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# 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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## HELPING NEIGHBORS IN NEED IN MONMOUTH COUNTY

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2025 was a fast-paced year for The Vin Gopal Civic Association. Our annual programs flourished; the VGCA Red Bank Food Pantry aided a record number of neighbors, we awarded scholarships to more than 20 hard-working Monmouth County students, a school supply drive with Netflix reached five school districts, and we helped close to 300 families at the annual Holiday Toy Drive. In between, we supported 501c3s, towns, organizations, PBAs, rec departments and PTA/PTOs reach their fundraising needs to best serve their constituents and communities.

This work was made possible by our tremendous supporters. We are forever thankful for our growing number of volunteers who are incredibly giving with their time and talent, our generous donors that enable the work we do through monetary donations, and our amazing supporters cheering the VGCA along year after year.



# YEAR IN REVIEW

## Supporting Monmouth County: Donations, Grants, Scholarships and Sponsorships

In 2025 The VGCA donated:

- **\$38,000 in scholarships**
- **\$8,250** in grants to Chamber of Commerces
- **\$8,000** in grants to nonprofits at the Annual Fundraiser
- **\$5,000** in school supplies
- **\$125,000** to nonprofit organizations, towns, and community groups through direct donations and supporting galas and fundraising efforts.

## Annual VGCA Programs for Monmouth County

The VGCA also funded and ran a series of **annual programs** including:

- Operated the Vin Gopal Civic Association Food Pantry in Red Bank
- Awarded Community Service and STEM-focused Scholarships
- Supported the Law Enforcement Appreciation Dinner
- Community Fair and Family Day at Joe Palaia Park
- Community Trunk or Treats
- Holiday Toy Drive helping nearly 700 kids

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## Non Profits the VGCA Supported in 2025:

180 Turning Lives Around  
Arc of Monmouth County  
Asbury Park African-American Music  
Project  
Big Brothers Big Sisters  
Bradley Food Pantry Inc  
Bridge of Books  
CASA  
Chhange  
Community Affairs & Resource Center  
Don't Shock Me  
Dysphonia International  
Emergency Children's Help  
Organization  
Emmanuel Cancer Foundation  
Fair Haven Education Foundation  
Fighting HARD Foundation  
Freehold Township Little League  
LADACIN  
Liv Like A Unicorn Foundation  
The Frances Foundation  
Horizons  
IAATO  
IEP Youth Services, Inc.  
Interfaith Neighbors, Inc  
Ken Tietjen Memorial Foundation  
Latino American Association of  
Monmouth County

Mercy Center  
Middletown WTC Memorial Gardens  
MOCEANS  
Monmouth Arts  
Monmouth Council, BSA  
Monmouth County Conference  
Monmouth County Legal Aid Society, Inc.  
Neptune City PO  
Neptune Township American Legion  
Post 346  
Nemours Children's Health  
New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial  
Foundation, Inc.  
OG Beach Foundation  
Parker Family Health Center  
Red Bank Hispanic Heritage  
Red Bank Mayor's Wellness Campaign  
Richard S. Bascom Foundation  
Ridge Road Alliance  
Ritesh Shah Charitable Pharmacy  
STEAMPARK  
The Source at RBR  
The Stephanie Nicole Parze Foundation  
Twp of Ocean BOE Athletic Fund  
Veterans Community Alliance  
WAGE  
Women's Club of Asbury Park  
YMCA of the Jersey Shore

**And More!**

# ANNUAL PROGRAMS

## 2025 Community Fair and Family Day

This year, the 2025 Community Fair and Family Day was held on September 13th, and was enjoyed by hundreds of local residents.

Kids and grow-ups were entertained by bounce houses, rides and live bands, with food trucks nearby. Several nonprofits joined to give out information about resources.

We presented grants to business chambers across Monmouth County, to help them to better serve their small business communities.



## Holiday Toy Drive

For the 7th consecutive year, the VGCA helped to distribute holiday gifts to Monmouth County families in need.

Once again, The VGCA partnered with New Jersey Resources to collect, purchase, sort and donate toys to nearly 700 children. The event was held at Monmouth University.

We were joined on the evening of our distribution by 30+ volunteers and the LT. Governor-elect. We are thankful to all of our volunteers and financial sponsors who help make this event a success year after year.



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## The Vin Gopal Civic January Fundraising Dinner

More than 150 supporters attended the VGCA's January Fundraising dinner, held at Charlie's In Lincroft. We were honored to have Senator George Helmy with us to speak about food insecurity, a topic of prime importance to us and our supporters.



## The Vin Gopal Civic Association 2025 Awards Reception

The 2025 VGCA Awards Reception was held at the iconic Stone Pony in Asbury Park, NJ. More than 300 people attended, where Netflix was awarded the community partner award.

The VGCA awarded grants to 180 Turning Lives Around, The NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and Museum, the Richard S. Bascom Foundation, and Bridge of Books.

The night's awardees included Former Senator Jennifer Beck, Asbury Park Mayor John Moor, Wyatt Earp, Detective Joe Spitale, Julianna Finkelstein, Yaneice Dean, Laura Jannone, Abigail Daly and the Red Bank Food Pantry volunteers.



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## The Vin Gopal Civic Association Food Pantry and Family Resource Center

As the need for food assistance grew across the country, it did in Red Bank as well, where the VGCA Food Pantry and Family Resource Center is located.

In 2025 we saw close to 10,000 more visitors than the previous year. This year, we helped **over 6,300 families** and nearly **25,000 individuals** with shelf-stable, refrigerated and frozen food, as well as clothing items and birthday gifts.

Our team of steady and reliable volunteers grew, as did our supporters who generously run food drives for the pantry. We saw familiar faces each week and every volunteer takes pride in the work we do at the pantry.

The pantry receives food through Fulfill, Shop Rite, Whole Foods and Paris Baguette weekly. Generous donations from Dermer Dreams, Girl Scout Troops, and local families, community groups and businesses filled in extra products. We received New Jersey raised farm-fresh veggies from Community Food Connection.



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## Trunk or Treat

Once again, the VGCA hosted two Trunk or Treats this year; one at IPlay America and one at Commvault. Nonprofits and local businesses decorated cars and buses and got into the spirit! We aimed to provide a safe, family-friendly trick or treating opportunity.



## Netflix School Supply Partnership

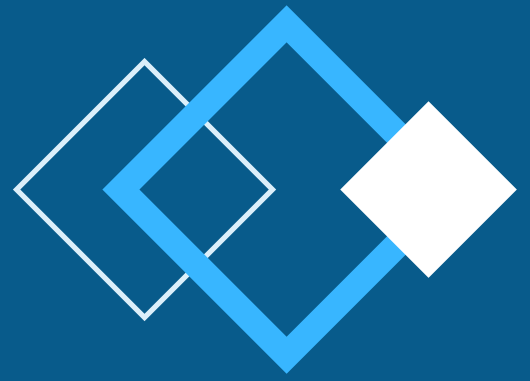
For the second year in a row, Netflix donated \$5,000 and partnered with the VGCA to deliver much-needed school supplies to select school districts in Monmouth County. We worked with the districts to determine their exact need.

## Law Enforcement Appreciation Night

This year's Law Enforcement Appreciation Night was held at Triumph Brewery. We were honored to have more than 200 Monmouth County Police Officers attend the event.



# THANK YOU



Thank you to our donors for your generous support in 2025. We look forward to continuing to support Monmouth County in 2026.

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