

We asked all non-profits what their current needs are. These are their responses.

Current Opportunities to Help

Bridge Commons seeks contributions towards legal expenses and final design work on the project. Contact Ike Russell at 1.508.693.6737.

Habitat for Humanity desperately needs volunteers to help with the completion of its 4th house. Contact the Habitat office at 1.508.696.4646.

Hospice of Martha's Vineyard wishes for a personal computer running Windows 2000. Contact Linda Swanson, Project Coordinator, at hospice@vineyard.net.

Island Community Chorus seeks the following:

- Specialized music folders for each of its 125 members.
- Gifts to help expand their library of sheet

music.

- Funding for professional instrumentalists for concerts.
- Assistance to commission a major choral work for their 15th anniversary in 2010.

Contact Mimi Davisson at Mimi02557@aol.com.

The Martha's Vineyard Donors Collaborative seeks a Polycom speaker phone with microphones.

Contact Barbara Bellissimo, Executive Director, at 1.508.696.4646 or barbara@mvdonors.org.

The Silver Screen Film Society needs to purchase an upgrade to its current audio system and a transport/storage solution. Contact Richard Paradise at 1.508.696.4646.

Women Empowered is looking for new board members, assistance with grant writing, and a volunteer to help out in the office.

Contact Kaye Flathers, Executive Director, at 1.508.696.8880 or womenempowered@adelphia.net.

YMCA of Martha's Vineyard seeks the following for its new teen center:

- Games for Sony Playstation
 - Board Games
 - DVDs
 - Stereo system
 - Computer supplies
 - Panasonic PV-GS150 camera
 - "Dance Dance Revolution" video game
- Contact Eric Adams, Youth Director, at 1.508.696.9119 or yd@ymcamv.org.

Our Island, Our Philanthropy: Forum for the Future

The MVDC announces its first donors forum—**Our Island, Our Philanthropy: Forum for the Future**—which will be held in the summer of 2006. This exclusive, donors-only event is your opportunity to gather with other community leaders and supports to understand the current state of philanthropy on Martha's Vineyard, and to participate in shaping the future of philanthropy on the Island.

At this event, we'll be unveiling the results of the

first phase of our *Martha's Vineyard Philanthropy Study*. The purpose of the study is to learn about trends in philanthropy and to obtain a general overview of the financial status of the non-profit organizations on the Island.

The goals of **Our Island, Our Philanthropy** are to:

- Educate donors about the gaps and overlaps in funding on Martha's Vineyard
- Explore the many

options in philanthropy for seasonal communities

- Actively solicit your input about the best ways for MVDC to communicate and work with you

Invitations to this event will be mailed next spring. Please contact us at 1.508.696.4647 or email info@mvdonors.org, if you have questions.

Please note that there will be no fundraising or solicitation at this event.

Non-Profit News

The ***Bridge Commons*** affordable housing project has received high marks and approvals from the Martha's Vineyard Commission and the Tisbury Zoning Board of Appeals. The project will build 15 two-family houses in Vineyard Haven which will allow 30 Vineyard families to stay on the Island. Next step: final design of the modular houses and their necessary infrastructure, including bringing town water to the site and building the road, septic and stormwater removal systems.

Habitat for Humanity of Martha's Vineyard is working on its fourth house on the Island, in Oak Bluffs. The dedication of this house will take place on December 10th, at 11AM and parking will be available at the high school.

The ***Island Community Chorus*** is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year!

Sail Martha's Vineyard opened its programs to all islanders this summer. The summer race team provided a great opportunity for local youth interested in honing their competitive edge. Outreach efforts to the Vineyard Voyagers, YMCA and Big Brothers Big Sisters created greater program depth and efficiency. The Seafarer's Center re-opened and provides a comfortable place for mariners to rest, get information and check in with loved ones. The Fall High School Sailing Club is underway daily and competing in regattas through the fall.

The Silver Screen Film Society, Martha's Vineyard year-round film society continues its autumn/winter film programming at the historic Katharine Cornell Theatre in Vineyard Haven. Visit www.mvfilmsociety.com for upcoming selections and events.

Women Empowered moved to new, larger office space to meet its increasing client demands, increased its hours of operation and added additional staff.

In March, the ***YMCA of Martha's Vineyard*** opened the Island's first teen center in 20 years in Oak Bluffs. The teen center attracts almost 200 teens each week to a safe, substance-free place for Island teens to hang out, play games and socialize. The Y continues its involvement with Treasure Our Island and is expanding its Creative Choices after school programs. Additional program offerings include: Portuguese and English language classes, and yoga for adults and expectant mothers. Finally, the Y has hired an architectural firm to design its new facility, and schematic designs are almost complete.

Here's the latest news from some of Martha's Vineyard's non-profit organizations.

MVDC Fundraising Workshops Continue

On October 19, 18 non-profits attended the latest in MVDC's "Fundraising on Martha's Vineyard" workshop series. "**Managing an Annual Campaign**" was designed to help non-profits create a solid fundraising foundation, and to help attendees understand:

- How to build a donor base that can be cultivated to support all fundraising efforts
- The basic concepts of running a successful annual campaign
- The wide variety of fundraising strategies available, and which would work best for each organization

Response from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, and included comments like, "This workshop provided excellent information for our organization to get started with an annual campaign."

In March, MVDC will present the next workshop in its "Creating and Professional Organization" series.

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**Expanding philanthropy on Martha's Vineyard
by linking donors with local organizations**

INVOLVING KIDS IN PHILANTHROPY (SEE PAGE 1)

Start Your Own Tradition!

**Celebrate holidays, birthdays and other events with a
donation to an Island organization**



For example, two anonymous donors recently **celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary** with a substantial gift to the FARM Institute. It's the perfect way to commemorate major events, and to create your own family ritual around giving.

Contact the Martha's Vineyard Donors Collaborative for our **Directory of Martha's Vineyard Non-profit Organizations**, or visit us online at www.mvdonors.org/directory.html.
