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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 non-profit organizations in Cape May County!

Giving Spotlight: Crest Savings Bank



Crest Savings Bank is committed to giving back to the local community through donations and volunteering all year round!

Crest Savings Bank donates funds to as many non-profit organizations in Cape May County as possible each year. Some of these organizations include local fire departments, Greater Wildwood Jaycees, Historic Cold Spring Village, Concerned Citizens of Whitesboro, Habitat for Humanity, Cape Regional Foundation, No Limits Academy, The Step Back Foundation, Vietnam Veteran's of America Chapter 955, and many more. Crest Savings Bank also holds multiple food and toy drives a year, benefiting local non-profit organizations including Lazarus House Emergency

Food Pantry, Cape May Community Food Closet, St. Barnabas By The Bay Food Pantry, C.A.R.A., United Methodist Church of Sea Isle City Food Cupboard, and more!

Crest Savings Bank employees also routinely volunteer their time with many different non-profit organizations. Once a month, employees volunteer with the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. They assist at the CFBNJ Mobile Distribution Site in Wildwood, providing free meals to those who are in need in the area. The Community Banking Department regularly volunteers at local schools, teaching financial literacy classes and helping with book fair activities.

The largest volunteer effort from Crest Savings Bank is the Boardwalk Basketball Classic, a week-long high school basketball tournament taking place in Wildwood every December. Bank employees volunteer to staff the kitchen, the front entrance, security, and the announcer table. All proceeds from this event are used to fund college scholarships for graduating seniors from Wildwood High School and Wildwood Catholic Academy. Boardwalk Basketball Classic will take place at the Wildwoods Convention Center on December 22nd-23rd and December 26th-31st. More information can be found at www.bbclassic.com.

For more information on Crest Savings Bank,
[please visit their website](#) or [follow them 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@cmccchamber.com and help us celebrate the incredible work being done in our community.

Welcome to Our Newest Non-Profit Members:



Since 1947, the **New Jersey Restaurant and Hospitality Association (NJRHA)** has been dedicated to supporting, educating, and advocating for the needs of New Jersey's hospitality industry. The association provides valuable resources to its members through vendor partnerships, offering benefits like exclusive health care pricing and free ServSafe training. The NJRHA also fosters education through the New Jersey Restaurant Educational Foundation, which supports aspiring chefs and entrepreneurs with scholarships and mentorship opportunities. Their ProStart program equips high school students with culinary and management skills, preparing them for prestigious culinary schools or immediate employment. Additionally, NJRHA tirelessly advocates for the hospitality industry, working with policymakers to create bipartisan solutions that address the challenges of running a successful business. [Learn more.](#)



The **Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)** of the United States is a nonprofit organization that serves veterans and military service members from the active, guard, and reserve forces. This local chapter, **Post 5941**, located in North Wildwood, provides a community for eligible veterans to connect and support one another. Meetings are held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 206 N. New York Ave. at W. Walnut Ave. in North Wildwood. [Learn more.](#)



The **Harriet Tubman Museum of New Jersey**, located in Cape May, stands as a powerful tribute to Tubman's courage and the abolitionist movement. Tubman, who lived in Cape May during the early 1850s, worked in hotels and homes to fund her missions on the Underground Railroad, helping enslaved people find freedom. The museum highlights Cape May's pivotal role in the fight for justice, centered on a historic block that was home to key abolitionist figures like Stephen Smith and James Harding. This block, featuring landmarks such as the Stephen Smith House and the Banneker House, became a hub of anti-slavery activism. Through exhibits and storytelling, the Harriet Tubman Museum honors Tubman's legacy and the collective efforts to advance freedom. [Learn more.](#)

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

In the News:



Cape May County Chamber EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Now Accepting Scholarship Applications!

The Cape May County Chamber of Commerce 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, 2024), Dual and Concurrent Credit Programs (deadline Feb. 25, 2025), as well as 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.](#)



Drive with Purpose: Support Local Charities with the Burke Promise

The Burke Promise is once again making a difference this holiday season! For every vehicle purchased, Burke Motor Group will donate to a local Southern New Jersey charitable organization of the buyer's choice. Community members are encouraged to nominate their favorite charities by emailing

francey.burke@burkemotorgroup.com by Saturday, December 14, 2024. This initiative empowers customers to support causes close to their hearts while making a positive impact locally... [Nominate Now.](#)



Branches Christmas Program Seeks Sponsors for Local Families

The Branches Christmas Program is dedicated to making the holiday season special for local children in need. This year, the program has seen an overwhelming number of families applying for assistance with Christmas gifts, creating an urgent need for additional sponsors. Sponsors can support a family or individual by providing gifts specifically requested by the children, offering a meaningful way to spread holiday joy. Participating in this effort can bring a sense of fulfillment, knowing you've made Christmas brighter for those facing challenging times. To become a sponsor and help make a difference, email **tmascione57@gmail.com** for more information.



Local Chambers Unite for Lunch with Lynch

Members of both the Cape May County Chamber and the Greater Wildwood Chamber demonstrated the spirit of the season by bringing toys to donate to the Lunch With Lynch Foundation Toy Drive at the Dec. 3 Mingle Bells event at The Station House. This remarkable local organization, led by John Lynch, is dedicated to brightening the holidays for children and families in need across the

Wildwoods. The collective generosity of these Chamber members helped fill three boxes with toys, ensuring that children will experience the joy and magic of the

holiday season. Their contributions highlight the power of community in making a meaningful difference... [Learn more.](#)



Angelic Health Gives Back to the Community

The Angelic Health Foundation recently awarded a total of \$9,000 in grants to six local charities that support the needs of patients and their families during difficult times. Each charity received \$1,500 towards their mission. The Angelic Health Foundation is a 501c3 charity that supports the needs of patients with terminal or life-altering diagnosis for costs not covered by insurance, granting final wishes, providing education, recognition for Veterans, and community services and programs... [Read more.](#)



Shop with Impact at Bestwork's Supply Center

Bestwork Supply Center in Cherry Hill, NJ, offers quality office essentials while supporting Bestwork Industries for the Blind, Inc., a nonprofit providing employment opportunities for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Shoppers can make an impact and enjoy December's exclusive deals on premium coffee, tea, coffee makers, cleaning supplies, and odor control solutions... [Learn more.](#)

Non-Profit Upcoming Events:

*** Save the Date ***

Cape May County Non-Profit Summit

*** February 4, 2025 ***

All Cape May County Non-Profits are welcome!

Come prepared with your elevator pitch and brochures to showcase your organization's mission, projects, and initiatives. It's a prime opportunity to network, exchange ideas, and forge meaningful partnerships.

*** [Sign Up Now!](#) ***

Save the Date:
Gospel Brunch - Feb. 23, 2025!

The Cape May County Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cape May invite you to Gospel Brunch on Sunday, February 23, 2025, from 1 pm to 4 pm at The Grand Hotel of Cape May. Enjoy an uplifting afternoon of soulful music by local performers and a delectable brunch buffet in a truly inspiring atmosphere.

Proceeds from Gospel Brunch will directly benefit the Cape May County Chamber Education Foundation and the Greater Cape May Chamber Foundation, supporting local students through scholarships and educational programs.

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

- The **Lunch with Lynch Foundation** will host its annual Pinch the Grynch 5K Run and 1-Mile Fun Walk on Saturday, December 14, at the Wildwoods Convention Center and Boardwalk. The race starts at 10 AM, with a registration fee of \$20 with a toy donation or \$30 without one. All proceeds and donated toys will benefit the "Lynch Who Stole Christmas from the Grynch" Toy Drive, spreading holiday cheer to children in need... [**Learn more.**](#)
- **Cape May MAC (Museums+Arts+Culture)** is a dedicated nonprofit organization focused on preserving and interpreting the rich history, architecture, and cultural heritage of the Cape May region, while fostering appreciation for the Victorian lifestyle, supporting the arts, and offering educational outreach to residents and visitors alike. During the holiday season until January 5, 2025, they feature a plethora of events and tours for all ages, appropriately titled "Christmas in Cape May"... [**Learn more.**](#)
- The **Marine Mammal Stranding Center**, a nonprofit organization based in Brigantine, is New Jersey's only federally authorized rescue, rehabilitation, and release facility for marine mammals. It also serves as the state's first responder for sea turtle strandings and disentanglements. To support its vital mission, the center will host Brunch for a Porpoise on March 9, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Smithville Inn. Tickets are \$75 per person and are available for purchase online now... [**Learn more.**](#)
- The **Cape May Jazz Festival Foundation** fosters the appreciation of jazz, blues, and folk music, celebrating its roots in the African American community and its modern global expressions. Committed to jazz education and cultural connection, the foundation sets high standards for presentation and builds a sustainable future for these iconic art forms. The lineup has been unveiled for the 2025 Spring Exit Zero Jazz Festival, scheduled from May 16-18, 2025. The event will take place at Cape May Convention Hall and various venues throughout the area. Tickets and VIP packages are available for purchase online now... [**Learn more.**](#)

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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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