving back to the community through outreach, programs, and charitable efforts. The Post is uniquely housed in the former Tatham Life-Saving Station, built in 1895 and recognized as the oldest building in Stone Harbor. [Learn more.](#)

Soldier On is a nationally recognized nonprofit dedicated to ending veteran homelessness by providing comprehensive housing and support services to those who have served. Since its founding in 1994, the organization has helped veterans transition from homelessness to stability through a continuum of care that includes emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, as well as access to healthcare, employment, and wellness programs. By fostering a community built on dignity, independence, and peer support, Soldier On empowers veterans to rebuild their lives and work toward long-term, sustainable housing solutions. [Learn more.](#)

The **SOAR Church** is a multi-campus Christian ministry based in southern New Jersey, committed to helping individuals grow in their faith and discover their purpose. With locations including Woodbine and Richland, the church focuses on creating a welcoming, inclusive environment where people from all walks of life can experience meaningful worship and community connection. Guided by a mission to proclaim the Word of God, equip individuals for ministry, and serve both local and global communities, SOAR Church emphasizes spiritual growth, outreach, and making a positive impact through faith-based initiatives. [Learn more.](#)

Right To Unite is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting unity, positivity, and community engagement throughout Cape May County. Through free family-friendly events, youth programs, cultural celebrations, and outreach initiatives, the organization works to build stronger relationships between community members and local first responders while creating opportunities for connection and support. Guided by its mission of “showing love when hate arises,”

Right To Unite continues to make a meaningful impact through events such as Unity Day, Bowling with Cops, and other community-focused programs. [Learn more.](#)

The **Children's Fresh Air Home** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the lives of deserving children throughout the region through educational, recreational, and inspirational camp experiences. Located in North Wildwood, the organization welcomes children to its waterfront campus for day and week-long programs designed to build confidence, foster friendships, and create lasting memories. Through the generosity of donors, volunteers, and community supporters, The Children’s Fresh Air Home continues its long-standing mission of providing meaningful opportunities for youth to learn, grow, and thrive. [Learn more.](#)

Veterans Multi-Service Center (VMC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving veterans and their families by providing critical support services that promote stability, independence, and long-term success. Founded in 1980, the organization was created to address the needs of Vietnam veterans and has since expanded to assist thousands of veterans facing challenges such as homelessness, unemployment, and access to essential resources. Through a comprehensive range of programs, including housing assistance, meals and groceries, benefits advocacy, transportation to VA appointments, and employment support, VMC works on the front lines to improve quality of life for veterans in need. With a mission rooted in service and dignity, the organization continues to make a meaningful impact by helping veterans overcome barriers and build brighter futures. [Learn more.](#)

Resources for Independent Living (RILNJ) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting individuals with disabilities and their families across southern New Jersey. Through a range of person-centered services, including independent living skills training, direct care, and health and wellness programs, RILNJ empowers individuals to live more independently and achieve their personal goals. Serving multiple counties, the organization is committed to fostering dignity, inclusion, and improved quality of life for those it serves. [Learn more.](#)

The **Center for Family Services** is a leading nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and empowering individuals, families, and communities across New Jersey. With a long-standing history and a mission rooted in providing “vision, hope, and strength,” the organization offers a comprehensive range of services including behavioral health counseling, addiction recovery, early childhood education, family support, housing, and workforce development. Through its community-based, trauma-informed approach, the Center works to address complex social challenges and help individuals build stable, healthy, and fulfilling lives. [Learn more.](#)

The **Cape May County One-Stop Career Center**, part of the County’s Division of Workforce Development, serves as a comprehensive resource for job seekers and employers by providing a wide range of employment, education, and training services in one location. The center offers career counseling, job search assistance, and access to training programs for in-demand fields, along with grant funding and paid on-the-job training opportunities for eligible residents. Focused on supporting individuals such as unemployed workers, veterans, youth, and those seeking new skills, the One-Stop Career Center plays a vital role in strengthening the local workforce and advancing economic growth in Cape May County. [Learn more.](#)

The **New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development** (NJDOLE) is a state agency dedicated to protecting workers, supporting employers, and strengthening New Jersey’s economy. Through a wide range of programs and services, the department provides workforce development resources, enforces labor laws, and administers benefits such as unemployment insurance, temporary disability, and family leave. NJDOLE also offers career training, labor market data, and employer support services, all aimed at promoting opportunity, stability, and the dignity of work across the state. Featured Departments: [Atlantic County One Stop Career Center](#) and Veterans Business Services. [Learn more.](#)

The **New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development’s** career services for individuals with disabilities are designed to support equal access to employment through personalized guidance, training, and job placement assistance. Through programs like the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Services, individuals receive tailored support such as career counseling, skills development, and on-the-job training to help overcome barriers to employment and achieve long-term success in the workforce. These services also connect individuals to assistive resources, benefits guidance, and partner agencies, ensuring a comprehensive approach to employment and independence. [Learn more.](#)

Visit our Non-Profit Member Directory

In the News:



Non-Profits Connect at Spring Summit

The 2026 Cape May County Non-Profit Summit was held on April 30 at the Cape May Campus of Atlantic Cape Community College, in partnership with the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce, Atlantic Cape Community College, Cooper University Health Care, and the Cape May

County Women’s Commission. The event brought together over forty nonprofit organizations from throughout the county for a morning of networking, collaboration, and information sharing. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about the work of local organizations, exchange ideas, and build connections.

October date to be announced soon!



Building Stronger Nonprofits Through Education

The Cape May County Chamber of Commerce and Atlantic Cape Community College hosted the first free Nonprofit Seminar on June 4, focusing on marketing

and social media. The session brought together local nonprofit professionals for an opportunity to learn, share ideas, and strengthen their organizations through the power of social media.

The series continues on October 1, 2026, with Organizational Leadership & Community Collaboration from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Cape May Court House Campus of Atlantic Cape Community College. Nonprofit professionals are encouraged to register for this free educational opportunity. [Sign up here.](#)



Leadership Cape May County Looks to Welcome Newest Class

The Cape May County Chamber Education Foundation is preparing to welcome the newest class of Leadership Cape May County as the nine-month leadership development program begins this September.

Designed to cultivate informed and engaged community leaders, the program provides participants with an in-depth look at Cape May County's government, tourism, healthcare, education, public safety, environmental initiatives, and economic development while fostering meaningful professional relationships throughout the county.

[Applications for the 2026-2027 class are still being accepted, please apply here.](#)

2nd Annual Veterans' Benefits & Health Fair



demonstrate the level of need within the region and can support efforts to bring additional veteran services and resources to South Jersey. [Learn more.](#)



The Arc of Cape May County Earns Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator

The Arc of Cape May County has earned a Four-Star Rating from Charity Navigator, the highest rating Charity Navigator awards. It recognizes our financial health, accountability, and transparency, and qualifies The Arc as a "Give with Confidence" charity. For the families we serve and the neighbors and businesses who support us across Cape May County, the rating is a simple assurance: your contribution is handled responsibly and goes where you intend it to. We are grateful to this community for standing behind our work, and we would welcome more Chamber members joining us. [Learn more.](#)



12th Annual Wetlands Institute Summer Celebration

The Wetlands Institute recently celebrated its 12th Annual Summer Celebration at ICONA Avalon, drawing a lively crowd of supporters for an evening dedicated to coastal conservation. Hosted by 6abc's Brian Taff, the event featured exciting silent and live auctions, with Ron Jaworski helping keep the energy high throughout the evening. The successful fundraiser highlighted the community's continued commitment to supporting the Institute's mission of research, conservation, and environmental education. [Learn more.](#)



Community Coastal Clean-Up

The Cape May Whale Watch & Research Center held its annual Community Coastal Clean-Up in North Cape May as part of the Clean Ocean Initiative on August 2. Volunteers of all ages were encouraged to show up and make a difference in their local community by cleaning up Cape May's beaches and were treated to entry into a raffle to win two whale watch tickets aboard the American Star, two tickets to their choice of any main Cape May Stage production, and a gift basket from Good Deeds Market. This event was held in collaboration with Cape May Stage, Good Deeds, and the Cape May Point Arts and Science Center. [Learn more.](#)

Summer Social Supports Soldier On

The 2026 Summer Social, hosted by Serendipity Shops of Avalon at the ICONA, was a hit early this month. The night's featured non-profit organization, which the event was held to support, was Solider On: a local non-profit dedicated to relieving veterans from homeless circumstances. The Social featured a fashion showcase



Cape May County Chamber Education Foundation Announces Gospel Brunch Fundraiser - Oct. 11

To be held on Sunday, October 11, 2026, from 2 pm to 4 pm at The Inn of Cape May, this event promises an uplifting atmosphere filled with inspiring gospel jazz music by The Eddie Morgan Trio featuring Mrs. Rachelle Moore-Lane. *The event is proudly sponsored by Anzelone Electric Company, Leader Printers and Whalen's Auto.*

Proceeds from Gospel Brunch will directly benefit the Cape May County Chamber Education Foundation, supporting local students through scholarships and educational programs. [Sign up now.](#)

- **The Branches Outreach** will host its annual Music with a Mission fundraiser on Saturday, August 29, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at the Cape May-Lewes Ferry Terminal Grounds in North Cape May. This family-friendly event will feature live music, local vendors, dancing, and community fellowship. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support The Branches Outreach's mission of providing food, clothing, personal care items, case management, and compassionate assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness throughout Cape May County. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online... [Learn more.](#)
- Over the weekend of September 4-6, **Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro** will host its 38th Annual Whitesboro Reunion Festival at the MLK Center in Whitesboro. The three-day event will feature live music, guest speakers, a Cape May County Bulldogs Basketball Tournament, food & craft vendors, and the Caring for Kids carnival. Local businesses are encouraged to show their support by advertising in the 38th reunion journal and signing up as vendors for the event... [Learn more.](#)
- **Family Promise of Cape May County** is sailing out from Cape May aboard the American Star on Thursday, September 10 at 5:30 pm. This sunset cruise will offer a cash bar, steel drum music, and a variety of raffles, including a 50/50 raffle drawing. The money raised from purchased tickets will be used to provide shelter, meals, and other vital resources for local families experiencing homelessness. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased online... [Learn more.](#)
- The 2nd Annual **Caring For Kids** Safe & Sound fundraiser will be held on Thursday, September 10, at 5:30 pm at South 9 Bar & Grille. It will feature a buffet dinner, a silent auction, and live music. The event will honor Chrissy Casiello and Josh Mercado of No Limits Academy for their contributions in leadership for the youth of South Jersey... [Learn more.](#)
- **American Legion Post 524**'s 15th Annual Jace Clark Memorial Golf Tournament is happening on Monday, September 14, at the Harbor Pines Golf Club. Registrations made before August 10 will be entered into a drawing where the winner will be refunded the price of registration. All payments are due by August 24. They are currently seeking donations for auction baskets and unopened bottles of spirits, wine, and hard seltzers for the popular Wheelbarrow of Cheer, as well as volunteers to assist with the tournament... [Learn more.](#)
- Join **Cape Assist** for their 11th Annual Endless Summer Benefit on Thursday, September 17, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the ICONA Windrift in Avalon. This signature fundraising event brings together community members, local businesses, supporters, and friends for an evening of celebration, connection, and giving back. Every dollar raised helps Cape Assist continue providing prevention, education, advocacy, treatment, and recovery support services that strengthen individuals, families, and communities throughout Cape May County. Advance tickets are \$100 through September 7. Beginning September 8, ticket prices will increase to \$150... [Learn more.](#)

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Funded by Cape May County BizHub, Atlantic Cape Foundation, and Thrive AC.

Candid connects people who want to change the world to the resources they need to do it.

As a member of Candid's Community, Atlantic Cape provides visitors with free public access to Candid's applications and resources.

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

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

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:
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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.](#)

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

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