

## 2020 WISHLIST

What do Island Nonprofits need this upcoming year? Find inspiration below, and more at [mvnonprofits.org](http://mvnonprofits.org).

**ACE MV** wishes for funds to hire three new teachers for the Spring Term (\$5,000 ea.).

**Animal Shelter of MV** wishes for medical funds to help people with pets in need (\$200 per animal).

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod & the Islands** wishes for Big Brothers for 14 boys on their waiting list and funds to support each child for one year (\$2,000 per child).

**Featherstone Center** for the Arts hopes for a new 27" iMac computer (\$2,300) for the future digital photography lab and studio.

**Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary** asks for funds for the Youth-Led Climate Café (\$2,500), and Youth-Led Climate Summit (\$5,000), fostering local youth climate leaders.

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## IMPACTS AND OUTCOMES

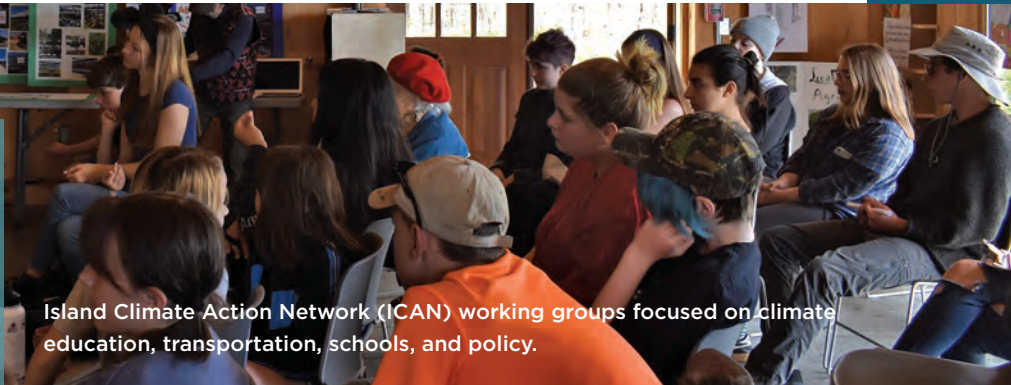
**6,000** free meals served through Island Grown Initiative's (IGI) Community Lunch program. (Almost double what they served in 2018!)

**600** Island families served by MV Community Services Early Childhood Programs 5 days a week, 52-weeks a year.

**23,938** people visited Martha's Vineyard Museum this year - 6,265 of them for free thanks to Cronig's and Cape Cod 5!

**43,995** meals served to Island elders by Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands (ESCCI).

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Island Climate Action Network (ICAN) working groups focused on climate education, transportation, schools, and policy.

## A Celebration of Collaboration

In our community we take care of our own. With 150+ nonprofits filling gaps to meet critical needs and enrich our lives with dance, music, theater, visual art, and open spaces all year long - they are the backbone of our Island life. Their work sustains and helps us to thrive in normal times. But, in difficult times as we see continued dismantling of Obama era programs and policies that affect essential services (healthcare, Medicaid, education) and quality of life today (arts civil liberties) and the future (climate change) their work becomes indispensable.

Living on our Island creates physical barriers — barriers to accessible healthcare services, limited housing for our families and workers, a higher cost of living, and food insecurity. These barriers get tougher in uncertain times like these, and our nonprofit's need to increase their programs and fundraising to address the growing challenges. Their efforts are hampered by the Island's seasonality and having to compete for a limited pool of funds. In these circumstances, the only way to meet increased demand is to become more efficient, collaborate with others and do more with existing resources. In addition, we need to invest in building nonprofit leaders' skills, knowledge, and networks as they serve today and prepare for the Islands future. (See "MVNC - What We Do", p. 4.)

We are excited by the many productive and meaningful nonprofit collaborations this year. This year's Nonprofit Year In Review will highlight a few - from shellfish to scholarships, compost to communal living - nonprofits come together to provide essential services to Islanders of all backgrounds and ages, interests and abilities, in service of a common good. (See "No Nonprofit Is An Island, p. 3.)

**We encourage you to get involved with our nonprofits.** Please contact us if you are interested in learning more about our Board and the work we do.

## Better Together

**Our Leaders:** The Martha's Vineyard Nonprofit Collaborative is invested in building the capacity of nonprofits. (Learn more about the "Institute for Nonprofit Practice" in "MVNC - What We Do" on p. 4.)

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MV Food Equity Network, a coalition of more than 20 community groups including nonprofits, faith communities, social service agencies, and educators, work together to provide equitable food access and opportunity across the Island.



The Institute for Nonprofit Practice (INP) Core Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership Class of 2020.

## Better Together (Cont.)

And MVNC is supporting nonprofits as they work together, taking proactive steps to prepare for our shared Island future:

**Our Environment:** Dukes County is ranked as one of the fastest-warming regions in the nation and the rising sea level continues to alter the character of Martha's Vineyard shorelines. **Island Climate Action Network (ICAN)**, a collaboration of Island nonprofits and passionate individuals are hard at work tackling climate resiliency. (Read more about ICAN, p. 3.)

**Our Population:** According work of the **Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard**, the 65+ population will continue to grow

rapidly, more than doubling between 2020 and 2060, with those over 85 tripling in numbers.

This year has seen many important collaborations among members of the health and human services sector. From a new Recovery Center to Workforce Development, Island organizations are putting our people first. (See "The People In Your Neighborhood", p. 3.)

**Food Security:** Recent collaborations between nonprofits and members of

the Island foodservice community have made great strides in ensuring that all Islanders have access to healthy, nourishing, and affordable food, year-round. (See "Food for Thought", p. 3.)

**Housing Security:** Thanks to the creative and collaborative thinking of our Island's housing nonprofits and partnering organizations like the **MV Hospital**, 2019 was a year of real progress in the world of affordable housing. (See "Home is Where The Heart Is", p. 3.)

## Here's to working better together in 2020!

**Which organizations do you love or could not live without?** See the 2020 WISHLIST on pp. 1, 4, and 5 and at [mvnonprofits.org](http://mvnonprofits.org).

## IMPACTS AND OUTCOMES (Cont.)

**30,000** fans attended MV Sharks Baseball games - 500 kids utilized the field for baseball games and practice.

**24,846** hours of in-home services provided by (ESCCI) The Home Care Program, providing personal care, homemaking, skilled nursing, laundry, and companionship.

**112** new publications created on the Vineyard by The Martha's Vineyard Institute of Creative Writing authors.

**12,000+** people were empowered to improve their health and well-being through YMCA's affordable programs.

**3,000+** pounds of invasive spider crabs were removed from ponds by Lagoon Pond Association.

**34** families served by Island Children's School via their thriving early childhood education experience.

**1 IN 3** Islanders each year are served by MV Community Service Programs.

**20,000** pounds of edible food recovered and distributed by IGI's Food Recovery Program from Cronig's Market.

**500** lbs of venison anticipated to be donated to the Island Food Pantry and community suppers from by the Venison Donation program.

**450** NEW families were seen this year by Island Food Pantry (for a total of 800+ families, including 450+ kids).

**130** campers with disabilities and 170 volunteers, enjoyed Camp Jabberwocky during the summer sessions.

**320** tons of food waste collected from institutions and residents by IGI's Food Rescue Program for compost.

**300** preschoolers, K-6, young adults and seniors were exposed to the joy of the art by Phyllis Vecchia Creative Drama.

**441** riders participated in Misty Meadows Equine Learning Center programs from 17 organizations and individual programs.

**100** patients annually from the Cape and the Islands are flown for free by Angel Flight NE so they can access life-saving medical care.

**43%** decrease in hospitalizations of young people from 2 years ago, thanks to MV Community Services' new Island Intervention Center which provides urgent mental and behavioral health care.

**42** individuals participated in the MV Center for Living's Supportive Day Program for a total of 2543 units of service (days).

**78,000** refills clocked at just one of Vineyard Conservation Society's 22 refill stations on the Island. Over 100,000 plastic water bottles have been saved from the waste stream because of these refill stations!

**20,000+** visitors were welcomed by Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association to its grounds for 125+ free or low cost, community programs.



## No Nonprofit Is An Island

**Collaboration.** At the MVNC, collaboration is more than just a buzzword, and nowhere is working together more essential than in the world of nonprofits.

**Home Is Where The Heart Is:** Secure and affordable housing tops the list of priorities for most Islanders. Thanks to the creative, collaborative thinking of dedicated Island nonprofits and private citizens, 2019 was a year of pushing the needle forward on affordable, year-round housing for all.

Partnering with the **MV Hospital**, the **Island Housing Trust** has renovated the former Hanover House Inn in Vineyard Haven to provide year-round, permanently affordable rental units for 15 income-qualified MV Hospital and Windemere health care workers. IHT's innovative approach created a shared housing model with private bedrooms and baths and a shared kitchen, dining, and common room spaces. The property also includes three rental apartments.

To fund the purchase of Hanover House, IHT and MV Savings Bank partnered to create MV Future Financing, the Island's first "social impact investing vehicle." This new funding source allows individuals and foundations to make long term, low-interest loans administered by MV Savings Bank and dedicated to housing. Contact Island Housing Trust if you'd like to learn more about investing in MV Future Financing and/or the Island's affordable housing efforts.

In May of 2019 IHT purchased the Clark House bed and breakfast and construction began in November 2019 to repurpose the building into seven permanently affordable rental apartments.



The MV Shellfish Group's Shell Rescue Program.

**Stewards Of Our Waters:** Looking at new ways to fundraise and educate a new generation of donors, the **MV Shellfish Group** and the **Great Pond Foundation** collaborated on a summer "friend-raiser" with **Slough Farm Foundation (SFF)**. The event, with a matching-incentive by SFF, raised substantial funds for their impact programs that improve water quality and restore local oyster ecosystems.

**ICAN:** The **Island Climate Action Network** is a volunteer group founded to help coordinate and strengthen local climate change efforts on the Vineyard. Started by **Felix Neck**, **Vineyard Conservation Society** and **Island Grown Initiative**, it has grown in less than one year to include representatives from over 25 local organizations and 500 individuals of all ages. In addition to their monthly newsletter and website, ICAN has formed working groups focused on climate education, transportation, schools, and policy.

## Food For Thought

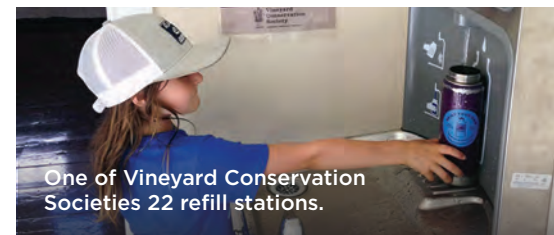
**Food Equity + Recovery:** **Island Grown Initiative** has partnered with **Island Food Pantry**, **Cronig's** and **Camp Jabberwocky** to make donated food into healthy soups and baked goods in Camp Jabberwocky's newly renovated commercial kitchen. This food is distributed through IGI's partners in the **Food Equity Network**.

**Martha's Vineyard Food Waste Initiative** — a privately-funded program of Island Grown Initiative endorsed by Island farmers, boards of health, **Vineyard Conservation Society**, **Island Grown**, and the MV Refuse District — has announced it's goal: to reduce food waste on the island by 50% by the year 2030. Their roadmap includes increasing awareness and education of food waste on Island and building and documenting scalable solutions.

**Venison Donation Project:** A collaboration between the **Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society**, **Island Grown Initiative** and the **MV Tick-borne Illness Prevention Program**, the Venison Donation Project works with Island Food Pantry and Serving Hands to store, process and redistribute venison to Islanders in need. Not only does the initiative work to combat food insecurity, it's an important step in the battle against deer ticks and tick-borne illnesses.

## The People In Your Neighborhood

**MV Youth Workforce Development Scholarships:** In recent years, MV Youth has expanded its scholarship program for college-bound students to support graduating seniors and young adults ages 18-25 with an interest in pursuing vocational tracks. The Workforce Development Scholarships aim to connect young adults to the Island's trade, health and hospitality industries through collaborative donor giving and supplemental support from 15 local Business Partners. MV Youth has also supported 11 youth-serving organizations with last-dollar Expansion Grants to actualize needed capital renovations and expansions.



One of Vineyard Conservation Societies 22 refill stations.

**Martha's Vineyard Community Services (MVCS):** MVCS was awarded \$400,000 in 2019 from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to open a Recovery Support Center in partnership with the **MV Hospital**. Recovery Support Centers offer people recovering from drug and alcohol addiction and their families a place to find fellowship, advocacy, skills training and assistance with jobs and housing. The project is a collaboration with community providers, treatment organizations, and community groups. The center plans to open by the end of the year.

A great collaborator often brings together different talents to create something greater than the sum of its parts. This perfectly describes Julie Fay, Executive Director of **MV Community Services** who has announced her retirement after 6 years. Fay is credited with significantly expanding mental health and substance-use services to Islanders, increasing the organization's revenue by 75 percent, and stewarding the near-completion of a major \$24 million campus expansion and capital campaign. Says Board President Bob Egerton, "Much of the success of MVCS today has to do with the leadership of Julie. She has made MVCS a true collaborator and partner in problem-solving to address the most pressing social and behavioral problems facing our Island community."

## 2020 WISHLIST (Cont.)

**Habitat for Humanity of MV** hopes for a 20-foot steel storage container (\$5,200) to house recycled building materials that are sold to help fund operations.

**Hospice of MV** asks for funding (or donations) of new furnishings (\$2,000) to create a warm and comforting atmosphere for the new Bereavement Counseling space.

**Island Elderly Housing** wishes for a portable propane-powered generator (\$5,500) to provide back-up emergency power for Woodside Village building 1.

**Island Grown Initiative's** regenerative farming pilot project needs tarps for weed suppression (\$5,000), and a compost spreader (\$10,000).

**MV Agricultural Society** wishes to expand the Island's 4H program (\$6,000).

**MV Community Services** asks for a Quad stroller (\$500) for their Early Childhood Center's Infant Room.

**MV Film Festival's MVFF Productions** wishes for a new iMac to edit footage for their growing client list of Island nonprofits and businesses (\$3,149).

**MV Museum** needs wireless microphones (\$250) to enable lecturers to move freely through the campus while they teach.

**MVY Radio** wishes to upgrade failing office equipment: 8 LED Desk lamps (\$30 ea.), Cannon Copier \*Energy Star (\$650), office chairs (8 for \$640) and vacuum w/hepa filter (\$300).

**Polly Hill Arboretum** wishes for a Geode GNS2 GPS Receiver that will help map the Islands' rare plants (\$2,100).

**Sassafras Earth Education** asks for a wheelbarrow to transport heavy items around the camp (\$150).

**The Aquinnah Cultural Center** wishes to house two visiting authors (\$1,000) as part of their summer series to educate about Native issues.

**The MV Boys & Girls Club** wishes for a digital camera security system (\$13,000) to create a safer environment for all children at the Club.

**The Cottagers Incorporated** need new chairs for their community and meeting room (\$4,875 for 65 chairs), and to repaint the "Cottagers' Corner" sign (\$700).

**The MV Garden Club** hopes for fresh flowers (\$300) for the Windemere Nursing Home and Rehabilitation community service project. (See below left)

**The Yard** hopes for a 10x20 tent (\$200) to use as the summer box office and kids' meeting space.

**YMCA of Martha's Vineyard** wishes for a quick-dry bathing suit spinner (\$2,000) for the men's locker room to reduce the use of plastic bags.

**Need to find a nonprofits information?**  
Visit [mvnonprofits.org](http://mvnonprofits.org) for a complete listing of Island organizations.

## MVNC - What We Do

Since 2003, Martha's Vineyard Nonprofit Collaborative has worked to strengthen the Island's 150+ nonprofits who are vital to preserving and sustaining the Vineyard we cherish through capacity building programs, advocacy and peer-to-peer learning.

Some highlights from this past year include our investment in strengthening a new generation of nonprofit leaders. For the second year, MVNC partnered with **The Institute for Nonprofit Practice** (as part of Jonathan M. Tisch College of Civic Life at Tufts University) on a local Core Certificate Program in Nonprofit Management and Leadership. To date 18 Island leaders have participated with fantastic results that include new collaborations and lasting peer-to-peer support.

Bringing nonprofits into focus, MVNC teamed with **MVY Radio** for the 1st annual 'A Night Out for Nonprofits,' recognizing the people who make nonprofits go and raising over \$3,000 to expand educational workshops. Fostering collaboration and learning communities, **MVNC's Fundraising MV** hosted quarterly networking events for nonprofits to share fundraising best practices and find creative ways to collaborate. Learn more at [mvnonprofits.org](http://mvnonprofits.org).

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## 2020 WISHLIST (Cont.)

**African Artists Community Development Project** wishes to help fund an educational scholarship in health and science for Emelia Nupuo, an orphaned Ghanaian girl of 18 (\$1,100 per year).

**Angel Flight NE** wishes for donations to support life-saving medical care flights for residents of Martha's Vineyard (\$300 per mission).

**BiodiversityWorks** wishes to purchase a property for their BiodiversityWorks Center for Wildlife Studies to continue wildlife research and conservation efforts and maintain their commitment to youth mentoring in field biology (Any amount/goal \$375,000).

**Camp Jabberwocky** wishes for a new industrial dryer (\$1,450) to help keep the 90 people living together in the summer clean and healthy.

**Chappaquiddick Community Center** hopes for four sets of sails (\$1,000 ea.) for the 420 sailboats donated by Sail Martha's Vineyard, and a small boat trailer to transport the sailboats (\$1,000).

**Chilmark Community Center** wishes for scholarships to support 50% off tuition for year-round Island kids. (\$100 sends a child to camp for one week.)

**COMSOG** asks for a new fan to cool the greenhouse in the summer to inhibit the growth of mildew and mold (\$981.35).

**Dukes County Social Services** asks for Gift Card(s) for low-income Islanders to supplement the costs of groceries, bus passes, and gas expenses. (\$25, \$50 gift cards or bus passes).

**Edgartown School** hopes for 26 Ukuleles (\$2,600), a set of Brazilian Samba instruments (\$3,250), and iPads (\$8,580) to allow free access to new ways to make and record music.

**Foundation for Underway Experiential Learning (FUEL)** wishes to send two employees to the 'Risk Management and Safety at Sea' conference (\$3,000) to aid safe, high-quality open-ocean experience young adults.

**Harbor Homes of Marthas Vineyard** wishes for 6 Schlage Camelot Keypad Entry door systems for the first congregate home for Islanders who are homeless (\$570 for 6).

**Island Children's School** hopes for an 8x16 Greenhouse (\$7,000) to grow plants and vegetables year-round.

**Island Food Pantry** wishes for new chairs for the grocery waiting area for clients (\$300), a new food-safe storage/display bins for produce and frozen items (\$800).

**Island Grown Initiative** wishes for a flail mower (\$5,000) to grow more local food for its food equity programs.

**Island Housing Trust (IHT)** hopes for a wheelchair ramp for the year-round apartment at Perlman House in Vineyard Haven (\$7,000).

**Island Waldorf Community and Plum Hill School** wish for funds for their Saturday parenting workshop series "Simplicity Parenting," which includes free childcare (\$3,000).

**Lagoon Pond Association** wishes for the software program "Bloomerang" to organize their membership list (\$1,048 for software and 1-year tech support).

**Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association** hopes to share its historic stereoview photography collection online with a new museum archive website (\$775).

**MV Cancer Support Group** seeks support for Islanders who are financially distressed due to the consequence of expenses incurred during their cancer treatments (\$1,000+).

**Martha's Vineyard Center for Living** wishes for extra-large recliner(s) for the Supportive Day Program to allow bigger clients to relax and stretch out (\$800 ea.).

**Martha's Vineyard Chamber Music Society** hopes for donations to fund one year of Violin lessons plus the use of an instrument for Island students (\$250 per student).

**Martha's Vineyard Mediation Program** wishes for funds to purchase workplace conflict materials for the workshops offered to the island community for free (\$385).

**Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, Inc.** wishes for an electric liftgate that enables a single person to load up to 500 pounds of shell from restaurant raw-bars into the Shell Recovery truck (\$800).

**Martha's Vineyard Vegan Society** asks for help to sustain their Fresh Fruits, Vegetables and Vegan Outreach programs (\$50,000).

**Misty Meadows Equine Learning Center** hopes for a new or used Mac Desktop computer to help streamline internal organization required to run their programs (\$350 used - \$1,020 new).

**MV Chamber Music Society** asks for donations for the Artist in Residence Program (AIR) - that includes a free public concert, school presentations, and one on one instruction (\$50-\$10,000).

**MV Family Chorus** asks for travel to Brazil for the 'Song Exchange Project' (\$1,600) and for video production of the Winter Concert & Community Sing (\$400) to inspire non-attenders to join in the future.

**MV Sharks Baseball Foundation** wishes for batting cages and protective screens to assure safety for all baseball players and coaches who use their field (\$3,500).

**Phyllis Vecchia Creative Drama** wishes for funds for the 'Women in History' and 'Story Theater' programs offered to Islanders of all ages (\$1,000).

**Plastic Free MV** wishes for 500 stainless steel cups (\$2,250) to sell to businesses at a discount to encourage a switch from plastic to reusable.

**Second Chance Animal Rescue** wishes to aid in the spay and neuter of Islanders' animals (\$5,000) and land to build a shelter (\$300,000).

**The Martha's Vineyard Institute of Creative Writing** wishes for support for the Fellowship Programs supporting LGBTQ authors and poets and writers of color. (\$1,700 per fellowship, named in honor of donor's choosing).

**The MV Garden Club** hopes for a 9'x9' stone patio (\$250) for in front of the Historic Old Mill in West Tisbury.

**Tisbury School PTO** wishes for two movable soccer goals (\$5,000) to allow students to keep playing throughout the school building project.

**Vineyard Conservation Society** wishes for water bottle refill station(s) in the town of choice (\$7,000), and underwriting for VCS's Earth Day Beach Clean-up (\$2,000).

**Vineyard Family Tennis** wishes for a shade shelter for in-between the courts (\$10,000), and a new water bottle filler/fountains (\$5,000) to cut plastic use.

**Vineyard Montessori School** wishes for 6 Scooters, 6 Tricycles and a storage shed to support the large motor movement of their students (\$8,755).

**Windemere Nursing & Rehabilitation Center** hopes for one year of funding of recreation activities to enhance the well-being of their elderly residents (\$25,000, \$500/Resident).