



Early Fall 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: **Ross Environmental Solutions**



At ROSS Environmental Solutions, community involvement is more than a company value; it's part of the culture. The company encourages its employees to actively



participate in charitable initiatives and believes it's important to give back to the communities where they live and work while supporting those in need. This commitment to service extends beyond the workplace through volunteerism, fundraising, and partnerships with organizations that make a meaningful impact.

ROSS Environmental Solutions proudly supports a variety of charitable organizations and causes, including the American Diabetes Association, National Multiple Sclerosis Society's City to Shore Bike Ride, American Cancer Society, local food banks, Autism Speaks, and Our K-9 Heroes. Their employees regularly take part in fundraising efforts and community events, demonstrating the company's dedication to improving the lives of others.

Earlier this year, ROSS Environmental Solutions hosted its "Horsepower for Heroes" Classic Car Show, bringing together car enthusiasts, local businesses, and community members for a day of family-friendly fun while raising funds for the SpectraCare Foundation. Proceeds from the event benefited the Foundation's mission of providing resources, therapeutic programs, and ongoing support to local veterans, further reflecting ROSS Environmental Solutions' commitment to honoring those who have served our country.

To learn more about Ross Environmental Solutions, 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@cmecchamber.com and help us celebrate the incredible work being done in our community.

Visit our Non-Profit Member Directory

In the News:



Leadership Cape May County 2026-27 Class Underway

The Cape May County Chamber Education Foundation is proud to announce that the Leadership Cape May County Class of 2027 officially began its nine-month leadership development program with its first class of the year.

The opening session was led by Maria Grande, who guided participants through a

leadership and personality assessment designed to help them better understand their individual leadership styles, strengths and approaches to working with others. The day also included a fun Cape May County scavenger hunt, giving class members an opportunity to explore the community while getting to know one another. The first session concluded at The Bellevue Tavern, where participants gathered for food, drinks and conversation.

CAPE MAY COUNTY NON-PROFIT SUMMIT

*** FREE TO ATTEND! ***

All Cape May County Non-Profit Organizations 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. Complimentary breakfast will be provided. Please note this is not a tabling event.

Presented by:



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Cape May County Women's Commission

THURSDAY, OCT. 15, 2026

8:30AM - CHECK-IN
9:00AM - 11:00AM - PROGRAM

Atlantic Cape Community College
- Cape May Campus
341 Court House-South Dennis Road,
Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

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Register Online:

www.CapeMayCountyChamber.com/Summit

Email: events@cmcchamber.com

Non-Profit Fall Summit Date Announced

Cape May County's nonprofit community is invited to come together for the 2026 Cape May County Non-Profit Summit on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at Atlantic Cape Community College's Cape May Campus.

Presented by Atlantic Cape Community College, the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce, Cooper University Health Care, and the Cape May County Women's Commission, the summit will provide a valuable opportunity for local nonprofits to network, exchange ideas and build meaningful partnerships.

Attendees are encouraged to come prepared with a brief elevator pitch and

brochures highlighting their organization's mission, projects and initiatives. While the event is not a tabling event, organizations are welcome to bring brochures and materials to share with fellow attendees.

The event is free to attend, and a light breakfast will be provided. All Cape May County nonprofit organizations are welcome.

[Learn more and sign up here!](#)



The Branches Outreach Raises Nearly \$5,000 at Music with a Mission

The Branches Outreach recently hosted Music with a Mission at Stowaways at the Ferry Terminal, bringing together the community for a day of live music, local vendors and support for neighbors in need.

Thanks to the generous response from the community, the event raised nearly \$5,000 to support The Branches Outreach and its programs, helping provide meals, showers, personal care items, emergency assistance and other essential resources. The Branches Outreach looks forward to building on

this year's success and making next year's event even bigger and more impactful. [Learn more.](#)



Burke Car Show Raises Money for Coast Guard Foundation

Burke Motor Group's 12th Anniversary Car, Truck & Cycle Show welcomed more than 220 vehicles and hundreds of attendees for a day celebrating the community and supporting a great cause. The event raised \$37,195 for the Cape May County Coast Guard Community Foundation.

Highlights included a parade-in by the South Jersey VW Club, the American Legion Riders

Post 352 escorted by New Jersey State Troopers, an antique fire engine from the Wildwood Fire Department and a special Coast Guard helicopter flyover tribute. Burke Motor Group extends its thanks to everyone who helped make the event a success, with special recognition to longtime Title Sponsor Sturdy Savings Bank.

[Learn more.](#)



Avalon Lions Club Supports Helen Diller Vacation Home

The Avalon Lions Club recently presented the Helen Diller Vacation Home with a \$20,000 donation to support its mission of providing families with meaningful vacation experiences.

The generous contribution was made possible through the support of the community and the club's many fundraising efforts throughout the

year, including its fall mailer, spaghetti dinner, 50/50, golf tournament, pancake breakfast, White Cane campaign, Miss Avalon boat ride and Greaseband dance party.

The Avalon Lions Club supports 23 Cape May County charities and continues to encourage residents and visitors to support its fundraising efforts. [Learn more.](#)

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VFW Auxiliary 386 Earns Two National Awards

VFW Auxiliary 386 in Cape May recently earned two awards at the VFW National Conference following an impressive 11 program awards at the 2026 New Jersey State Auxiliary Convention. The Auxiliary received the Auxiliary Outreach Award for its Host a Coastie Program, which welcomed 110 Coast Guard recruits to Post 386 during Thanksgiving and Christmas as part of Operation Fireside. The

group also received recognition for its Buddy Poppy Program through a partnership with Swain's Ace Hardware during a Memorial Day Free Flag Giveaway. The Host a Coastie Program will return this fall for Thanksgiving and Christmas 2026. [Learn more.](#)



Cape May County Distinguished Citizens Award Reception

Scouting America Garden State Council will hold its 2026 Cape May County Distinguished Citizens Award Reception at the Wildwoods Convention Center on October 27, where they will celebrate outstanding community leaders. This year, they will honor Assemblyman Antwan L. McClellan, Assemblyman Erik Simonsen, and Cape May County Chamber President Barbara Stafford Jones for their leadership, service, and commitment to strengthening Cape May County. Every registration supports Scouting America

Garden State Council and allows them to provide mentorship, personal-growth opportunities, and outdoor adventure to youth across South Jersey. [Learn more.](#)



Support Children's Fresh Air Home Through Wishlist

The Children's Fresh Air Home (CFAH) is preparing for its 2027 summer overnight camps and has launched an Amazon Wishlist to help make the experience special for children from underserved communities. The wishlist features recreational supplies, household essentials, program materials and other items that will be used throughout the Home and during camp.

Supporters can purchase items directly from the wishlist, with gifts shipped to CFAH. Each donation helps provide the resources needed to create a memorable weekend at the Wildwoods Seaside and allows more children to experience the joy, connection and lasting memories that come with attending camp. [Learn more.](#)



Project Backpack Donations Underway

Center for Family Services is collecting monetary donations for Project Backpack, an initiative that helps provide local children with essential back-to-school supplies. Donations of \$10 or more can help give a child the opportunity to choose their own backpack. Community donations also help provide new backpacks, duffle bags, Chromebooks, tablets and computer learning

stations for children and teens in their care. Every gift helps equip young people with the tools they need to support their education and reach their full potential.

[Learn more.](#)



Furnishing Hope
Furniture Bank
Saint Maximilian Kolbe Parish

The Furniture Bank helps local individuals and families turn an empty house into a home. Donated furniture, household essentials, and volunteer deliveries provide comfort, dignity, and a fresh start for neighbors in need.

☐ \$50 covers household essentials ☐ \$100 covers pickup & delivery ☐ OTHER contribution \$

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Email: _____ Amount: \$ _____
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Transforming Lives Through Your Donation.

Furnishing Hope Furniture Bank Seeking Donations

Furnishing Hope Furniture Bank, a nonprofit subcommittee of Life and Justice at St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, works to assist individuals and families in need throughout Cape May County by providing furniture and household essentials that help make a house feel like home. The organization partners with charitable organizations throughout the community to support local residents and is seeking donations to help continue providing comfort, dignity and a fresh start to

those in need. Through the generosity of community partners and donors, Furnishing Hope Furniture Bank is able to turn essential household items into meaningful support for local families. [Learn more.](#)

Non-Profit Upcoming Events:



Save the Date!
Join us for this free seminar.

OCTOBER 1
9:00AM – 11:00AM

Non Profit Organizational Leadership

Light refreshments will be served.
Course runs from 9:00AM – 10:30AM
and networking from 10:30AM – 11:00AM

Sponsored by

ATLANTIC CAPE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Atlantic Cape Community College and the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce
341 Court House South Dennis Road, CMCH, NJ 08210
For more information call Krista at 609-463-3670

The Non-Profit Resource Center Announces Upcoming Free Seminar - Oct. 1

The Cape May County Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Atlantic Cape Community College, will present **Organizational Leadership & Community Collaboration** as part of its **FREE Non-Profit Resource Center Seminar Series**. The seminar will be held on **Thursday, October 1, 2026**, from **9:00-10:30 a.m.**, followed by networking until 11:00 a.m., at the Cape May Court House Campus of Atlantic Cape Community College. Designed for nonprofit professionals and volunteers, the program offers valuable leadership and collaboration strategies, with

light refreshments provided. [Sign up now.](#)

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

GOSPEL BRUNCH
Where Food Feeds the Body and Music Nourishes the Soul!

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COMMISSIONER ANDREW BULAKOWSKI & COMMISSIONER BOBBY BARR

Sunday, Oct. 11, 2026
2 pm - 4 pm
The Inn of Cape May
7 OCEAN STREET, CAPE MAY, NJ 08204

Featuring Gospel Jazz Melodies by:
The Eddie Morgan Trio
feat. **Mrs. Rachelle Moore-Lane**

\$55 ticket
ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED
PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE:
www.CapeMayCountyChamber.com/Brunch
or Call the Chamber at: 609-465-7181

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

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, Whalen's Auto, Assemblymen Simonsen & McClellan and Commissioner Andrew Bulakowski & Commissioner Bobby Barr.

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.](#)

- Join the **Bayshore Center at Bivalve** and Mission Spirits for their Spirit of the Sail event on Wednesday, September 30. This fundraiser will feature charcuterie offerings, local oysters, and nautical-themed craft cocktails by local distillery Mission Spirits, along with maritime stories, raffle opportunities, and other exciting activities throughout the night. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased from the Bayshore Center's website. All proceeds support the Keel Project, a fundraiser to replace the Keel of NJ's Official Tall Ship, the A.J. Meerwald. Help keep a beautiful piece of local history alive and on the water for many years to come... [Learn more.](#)
- **Historic Cold Spring Village** invites guests to learn the paranormal history that hides behind the face of the historic site during its Ghost Walks. Every Friday through October (excluding 10/16 & 10/23 for Ghoulish Spring Village events), visitors can go on a lantern-led walk around the village and hear true tales of paranormal incidents that have been cited by both staff and guests throughout the years. The Ghost Walks last about 1 hour and commence at Cold Spring Brewery at 8pm. Discounted rates are offered for Historic Cold Spring Village members and children under 13... [Learn more.](#)
- Tee off with **Big Brothers & Big Sisters of Cape May & Atlantic Counties** in their first-ever scramble-style golf tournament, which will be held on Monday, October 5 at the Blue Heron Pines Golf Club. Registration is \$200 for an individual or \$800 for foursomes. The registration price will pay for greens fees and a cart, alongside a boxed lunch, buffet dinner reception and an open bar. The tournament will keep things lively with contests like Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Hole-in-One, and Putting, in addition to raffle baskets, live music, a 50/50 raffle, and a silent auction. Get on the green and show your support for our county's next generation and their role models... [Learn more.](#)
- Victorian Weekend returns to Cape May this year from October 9-12. **Cape May MAC** will offer a variety of trolley tours over the weekend, showing off everything about the Victorian lifestyle from the informative and historical to the haunting and macabre. Those who are present on Saturday morning can watch an old-fashioned Victorian baseball game, then unwind with the beer trail trolley tour that highlights the area's exceptional and unique breweries. Other events throughout the weekend

will include an architectural walking tour, historic homes tour, a Lessons of History lecture, and so much more. Cap off the weekend with a craft and collectibles show where you can find a souvenir like no other, featuring an appearance by the Wheelmen, a non-profit group that's keeping the art of old cycling alive... [Learn more.](#)

- Are you ready? The **Cape May County Coast Guard Community Foundation's** Always Ready 5K/K9 is at Harborview Park on Saturday, October 10. Runners and sponsors alike are welcome to apply directly on the Coast Guard Community Foundation website and take part in an event that will be equal parts fun, scenic, challenging, and rewarding. Pick up & registration begins at 7am for everybody. The 5K starts at 9am, with the K9 3K following at 9:05am. For those who are 21+, the finish line will be waiting with Cape May Brewing Co.'s Always Ready Pale Ale which recognizes and celebrates its namesake, the United States Coast Guard... [Learn more.](#)
- The **Marine Mammal Stranding Center** will be hosting their 6th Annual Pup Strut to raise awareness for New Jersey's coastal seal pups on Saturday, October 10, 2026. Bring your furry friends for a mile-long walk on Brigantine Beach featuring music, a variety of vendors, goodie bags for pets, and information on how to protect our local seals. Don't miss a photo opportunity with Luseal, the costumed mascot! Check-in is at 9am and the walk begins at 10am. Registration costs \$25 per dog, or \$40 if you register two. The Marine Mammal Stranding Center is also looking for sponsors to help fund this and other events... [Learn more.](#)
- On October 18 at St. John of God Hall, **Christ Child Society of Cape May County** will hold its annual baby shower. It is required that attendees bring with them a wrapped baby gift with all tags removed as their admission fee. The most needed items are crib sheets, towels, washcloths, baby bottles, bottle brushes, baby wash, receiving blankets, and onesies sizes 0-9 months. The event will provide invaluable resources for infants and their families in Cape May County. The shower itself will feature a 50/50 drawing, and attendees will have their share of sandwiches, beverages, and desserts... [Learn more.](#)

More Resources:

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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:
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.](#)



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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