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COMMUNITY CENTER

Since 1922, Connecting People and Strengthening Newport County

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Dear Friends of the Center,

Please accept our most heartfelt gratitude for your generous grant made to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. Your donation was received on July 16, 2020. The Center is not publicly funded from federal or state sources; we rely on private donations and grants, so support like yours is truly meaningful to us.

The Center's **Hunger Relief Programs** address food insecurity in our community. The Center's *Feed a Friend Food Pantry*, the highest-volume food pantry in the county, distributed more than 227,031 meals to over 4,345 clients in 2019. The MLK's *Food 2 Friends* program delivered nutritious food, fresh produce, and household items to 170 homebound hungry elderly and disabled clients. The Center's *Breakfast Program*—the only daily meal site in Newport County—served nearly 11,000 meals to 264 clients in 2019.

The MLK's **Education Programs** offer high-quality, affordable options for working families eager to enrich their children's academic, emotional, and social development. The *Lighthouse Early Learning Center* offers a full-day preschool literacy program where 75% of graduates are already reading when they move on to kindergarten. The *Grades K-4 Afterschool Program* offers school-age children a hot meal, homework help, and enrichment through activities such as violin lessons, robotics, and art therapy; and our eight-week *Summer Camp* stems summer learning loss and builds academic gains through days filled with field trips, math, literacy, art, and fun.

The Center's **Community Programs** promote personal development and healthy living. The *Registered Dietitian* helps pantry clients make informed, healthy dietary choices and offers one-on-one nutrition counseling, regardless of a client's ability to pay. The *Case Manager* strategically identifies clients' needs and addresses them through both service referrals and self-implemented programs, including Medicare/Medicaid counseling and informational *Lunch & Learn* senior workshops and *Family Dinners*.

Your generous grant will be used for Hunger Services programs offered by the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center. I cannot thank you enough for this grant. You have helped us make a difference in our community.

Sincerely,

Heather Strout

Heather Hole Strout  
Executive Director

Amount of grant: \$2,000.00

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No goods or services were given in exchange for this donation.  
Your donation is 100% tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Thank you for helping us to continue lifting up the lives of 60 many Portsmouth residents throughout these difficult days and beyond. We are grateful for your support.