

Volunteer NJ!

October 2025



Notice of Funding Opportunity



Governor Phil Murphy
Lt. Governor Tahesha Way

NEW JERSEY
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Commission
MLK26 COMMEMERATIVE MINI GRANTS
Applications Close 10/6 9am

The Commission will award mini-grants to community organizations and programs to highlight and commemorate Dr. King on or around the 2026 MLK Holiday. Funding based on the reach of the program; grants up to \$1000 for local programs; \$2500 for regional programs; and up to \$5000 for statewide programs.

NOTE: Priority will be given to events that incorporate observation or commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and/or New Jersey's pivotal role in the founding of our country.

We are seeking applications of up to 3 pages, including a budget, that will propose events or programs that might include: Community Service or Clean-up; Presentation of archival material/film; Arts event; Civil Rights Discussion/Roundtable' Interview vets of the Civil Rights Movement; Sports Event; etc.

Important Links and Documents:

Mini Grant Flyer
Application Questions
Budget Form
Registration Link

NJ Volunteer Opportunities

North Jersey

Ground Force Volunteer Sessions
Forest Defenders
Special Event - Haunted Forest
Pantry Warehouse Helper
Food Pantry Helper, English and Spanish-Speaking
10/11 General Volunteer Day
Fire Safety Day
Flyer Distribution Volunteers Needed!

Central Jersey

Disaster Action Team Members Somerset County-Flexible
Drive for Good: Deliver Meals to Those in Need

South Jersey

Learning Center - Homework Mentor
Saturday Live - Children's Volunteer
Clean Ocean Action - Fall Beach Sweep
Artober: Refreshments Assistant
Festival of Fine Craft: Saturday, October 4, 2025
Volunteer Photographer Needed
Drive for Good: Deliver Meals to Those in Need
November Caregiver Night- Childcare Support

Looking for a specific volunteer opportunity?
Visit our Volunteer Hub

Limited Space Available!!!

Register Today for the Latino Leadership Conference!

2025

OPEN TO ALL

LATINO LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

JUNTOS SOMOS MAS FUERTES!

SAVE THE DATE



9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

OCTOBER 11, 2025



Location

NORTH AVENUE ACADEMIC BUILDING KEAN UNIVERSITY 1000 MORRIS AVE, UNION, NJ 07083



“REPRESENTATION MATTERS. LEADERSHIP IS COLLECTIVE. JUNTOS SOMOS MÁS FUERTES.”

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Professional Development for
Volunteer Managers

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Volunteer Management Hybrid Conference

SHOW THEM THE MONEY

Helping volunteer engagement professionals confidently demonstrate the true financial impact of their programs.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Engaging Keynotes & Training
- Practical Tools & Takeaways
- Networking Opportunities
- Professional Growth

PROUD CO-HOSTS

VOLUNTEER CENTER of South Jersey



DATE: October 29, 2025

TIME: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION: Rowan College of South Jersey, Gloucester Campus

COST: \$50

Join the Volunteer Center of South Jersey and the Nonprofit Development Center of Southern New Jersey, as they co-host **Better Impact’s Volunteer Management Hybrid Conference** on **Wednesday October 29, 2025** at Rowan College of South

This year’s theme, **Show Them the Money**, is designed to empower volunteer engagement professionals to confidently showcase the tangible financial impact of their work. Join us for dynamic keynotes, practical tools, and local networking opportunities that will strengthen your skills and support your professional growth in volunteer management.

Reserve your Spot Here!

Space is limited! DISCOUNT-VCSJ to save 20%

Call for Donations:



PLEASE HELP UNITED WAY OF GREATER UNION COUNTY FEED FAMILIES IN NEED

September was Hunger Action Month, and we need your help. **Our Food Pantry shelves are empty, and the need is urgent.** For many children in our community, the lunch and snack they receive at school are their only meals of the day. Without proper nutrition, they struggle to focus, to learn, and to simply be kids.

Families in our area are facing rising food costs and fewer resources. More and more are turning to United Way, and we never want to turn them away. In 2025, we launched an in-house Food Pantry to meet these urgent needs, and already hundreds of families have come through our doors looking for help. We were able to support them all summer, but now our supplies are gone. Families are still lining up. They know us. They trust us. But we can't do this alone.

Let's not close our eyes. If you've ever wondered when the right time to help is, it's now. ***We have a goal to raise \$10,000 to restock our shelves and meet the growing demand for food assistance in our community. Your donation — big or small — will help us reach this goal and bring much-needed relief to families who are struggling.***

For every dollar donated, 100% goes directly to purchasing food for families across Union County, North Plainfield, and South Plainfield. Please visit www.uwguc.org/donate, call 908-353-7171, or email info@uwguc.org to give today.

I personally thank you for your generosity. Together, we can make sure no one in our community goes to bed hungry.

With gratitude,

Julienne Cherry
United Way of Greater Union County

**1 IN 9
PEOPLE**
IN UNION COUNTY
EXPERIENCE
FOOD INSECURITY

APPROXIMATELY
60,000
RESIDENTS IN
UNION COUNTY
FACE FOOD
INSECURITY

18.6%
OF CHILDREN IN
UNION COUNTY LIVE
IN HOUSEHOLDS WITH
LIMITED ACCESS TO
ADEQUATE FOOD

THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE
SEEKING FOOD ASSISTANCE
IN UNION COUNTY
HAS INCREASED BY
15%
IN THE PAST TWO YEARS



Rowan College
at
BURLINGTON COUNTY

Volunteer Fair

OPEN TO
RCBC STUDENTS AND
THE PUBLIC



**Looking for volunteer opportunities?
Please join us!**

Thursday, October 16
11am – 1:30pm

**Rowan College at Burlington County
Student Success Center**

1500 College Circle, Mount Laurel, NJ

Scan the QR code for more information!



**In partnership with the
Volunteer Center of Burlington County**

SAVE THE DATE:

40th Anniversary Governor's Volunteerism Conference
in Partnership with NJVOAD

"Honoring Our Journey, Igniting Our Future: Uniting for Impact"
Tuesday, May 12, 2026



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