



2026 Gloucester County Public Employees Charitable Campaign

TESTIMONIALS

A testimonial we just received from a nurse who adopted a dog from us, “She is such a wonderful little girl. I am so glad I spoke with you ❤️”. She had lost two older dogs recently and her home seemed quite empty. Her adopting certainly has given her much emotional healing and support very much needed in her difficult job. **Animal Sanctuary Society**

Every day at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Gloucester County, we see the difference a safe place, a caring mentor, and someone who believes in you can make. Our kids come to the Clubs to learn, laugh, build confidence, and simply be kids. Most importantly, they leave knowing they have people in their corner, cheering them on and helping them dream bigger. **Boys and Girls Club of Gloucester County**

A recent widow came to our Center after years as a stay-at-home mother, needing a new career that could provide long-term financial stability for her family. With the Center’s support, she enrolled in an educational program, completed her training, and earned the credentials needed to enter her chosen field. We then assisted her with resume development, job search, and interview preparation. She successfully secured employment in her new career and is now financially independent, building a more secure future for herself and her two children. **Center for Displaced Homemakers (UWGNCJ)**

CHC - Better Births Initiative (BBI) Program:

Many women face a higher risk of preterm birth and complications during pregnancy. In fact, one out of every 2,000 Black women die during childbirth, a rate roughly 2.7 times higher than the national average. By partnering with community-based organizations, the CHC BBI program improves access to reproductive health care, addresses social drivers of health, and strengthens support systems for expectant mothers. Since launching in 2022, BBI has delivered measurable improvements in maternal health outcomes: Program participants carried pregnancies to full term at a rate of 91.2%, compared to 85.3% nationally for the program's target population – an improvement of approximately six percentage points. The average delivery occurred at 38.5 weeks, with nearly all preterm births occurring in the moderate-to-late preterm range. Participants experienced a 70% reduction in anxiety symptoms from intake to program completion. The program has connected more than 360 mothers with trained doulas and comprehensive prenatal support. Behind every statistic is a mother who deserved — and received — a safer, more supported journey into parenthood. BBI's results reflect what becomes possible when communities invest in the health and dignity of all expectant mothers. Every healthy birth is a testament to what care, partnership, and advocacy can achieve. **CHC: Creating Healthier Communities**

Jimmy is a happy and kind young man. who lives with his brother. He expresses what he wants to do while attending HollyDELL’s program. He has been sharpening daily living skills such as baking, emptying the dishwasher, and cleaning up after himself. Jimmy is very shy but always asks his peers if they need assistance. For a long time, he wouldn’t go out into the community, but more recently Jimmy has come out of his shell and enjoys participating in group outings. He says, “I like going on outings because I get to hang out with my friends.” He really enjoys socializing with his peers and attends Get Fit at Rowan University two times a week with peers for physical fitness. Both Jimmy and his caregivers benefit from this program, as Jimmy is happier, more willing to try new things and more physically fit. **HollyDELL Adult Program (UWGC)**

Fahima, a mother of four from Afghanistan, began with Literacy NJ in 2024. She set clear personal goals focused on strengthening her English skills, including her goal of being able to read to her children. Through her commitment, persistence, and regular sessions with her volunteer tutor, Fahima successfully achieved this goal. She told us: "It's very nice I hear my boy say 'Mom you are start to read.' Makes my heart very happy. Thank you [to my tutor]." **Literacy New Jersey Gloucester County**

At Mainstage Center for the Arts, your support helps make high-quality performing arts education and live entertainment accessible to children, families, and our community. Every gift helps provide meaningful opportunities for students to learn, create, perform, and build confidence while strengthening the arts in South Jersey. "Mainstage has given my child so much more than an opportunity to perform. It has helped build confidence, friendships, and a sense of belonging. We are incredibly grateful for the experiences Mainstage provides to our family and to so many young people in our community." **Mainstage Center for the Arts**

Ricky started coming to the MLKY Center when he was 7 years old. His mother had lost her job and was desperately looking for another; she needed Ricky to attend an After School Program so she could concentrate on finding a position. She had no money and we offered her child a scholarship until she could find work. She was able to find a position and we put her on the Sliding fee scale so she was able to afford childcare. Ricky was easily distracted and looked depressed. He could not focus on his studies. He was given a one to one retired teachers, a volunteer who used her patience to get Ricky to sit still and do his homework. For a long time the homework was never completely finished. Finally with help from the teacher, the mother and doctor were able to control his attention deficit. The teacher has these kind words to say "it was a pleasure to work with Ricky today. He had a smile on his face and he completed his assignment willingly and was proud of what he accomplished. **Martin Luther King Youth Center**

Jeffrey C a 3+1 Data Analytic shared "Receiving scholarship support from the RCSJ Foundation has meant far more than financial support; it's been an investment in second chances. After recovering from heart failure, I returned to college alongside my daughter, determined to show that it's never too late to start again. This opportunity has opened doors I once thought were closed, allowing me to grow as a student, a leader, and a father. I'm deeply grateful to the donors who make stories like mine possible. You're not just funding education; you're fueling hope and legacy." **Rowan College of South Jersey Foundation**

Gifts to support all areas at Rowan University helped prepare students like recent graduate Sapjah Zapotitla '26 to be the leaders of tomorrow in their careers, communities, and beyond. As a first-generation psychology student and scholarship recipient, Sapjah recognized the importance of philanthropic support in pursuing her dream of earning a degree from Rowan. "This scholarship allowed me to focus on my research instead of external concerns and helped me to trust that my continued hard work will serve others well. I felt so grateful to attend Rowan and for this award that lifted a weight off my shoulders." **Rowan University Foundation**

During our annual Scouting for Food service project, Scouts collected 115,971 pounds of food donated by families throughout southern New Jersey and delivered it to local food pantries. **Scouting America Garden State Council (UWGC)**

After struggling to find meaningful work, a participant with special needs in our Community Employment Program gained job skills, confidence, and employment. Working alongside our Employment Specialists, they are able to explore new roles and opportunities that were never presented to them before. Today, they earn a paycheck, build relationships, and enjoy greater independence. **St. John of God Community Services**

Leilanee, diagnosed with level 3 severe autism and PTEN gene mutation, experienced a magical getaway to Bill Sample's Sunshine Foundation Dream Village, Universal Orlando Resort, LEGOLAND Florida, and Disney World. "One of our favorite parts was staying at the Sunshine Foundation Dream Village, where we could relax, enjoy the beautiful pool, and move at our own pace without feeling rushed. It gave us the freedom to truly enjoy every moment and focus on what mattered most-making memories with Leilanee. This experience gave our family so many smiles, laughter, and moments we will carry in our hearts forever." – Leilanee's mom **Sunshine Foundation**