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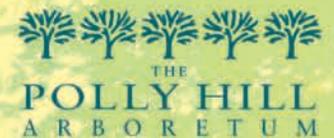
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Together these folks form a virtual army of Vineyard volunteers.

BY LOUISA HUFSTADER

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From the Editor

### A Big-Hearted Island

Bear with me. This isn't news, I realize—that we have a tremendously supportive community. That we — all of us — at one time or another, give our time or donate money to support an Island cause.

But, if you're like me, you begin to take for granted the organizations we have that are 100-percent devoted to making our lives better. And we forget about those people, both volunteers and paid, who work tirelessly to keep the engines running. And we also forget that they always need more help, our help.

That's why I found editing the Vine's annual nonprofit directory (p. 13) so inspiring. Sure it's just a list, but behind every listing are people — people who have hope.

I began to think about my early days on the Island, when I volunteered for Island Grown Initiative and was assigned to work on a map of Island farms. Off I went, afraid of getting lost, afraid of bothering the farmers. Of course, it was the best thing I could ever have done. I learned my way around — and I met wonderful people who became my friends. Funny how giving your time away always brings something back to you.

— Susie Middleton

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# Nifty Thrifty

## I'll Second That

Over the long winter, when your budget is stretched, the kids are bored, and you need to get out of the house, don't forget about our thrift stores. Here are five good reasons to shop thrifty:

**1. Buy and give back.** Shopping at Chicken Alley in Vineyard Haven (more formally known as The Thrift Shop on Chicken Alley) and at the Second Hand Store in Edgartown won't just save you money—you'll be donating to a charity



Susie Middleton

at the same time. Proceeds from sales at Chicken Alley support the many programs of Martha's Vineyard Community Services. The Second Hand Store benefits The Martha's Vineyard Boys and Girls Club.

**2. It's a social scene—who knew?**

"People come for things they actually need. People come for treasures. But some people come every day. It becomes a social activity," says Chicken Alley's assistant manager Jessica Tartell.

Alissa Keenan, sales associate at The Second Hand Store, reports the same phenomenon, only they have both human and four-legged regulars: "We have dogs who come in every day for treats." Hot coffee is always available.

**3. The merchandise—and those sales.**

Both stores accept donations regularly, and the staff works hard to keep displays fresh. "I call this the only mall on Martha's Vineyard," Jessica says of Chicken Alley. Kids bored? A quick trip can yield a puzzle, a board game, clothes for dress-up, tea party dishes, cookie cutters, crafts and more. And don't miss the great daily sales; some offer 50 percent off clothes, books, kitchenware and more .

**4. You'll probably see a familiar face.**



Susie Middleton

The congenial atmosphere begins with the staff—and the many volunteers. Chicken Alley has a roster of 65 volunteers (ages 8 to 88) who work shifts in the store. Among the volunteers at the Second Hand Store are three hard-working women fondly referred to as "our Ladies of the Lower Level," who organize the vast supply of clothing, linens, and

other treasures (look for ice skates!) in the basement.

**5. They're open!** Both stores are open all winter, every day except Sunday and some holidays. Talk about reliable. Chicken Alley is located at 38 Lagoon Pond Road in Vineyard Haven; the Second Hand Store is at 10 North Summer Street in Edgartown.



Courtesy Harbor View

## Curry Favor Indian Food Pops Up

For foodies who move to Martha's Vineyard, the lack of Indian restaurants is a big adjustment. Happily (and deliciously), if you find yourself waking up with a hankering for pillowy poori and aromatic curries, you can now head over to Henry's at the Harbor View Hotel on any Monday night this winter (starting at 6 p.m.) for an authentic Indian food experience. If you've really got a serious craving, you can then dine at Barn, Bowl, & Bistro on Tuesday night for more authentic Indian food.

At Henry's, Chef Abhimanyu Singh (left, below) and Chef Satish Sharma (right, below) are cooking up variations of India's go-to comfort food, dal, paired with chicken curries like Chicken Butter Masala and Chicken Hariyali. In India, there are as many variations on dal dishes as there are aunties preparing it for their families. The aromatic base for this lentil dish relies on onion, cumin,

black mustard seed and a daunting number of other heady spices, mellowed and enriched with ghee. At Henry's, the chefs offer Indian breads like naan and paratha, plus a salad, to round out the menu. Main dishes are affordable (about \$15) and the bread of the week is about \$3.

At the Barn, Bowl & Bistro in Oak Bluffs, the Indian dinners are being prepared by "in-house rockstar" chef Shivi, who offered fish and veggie pakoras, chicken curry, naan and chutney for her opening menu on January 23. For information on upcoming menus and special offers, text thebarnmv to 555-888.

—Carol Ward



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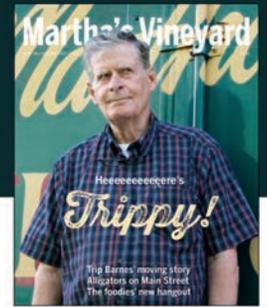


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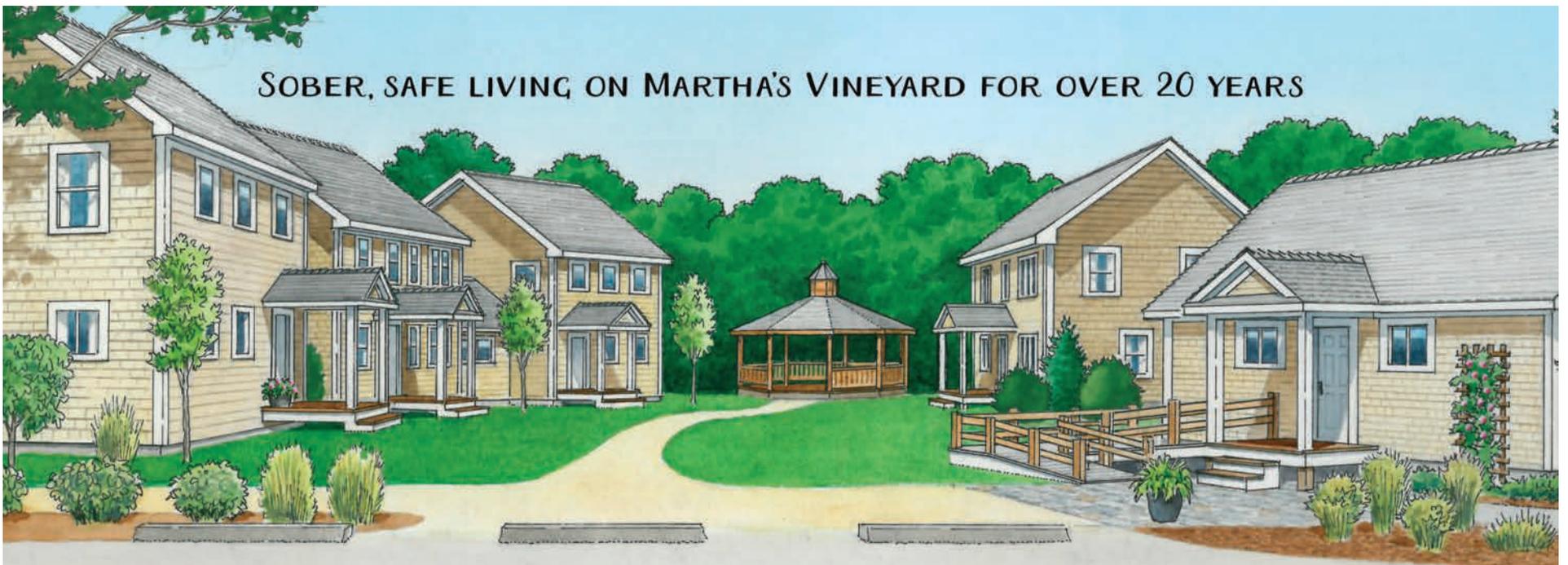
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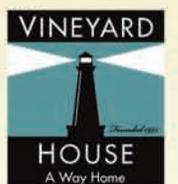


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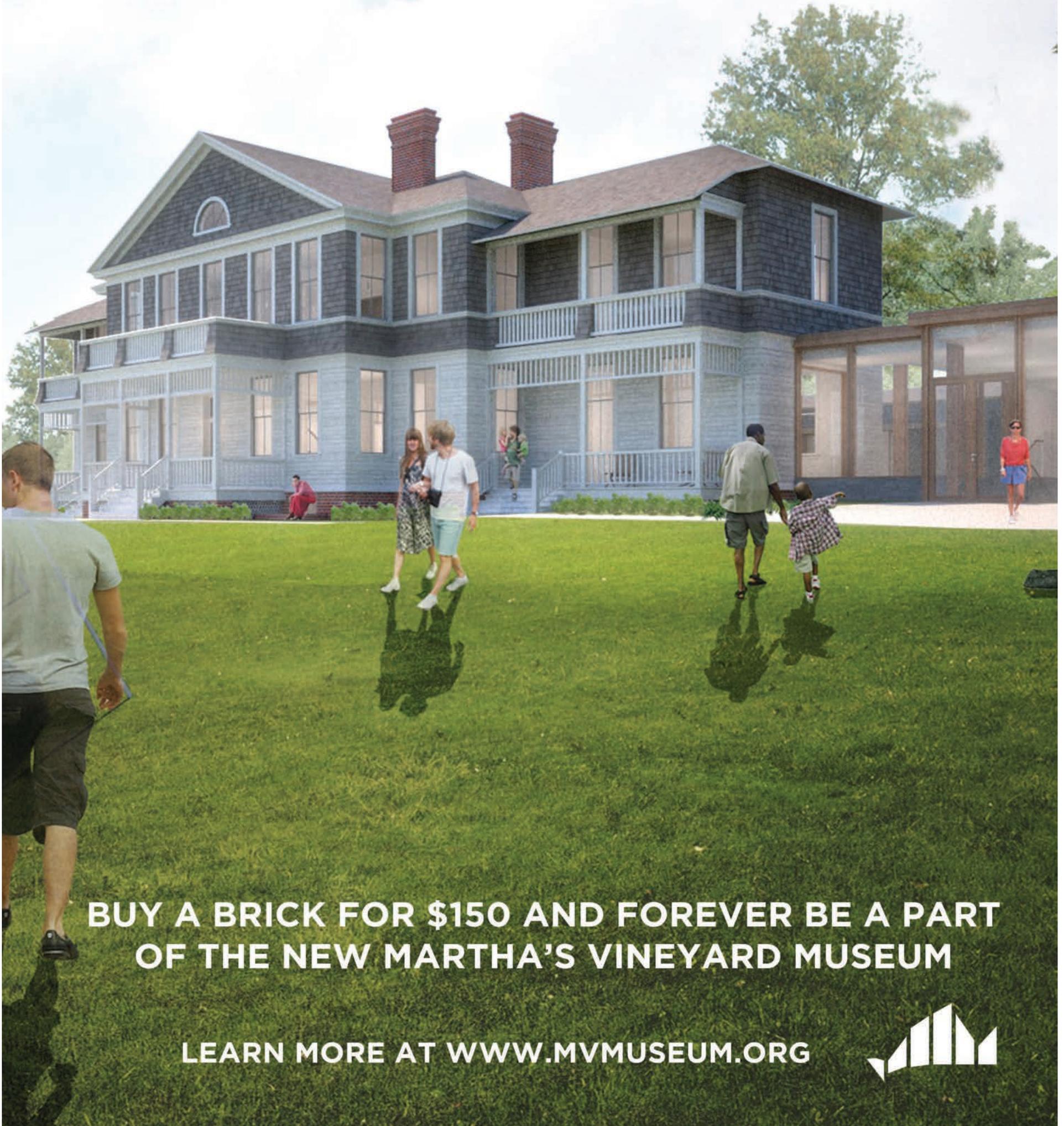
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## Yes Chef!

**Don't tell anyone, but Chef Deon Thomas's restaurant at the VFW is a gem, hidden in plain sight.**

BY ERIN RYERSON • PHOTOS BY JEANNA SHEPARD

An inconspicuous sign in front of the VFW in Oak Bluffs advertises oxtail and curried goat, but it belies the gastronomical oasis within. That is partly due to town regulations barring chef Deon Thomas from hanging more obvious signage, because the building is first and foremost a VFW hall. But the restaurant, which has its own entrance and caters to members and the general public alike, is truly a gem, hidden in plain sight.

On a frigid Sunday night in January, Billie Holiday croons over the speakers as Deon flits between his small, efficient

kitchen and the dining room. He greets guests in his smooth island baritone. Burnt orange paint — the chef's favorite color — brightens the walls of the large, open dining room. The ambiance is easy, relaxed. Deon's wife Emily brings paper menus and utensils. Either she or Deon serves the food, leisurely in two courses. Conch fritters with tomatillo aioli followed by spicy jerk chicken, buttermilk fried pork chops, home-style mac and cheese, steamed broccoli, plantains, rice and beans, mashed potatoes and the famed curried goat. The menu changes regularly but some staples— fried chick-

en, mac and cheese, and conch in some form—can be counted on. Sides like waffles and collard greens help when feeding tiny diners or to build a family style feast, and Deon will gladly accommodate vegetarian tastes.

Diners can buy beer, wine and liquor on the bar side and enjoy it in the dining room. Emily and Deon create such a relaxed hospitality that it is only a minor hiccup in the meal rather than an unpleasant scene if your two-year-old “accidentally” spills her water three times and prefers to lay under the piano with her baby dolls rather than sit in a high chair at the table. On a slow night, Deon might even join her at the piano. It's a refreshing spin on dining out and the food is top notch.

From his native Jamaica, Deon first came to the U.S. to earn a degree from the Culinary Institute of America. While

in school, he spent summers cooking in Montauk, N.Y. But after school, he landed in Anguilla, where he went on to own and operate four restaurants. He came to Martha's Vineyard in 2000 at the urging of savvy island businesswoman and founder of Tea Lane Associates, Eleanor Pearlson.

Ms. Pearlson and some friends were vacationing on Anguilla and lunched at Deon's Overlook restaurant every day of their trip. “Eleanor was mesmerized,” Deon recalled. “She couldn't believe I was running that place. I was just a kid.” Eleanor insisted to Deon and Emily that the Island needed his cuisine and she was going to make it happen. “She steered me through all the roadblocks,” Deon said.

His first restaurant on Martha's Vineyard, The Cornerway, opened in 2001. He later opened Deon's in West Tisbury and



Chef Deon is a one-man show in the kitchen; his wife Emily takes on the front of the house

later on Circuit Avenue in Oak Bluffs.

At the VFW, only a few of Deon's personal photos hang on the walls—one of Deon and some of his staff with their arms around a smiling Bill and Hillary Clinton, and one of Deon grinning widely next to Eleanor Pearlson. "She had a brilliant mind," he said, "She was my pal."

He continued to operate two of his Anguillan restaurants until hurricanes ravaged them in 2009 and 2010. "The damage was horrendous. I haven't been able to go back to Anguilla since closing," he said, "It broke my heart. But it would've been financial suicide to try to reopen."

After closing up shop at his Circuit Avenue location in 2011, he needed a break from restaurants. He had some

friends who had some friends in New York and he wound up securing a job cooking for Jay-Z in the City. "It was a good experience," he said with a cautious laugh, "for a younger person."

He came back to the Vineyard during the summer of 2012 with plans to cater. He landed at the VFW on his search for a commercial kitchen. After a season of strictly catering, he thought he could cook for the members of the VFW who gathered in the bar. And then, considering the largely unused function room, he started to think about a restaurant again.

These days he arrives at the restaurant a little before noon to cook for a small lunch crowd until 3 p.m. Then he picks his son and daughter up from school and goes to their various sport-



Special tonight: pan-seared goose with a cranberry-orange glaze over mashed potatoes and bok choy

ing events before heading back to the restaurant at 5 p.m. for the dinner rush. On busy nights his sister and wife might help out in the dining room. Sometimes he handles both the front and back of the house on his own. When he's not at the restaurant, he's working on his first cookbook, about conch, due out later this winter.

"These are the best years of my life

on Martha's Vineyard," he said. "I'd never gotten to know the local community until I started cooking here. I get to meet the people who make the island work."

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*Erin Ryerson is a freelance writer and co-owner with her husband of Sweet Life Cafe in Oak Bluffs.*

## ON THE MENU AT CHEF DEON'S

Here's just a small sample of what Deon cooks at the VFW:

- **conch fritters with tomatillo aioli**
- **spicy jerk chicken**
- **buttermilk fried pork chops**
- **home-style mac and cheese**
- **curried goat**
- **bbq ribs**
- **rice and beans, plantains**
- **mashed potatoes**
- **steamed broccoli, bok choy**
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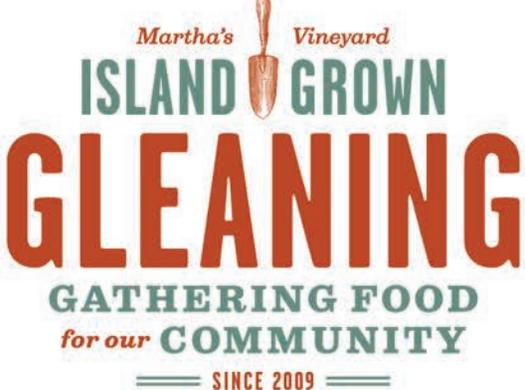


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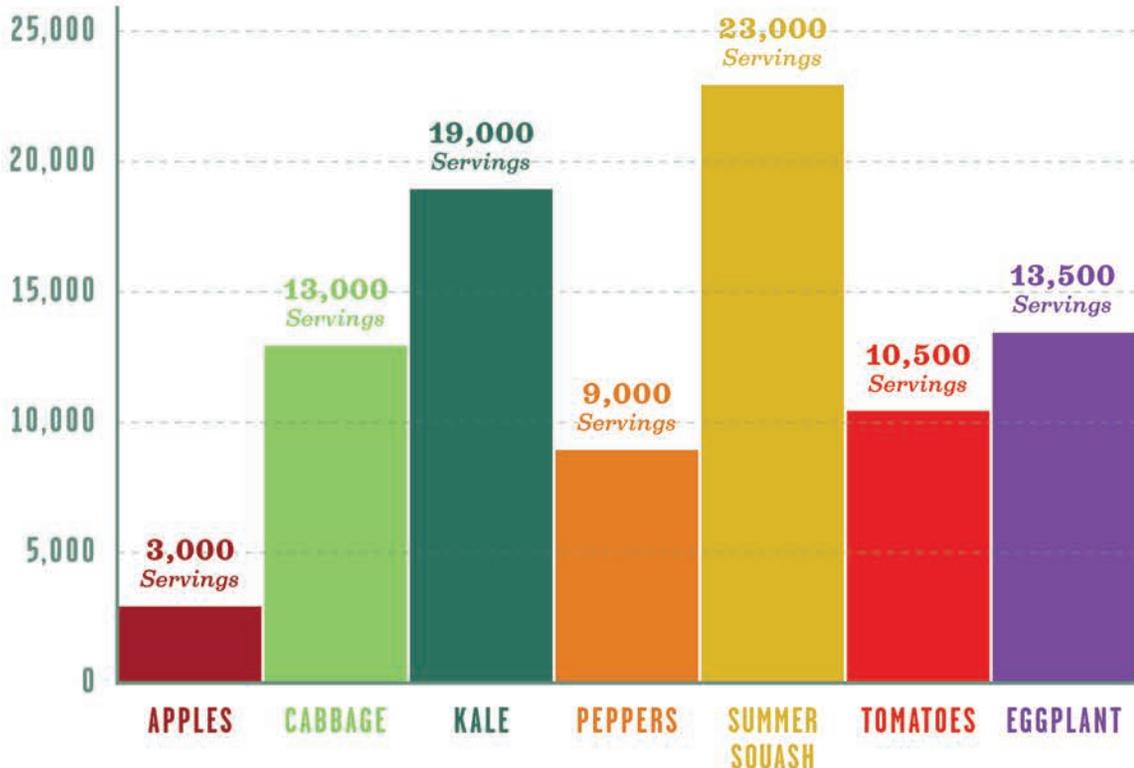
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Guests enjoy an enchanted evening at Featherstone's new Art Barn.

Timothy Johnson

## THE 2018 ISLAND NON-PROFIT DIRECTORY

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Chances are you're in the circle. You might support an Island nonprofit organization by giving money or participating in a fundraising event. Maybe you volunteer. But if you've taken a class at Featherstone, dropped your teen off at Alex's place, listened to MVY radio, adopted a pet, been on a guided hike, visited the Museum, walked the African American Heritage Trail, hung out at the Feast of the Holy Ghost, or heck, just gone to the Fair every year, you've supported a nonprofit. And likely you know someone who's benefitted, even if inadvertently, by your sup-

port of nonprofits. It could be a high school graduate with a scholarship, a friend who needed to find a way to rehab, or a child who got a chance to take sailing or tennis or horseback riding lessons. Or it could be you.

The opportunities for full-circle giving and receiving that our Island nonprofits offer are all around us.

With this in mind, the Vine is publishing its fifth annual directory of Martha's Vineyard nonprofit organizations. This year there are 120 organizations on the list — a few additions and thankfully, not a lot of deletions.

It's a fascinating testament to our

community and how well we support each other. We call this directory "The Heart of the Vineyard" because our community is the heart (and soul) of the Vineyard. Without the help we give each other, we'd never get through the long winters, make our best livings in the summer, raise our kids here — or get off (or on) the Island when we need to. We're in it together.

*(Note: If your nonprofit organization is not on this list, please let us know and we will add you into our summer directory. Email [thevine@mvgazette.com](mailto:thevine@mvgazette.com))*

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[aacdpfrica.org](http://aacdpfrica.org)

#### AQUINNAH CULTURAL CENTER INC.

The Aquinnah Cultural Center preserves and promotes Aquinnah Wampanoag history, culture and contributions on Martha's Vineyard.

Physical Address: 35 Aquinnah Circle  
Mailing Address: 10 Black Brook Road  
Aquinnah, MA 02535  
508-645-7900  
[aquinnahcc@gmail.com](mailto:aquinnahcc@gmail.com)  
[Wampanoagtribe.net](http://Wampanoagtribe.net)

**ARTS AND SOCIETY**

Arts and Society, founded in 1979, organizes and stages concerts, concert dramas and literary events, including the oldest continuous James Joyce *Bloomsday* celebration in the U.S.

P.O. Box 4485  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-696-0539  
jcrelan@yahoo.com  
artsandsociety.org

**FEATHERSTONE CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

Featherstone Center for the Arts is a community art center providing year-round art workshops, classes, gallery shows and other events for all ages.

P.O. Box 1145  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
508-693-1850  
featherstone@featherstoneart.org  
featherstoneart.org

**FRIENDS OF MVYRADIO (88.7)**

Mvyradio is a noncommercial community-oriented adult album alternative radio station based on Martha's Vineyard.

P.O. Box 1148  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-5000  
donate@friendsofmvyradio.org  
friendsofmvyradio.org

**ISLAND COMMUNITY CHORUS**

Island Community Chorus fosters the singing and enjoyment of choral music through seasonal public performances.

P.O. Box 4157  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
info@islandcommunitychorus.com  
islandcommunitychorus.com

**ISLAND THEATRE WORKSHOP**

Island Theatre Workshop performs original musicals and plays year round. It is also the host of a long-running children's theater program.

P.O. Box 1893  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-627-2456  
itwonmv@gmail.com  
itwmv.org

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD ART ASSOCIATION**

Martha's Vineyard Art Association, based in the historic Old Sculpin Gallery, provides exhibition and educational opportu-

nities for artists, as well as art scholarships and other art programs.

The Old Sculpin Gallery  
P.O. Box 761  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
oldsculpin@gmail.com  
marthasvineyardartassociation.org

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY**

Martha's Vineyard Chamber Music Society promotes and supports classical music on the Island through concerts (free for students), scholarships and music programming.

P.O. Box 4189  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-696-8055  
mvcms@vineyard.net  
mvcms.org

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD CHILDREN'S CHORUS**

The Martha's Vineyard Children's Chorus is a non-auditioning children's chorus for students grades 1-8. The chorus helps children to develop musicianship, self confidence and musical expression through developmentally appropriate vocal instruction.

P.O. Box 1281  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
518-318-1728  
marthasvineyardchildrenschorus@gmail.com  
marthasvineyardchildrenschorus.com

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMUNITY RADIO INC. (WVY 96.7)**

WVY is a volunteer, low-power nonprofit FM community radio station that hosts an eclectic mix of programming.

P.O. Box 1989  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-9379  
stationmanager@wvy.org  
wvy.org

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMUNITY TELEVISION (MVTV)**

MVTV is an Island-based public-access television production facility with an educational studio.

58 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
P.O. Box 608  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-696-9760  
mvtv@mvtv.org  
mvtv.org



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**MV CHILDREN'S CHORUS**

Until the Martha's Vineyard Children's Chorus was founded in 2015, there was no Island-wide singing group for children. Founder and director Lisa Varno created the chorus to bring young singers together and also serve as a "feeder program" for the high school's elite Minnesingers chorale. Herself the daughter and niece of Minnesingers, Ms. Varno does not impose auditions on her young vocalists: Any child who's interested can join the Lyric Choir (grades 1-3) or the Concert Choir (grades 4-8), which rehearse weekly at the Edgartown School with public performances in May and December. Tuition is \$50 per semester. See listing in Arts. marthasvineyardchildrenschorus.com



Jeanna Shepard

**ANIMAL SHELTER OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD**

At the Animal Shelter of Martha's Vineyard in Edgartown, adoptable pets are quick to find new homes. It's not unusual for a dog arriving here to be matched right away with a waiting family that has already come in for a personal interview. There is no charge for surrendering a pet to the no-kill shelter, where a paid staff of two and about 12 dedicated volunteers tend to every aspect of the animals' care and comfort. No longer affiliated with the MSPCA, which pulled out in 2009, the Animal Shelter raises funds locally and from grants to operate year-round. See listing in Civic Organizations. animalshelterofmv.org



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### ISLAND GROWN INITIATIVE

A year-round local food system, accessible to all: That's the goal Island Grown Initiative has pursued for more than 10 years, through an expanding variety of services. The Island Grown Schools program has created thriving produce gardens at every public school, with curriculum to match. A vibrant gleaning network pairs Island growers with volunteers who harvest excess produce that's donated throughout the community. The Farm Hub, formerly Thimble Farm, offers training and support for farmers and backyard growers alike. Island Grown has also taken the lead in the Vineyard's emerging food equity movement, pioneering a mobile produce market serving low-income neighborhoods. *See listing in Conservation and Environment.* [igimv.org](http://igimv.org)



Jeanna Shepard

### POLLY HILL ARBORETUM

Open daily from sunrise to sunset, Polly Hill Arboretum in West Tisbury offers visitors both the tranquility of a walk in the native woodlands and the excitement of learning about rare trees, shrubs and other plants. In summer, local artists create outdoor installations inspired by the natural surroundings. From the first seeds sown here by horticulturist Polly Hill in 1958, the Arboretum has grown to 60 acres, with stately groves amid old stone walls. Polly Hill also hosts frequent classes, workshops and lectures, maintains a searchable online Plant Selection Guide for Martha's Vineyard and sells plants in summer at its Visitors Center. *See listing in Conservation and Environment.* [pollyhillarboretum.org](http://pollyhillarboretum.org)

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD FILM SOCIETY/FILM CENTER

The MV Film Society offers a year-round program of films, both independent and mainstream, at the MV Film Center in Vineyard Haven. It also hosts special events, which include an annual International Film Festival in September, a film and music festival in June, and an environmental film festival in May.

79 Beach Road  
P.O. Box 4423  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-696-9369  
[info@mvfilmsociety.com](mailto:info@mvfilmsociety.com)  
[mvfilmsociety.com](http://mvfilmsociety.com)

### THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD FILM FESTIVAL

The MVFF produces an annual independent film festival in March and a summer film series at the Chilmark Community Center; it also provides educational programming for children.

P.O. Box 592  
Chilmark, MA 02535  
508-645-9599  
[info@tmvff.org](mailto:info@tmvff.org)  
[tmvff.org](http://tmvff.org)

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD PLAYHOUSE

The Playhouse is a year-round professional theater company that performs new and established plays and offers programs for children and adults.

24 Church Street  
P.O. Box 2452  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-696-6300  
[info@mvplayhouse.org](mailto:info@mvplayhouse.org)  
[mvplayhouse.org](http://mvplayhouse.org)

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD THEATER FOUNDATION

The MVTf supports the Vineyard's historic theaters, both the Strand in Oak Bluffs and the Capawock in Vineyard Haven.

c/o Winnetu Oceanside Resort  
31 Dunes Road  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-310-7837  
[info@mvtheaters.org](mailto:info@mvtheaters.org)  
[mvtheaterfoundation.org](http://mvtheaterfoundation.org)

### PATHWAYSARTS/PATHWAYS PROJECTS INSTITUTES LTD.

Pathways provides arts programming including music, poetry, dance and multimedia offerings each winter at the Chilmark Tavern.

P.O. Box 437  
Chilmark, MA 02535

508-645-9098  
[keren4pathways@gmail.com](mailto:keren4pathways@gmail.com)  
[pathwaysmv.org](http://pathwaysmv.org)

### PHYLLIS VECCHIA CREATIVE DRAMA

Phyllis Vecchia Creative Drama is a year-round theater education program for pre-school, elementary school, young adult and seniors using story theater, fairy tales and folk tales.

P.O. Box 1025  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-696-8738  
[pvcrawdrama@yahoo.com](mailto:pvcrawdrama@yahoo.com)

### RHYTHM OF LIFE

Rhythm of Life provides ensemble drumming instruction and drumming experience rooted in West African and Caribbean culture for all ages and abilities.

P.O. Box 3000, PMB 3172  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
508-627-3786  
[rick@drumrol.org](mailto:rick@drumrol.org)  
[rhythmoflifeinc.org](http://rhythmoflifeinc.org)

### VINEYARD ARTS PROJECT

Vineyard Arts Project is a performing arts residency that fosters the incubation of new work and hosts performances.

P.O. Box 1527  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-413-2104  
[info@vineyardartsproject.org](mailto:info@vineyardartsproject.org)  
[vineyardarts.org](http://vineyardarts.org)

### VINEYARD HAVEN BAND, INC.

The Vineyard Haven Band, formed in 1868, is the oldest continuing performing arts group on the Island. New members are always welcome.

P.O. Box 2187  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-645-3458

### WYOB (105.5)

WYOB is a non-commercial radio station, professionally produced with a curriculum designed to provide radio skills to Martha's Vineyard Regional High School students by seasoned broadcasting professionals.

PO Box 1326  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
508-338-2242  
[info@wyob.org](mailto:info@wyob.org)  
[wyob.org](http://wyob.org)

### THE YARD

The Yard is a contemporary dance center that hosts artist residencies, choreography

workshops, and classes in dance and theater for all ages.

P.O. Box 405  
Chilmark, MA 02535  
508-645-9662  
info@dancetheyard.org  
dancetheyard.org

## CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

### AMERICAN LEGION POST 257 & POST 186

Post 257 and Post 186 are the Island chapters of the nation's largest wartime veteran's service organization.

Post 257  
47 Martin Road  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-9257  
Post 186  
176 Katama Road  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-627-8673

### ANGELS HELPING ANIMALS WORLDWIDE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD

AHAWW rescues dogs from high kill shelters and disaster relief areas and places them in loving local homes.

347 County Road  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-274-2604  
www.ahaww.org

### ANIMAL SHELTER OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

The Animal Shelter of Martha's Vineyard is a no-kill shelter that houses and provides vaccinations, neutering and care for animals, as well as helping to find proper adoptive homes for them.

P.O. Box 1829  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-627-8662  
contact@animalshelterofmv.org  
animalshelterofmv.org

### THE COTTAGERS INC.

The Cottagers is a group of professional African American women on the Vineyard whose mission is to promote education, a sense of cultural pride and the value of service to the community.

57 Pequot Avenue  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
info@cottagerscornermv.org  
cottagerscornermv.org

### DUKES COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE

The Dukes County Veterans Service helps veterans obtain the benefits to which they are entitled and conceives programs to honor vets and promote patriotism.

P.O. Box 465  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-6887

### THE EDEY FOUNDATION

The Edey Foundation provides grants to nonprofit organizations for conservation on Martha's Vineyard.

P.O. Box 1029  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
508-693-3791  
beaphear2@gmail.com

### FRIENDS OF OAK BLUFFS

The Friends of Oak Bluffs organization raises funds and organizes events for the beautification of town.

P.O. Box 1281  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
friendsofoakbluffs.org

### HOLY GHOST ASSOCIATION OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

The Holy Ghost Association is a charitable organization and social club located at the Portuguese-American Club. It hosts community events and sponsors scholarships.

P.O. Box 2203  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
508-693-9875  
holyghostassociation.com

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION

MVCMA maintains the Tabernacle in Oak Bluffs and hosts community events, including community sings and Grand Illumination night, throughout the summer.

80 Trinity Park  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
508-693-0525  
office@mvcma.org  
mvcma.org

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD DONORS COLLABORATIVE

Martha's Vineyard Donors Collaborative is an advocacy organization that works to sustain the Island by providing support for and educating the community about other nonprofit organizations.

P.O. Box 1018  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
508-645-3690  
peter@mvdonors.org  
mvdonors.org

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD FISH FARM FOR HAITI PROJECT

The MV Fish Farm for Haiti Project supports programs in Haiti through local fundraising events on-Island and private donations.

205 State Road  
Chilmark, MA 02535  
508-645-2710  
info@fishfarmhaiti.org  
fishfarmhaiti.org

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD HEBREW CENTER

The MV Hebrew Center provides year-round religious, educational, cultural and social programming.

P.O. Box 692  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-0745  
mvhc.us

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD MEDIATION PROGRAM

The Martha's Vineyard Mediation Program works to resolve conflicts through mediation services and training for families, small businesses, veterans and other members of the community.

P.O. Box 761  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-2999  
admin@mvmmediation.org  
mvmmediation.org

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD PRESERVATION TRUST

The Martha's Vineyard Preservation Trust acquires, preserves, restores and manages unique and historic buildings across the Island.

P.O. Box 5277  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-627-4440  
info@mvpreservation.org  
mvpreservation.org

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD VISION FELLOWSHIP

The Martha's Vineyard Vision Fellowship invests in individuals who demonstrate a commitment to the Island and sustainability.

PMB #132; 455 State Road  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-1057  
hackney@vineyardvision.org  
vineyardvision.org

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

MVWA is a non-profit organization that exists to connect, empower and inspire

women by providing support and resources through networking, mentoring, and education.

P.O. Box 1253  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-696-8880  
info@mvwonline.org  
www.mvwonline.org

### MEDIA VOICES FOR CHILDREN

Media Voices for Children is an online resource and community for activists created to raise awareness of children's human rights, especially child labor.

110 Daggett Avenue  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-0752  
mediavoicesforchildren@gmail.com  
mediavoicesforchildren.org

### MV YOUTH

MV Youth benefits local organizations working with Island youth by providing capital for projects and scholarships to exceptional students.

P.O. Box 65  
Chilmark, MA 02535  
lindseycott@mvyouth.com  
mvyouth.com

### NAACP OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

The Martha's Vineyard chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is an advocacy organization dedicated to supporting individuals in need of counsel and advice.

P.O. Box 1513  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
508-696-5785  
marthasvineyardnaacp.org

### PAWS OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

PAWS is a local organization created to help pet owners with financial aid and to provide owners with spay/neuter coupons.

P.O. Box 1636  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-221-1337  
pawsofmv@gmail

### PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FOR MARTHA'S VINEYARD

The Permanent Endowment for Martha's Vineyard is a community foundation offering grants and scholarships to Island-based nonprofits and Island students.

P.O. Box 243  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
508-338-4665  
info@endowmv.org  
endowmv.org



Kelley DeBettencourt

### ACE MV

Whether it's completing a GED, getting a truck driver's license, earning college credits or mastering a new skill, Adult and Community Education of Martha's Vineyard (ACE MV) provides more than 75 on-Island classes with local and visiting instructors each year. Through partnerships and collaborations with mainland institutions such as Cape Cod Community College, Fitchburg State University, Northeastern University and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, ACE MV offers a panorama of learning and professional development opportunities for Islanders. Local teachers, such as retired Swarthmore College professor of literature and author Phil Weinstein, add to the mix with non-credit classes. *See listing in Education.* [acemv.org](http://acemv.org)



Courtesy Angel Flight

### ANGEL FLIGHT NORTHEAST

If you're a cancer patient or recovering burn victim, trips from the Vineyard to treatment at city medical centers can be grueling, all-day affairs. For Islanders whose means don't extend to flying back and forth, Angel Flight Northeast provides free air travel through a network of nearly 1,000 private pilots. These volunteers don't just donate their time and aircraft: They also pay for fuel, landing fees and other operating expenses. Ground-based "Earth Angel" volunteers assist with transportation to and from the airports. Organizers say every dollar donated to Angel Flight generates about \$5 worth of volunteer services. *See listing in Health and Human Services.* [angelflightne.org](http://angelflightne.org)

### ROTARY CLUB OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

The Rotary Club of Martha's Vineyard spearheads fundraisers and community service efforts to support the Island community.

P.O. Box 1951  
Edgartown MA 02539  
508-693-4000 (Joe Gervais)  
[mvrotary.com](http://mvrotary.com)

### VFW POST 9261

The Veterans of Foreign Wars is a non-profit organization for American Veterans with a local chapter and social club in Oak Bluffs.

14 Towanticut Ave.  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
508-693-9261  
[myvfw.org/ma/post9261](http://myvfw.org/ma/post9261)

## CONSERVATION & ENVIRONMENT

### BIODIVERSITYWORKS

BiodiversityWorks promotes conservation of biodiversity through Island-wide wildlife research and monitoring.

P.O. Box 557  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
800-690-0993  
[info@biodiversityworksmv.org](mailto:info@biodiversityworksmv.org)  
[biodiversityworksmv.org](http://biodiversityworksmv.org)

### COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

The Community Greenhouse of Martha's Vineyard provides an environment for Islanders to learn and teach about growing and harvesting vegetables and flowers year round.

114 New York Avenue  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
508-693-2019  
[info@mvgreenhouse.org](mailto:info@mvgreenhouse.org)  
[mvgreenhouse.org](http://mvgreenhouse.org)

### FELIX NECK WILDLIFE SANCTUARY OF MASS AUDUBON

Located in Edgartown, Felix Neck is dedicated to environmental education and to providing an opportunity for the public to explore the Island's habitats and learn about its wildlife.

P.O. Box 494  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-627-4850  
[felixneck@massaudubon.org](mailto:felixneck@massaudubon.org)  
[massaudubon.org/felixneck](http://massaudubon.org/felixneck)

### THE FRIENDS OF THE CORRELLUS FOREST

The Friends of the Correllus Forest is a charitable organization formed to provide both financial support and stewardship for the 5,000-acre Manuel F. Correllus Forest.

P.O. Box 243  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
[www.endowmv.org/friends-of-the-m-f-correllus-state-forest/](http://www.endowmv.org/friends-of-the-m-f-correllus-state-forest/)

### FRIENDS OF SENGEKONTACKET

Friends of Sengekontacket is dedicated to the preservation of Sengekontacket Pond and the barrier beach.

P.O. Box 740  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
[FOSPresident@gmail.com](mailto:FOSPresident@gmail.com)  
[sengekontacket.org](http://sengekontacket.org)

### GREAT POND FOUNDATION

The Great Pond Foundation seeks to enhance the health and beauty of the Edgartown Great Pond by supporting solutions to environmental problems.

P.O. Box 2005  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-627-7222  
[bconroy@greatpondfoundation.org](mailto:bconroy@greatpondfoundation.org)  
[greatpondfoundation.org](http://greatpondfoundation.org)

### ISLAND GROWN INITIATIVE

IGI focuses on farming, food education and infrastructure development to create a viable, year-round food system on the Island.

P.O. Box 622  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-687-9062  
[office@igimv.org](mailto:office@igimv.org)  
[igimv.org](http://igimv.org)

### MARINE AND PALEOBIOLOGICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

The Marine and Paleobiological Research Institute promotes education, research and public involvement in marine and paleobiological sciences, as well as preservation of our world fossil heritage.

P.O. Box 1016  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-3122  
[info@MPRinstitute.org](mailto:info@MPRinstitute.org)  
[mprinstitute.org](http://mprinstitute.org)

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD FISHERMEN'S PRESERVATION TRUST

The MV Fisherman's Preservation Trust is committed to the conservation of Martha's Vineyard's fishing heritage and its future by supporting the Island's small-boat, own-

er-operated fishing fleets and their sustainably harvested catch.

P.O.Box 96  
Menemsha, MA 02552  
508-687-0344  
mvfishermenspreservationtrust.org

### THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD GARDEN CLUB

The Martha's Vineyard Garden Club is a community organization of residents who share a passion for gardening, conservation and maintaining the Island environment.

P.O. Box 5061  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
marthasvineyardgardenclub.org  
gardenclubmv@gmail.com

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD SHELLFISH GROUP INC.

The MVSG preserves and expands shellfisheries through shellfish incubation and restoration.

P.O. Box 1552  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02539  
508-693-0391  
mvshellfishgroup.org

### THE POLLY HILL ARBORETUM

Polly Hill is a horticultural and botanical center devoted to the cultivation and study of plants.

P.O. Box 561  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
508-693-9426  
info@pollyhillarboretum.org  
pollyhillarboretum.org

### SHERIFF'S MEADOW FOUNDATION

Sheriff's Meadow seeks to conserve the natural landscape and character of Martha's Vineyard through conservation, stewardship and education programs.

P.O. Box 1088  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-5207  
info@sheriffsmeadow.org  
sheriffsmeadow.org

### TISBURY WATERWAYS INC.

Tisbury Waterways provides support and funding for projects to improve and maintain the water quality of Tisbury's estuaries.

P.O. Box 4375  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
774-563-5616  
info@tisburywaterways.org  
tisburywaterways.org

### THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS

The Trustees of Reservations is a state-wide organization dedicated to preserving land, nature and historic places in Massachusetts, including several sites on the Island, for public use and enjoyment.

P.O. Box 2106  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-7662  
islands@thetrustees.org  
thetrustees.org

### VINEYARD CONSERVATION SOCIETY

VCS is dedicated to preserving the environment of Martha's Vineyard through advocacy, education and the protection of the Island's land and water.

P.O. Box 2189  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-9588  
info@vineyardconservation.org  
vineyardconservation.org

### VINEYARD OPEN LAND FOUNDATION

VOLF works with landowners, neighborhoods, municipalities and other conservation groups to preserve open land on the Island.

P.O. Box 4608  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-3280  
office@vineyardopenlandfoundation.org  
vineyardopenlandfoundation.org

### VINEYARD POWER COOPERATIVE INC.

Vineyard Power Cooperative is a community-owned utility company that works to produce electricity from local, renewable resources.

P.O. Box 1077  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
508-693-3002  
info@vineyardpower.com  
vineyardpower.com

## EDUCATION

### ADULT & COMMUNITY EDUCATION OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD (ACE MV)

ACE MV offers community-centered college credit certifications, enrichment classes and training to residents of all ages.

35 Greenwood Avenue  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-9222  
info@acemv.org  
acemv.org



Ivy Ashe

### CAMP JABBERWOCKY

For 65 summers, Camp Jabberwocky has welcomed children and adults with disabilities of all kinds to an action-packed, joy-filled Martha's Vineyard vacation. Horseback riding, windsurfing, drumming and putting on a musical are just some of the activities campers enjoy with the all-volunteer staff. With no age limit, campers return year after year, forming lifelong friendships. Tuition is on a pay-what-you-can basis, and a new capital campaign — Camp Jabberwocky's first — aims to do away with it altogether. Jabberwocky is also expanding its services, with sessions for families and a first-ever off-season ski trip this March. *See listing in Health and Human Services.* campjabberwocky.org



Ivy Ashe

### MV CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

You don't have to be a "group person" to benefit from the Martha's Vineyard Cancer Support Group, which meets Wednesdays at noon at the Hebrew Center in Vineyard Haven. The all-volunteer, donor-supported organization also maintains a website with extensive resources for cancer patients, their caregivers and their families. And founding board member Annemarie Donahue is always happy to talk one-on-one. Their website includes links and contact information for free or affordable local and off-Island services and financial assistance options, as well as a form for requesting financial support directly from the group's board. *See listing in Health and Human Services.* mvcancersupport.org



Mark Lovewell

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING

It's estimated that by 2020, one in three Island residents will be age 65 or older. Starting at 55, Vineyarders are eligible for services through the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living, which was established in 1973 as the Island Councils on Aging and renamed in 2009 to reflect a focus on quality of life. The center works in partnership with town Councils on Aging and also offers Island-wide programs such as the Memory Café — a weekly sing-along with local musicians for seniors experiencing memory loss — and a supportive day center for elders who are progressing through dementia. *See listing in Health and Human Services.*  
mvcenter4living.org



Timothy Johnson

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMUNITY SERVICES

MV Community Services began in 1961 as a community-funded mental health center and has grown to be a comprehensive social service organization that addresses the needs of individuals, families, and the community through multiple programs and partnerships. Programs provide behavioral health counseling, urgent care, emergency services, substance use counseling, youth support, veterans support, domestic and sexual violence advocacy, disability services, employment services, as well as childcare, parenting and family education and activities, a Head Start program, and a Thrift Shop. With the help of an anonymous donor, MVCS, in collaboration with MV Hospital, last year introduced a pilot program offering Vineyard residents immediate access to detox services on the mainland. *See Listing in Health and Human Services.* www.mvcommunityservices.com

## THE AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TRAIL OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

The African American Heritage Trail is dedicated to researching information about African American history on Martha's Vineyard and to showcasing more than 25 historic sites.

P.O. Box 596  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
508-693-4361  
lightingthetrail@gmail.com  
mvafricanamericanheritagetrail.org

## THE FARM INSTITUTE (TRUSTEES OF RESERVATION)

The FARM Institute is a working farm that offers classes in farming and livestock management, environmental stewardship and land preservation.

P.O. Box 1868  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-627-7007  
lbrown@thetrustees.org  
thetrustees.org/tfi

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

The MV Ag Society promotes the pursuit of agriculture, horticulture and land conservation and is known for its annual summer Agricultural Fair.

P.O. Box 73  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
508-693-9549  
admin@mvasmv.org  
marthasvineyardagriculturalsociety.org

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD MUSEUM

The MV Museum preserves and curates collections to connect the community to the Island's history, art and culture.

P.O. Box 1310  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-627-4441  
frontdesk@mvmuseum.org  
mvmuseum.org

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD YOUTH LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE

The MV Youth Leadership Initiative seeks to train the next generation of Island leaders through year-long programs, training and leadership development opportunities.

P.O. Box 4551  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-627-2122  
mvyouthleaders@gmail.com  
mvyli.org

## SASSAFRAS EARTH EDUCATION

Sassafras offers a variety of nature-based mentoring programs, classes, and events for both kids and adults with the goal of increasing a connection to nature.

5 Church Street  
Aquinnah, MA 02535  
508-645-2008  
saskiav@mac.com  
sassafrasmv.org

## SENSE OF WONDER CREATIONS

Sense of Wonder is a nonprofit day camp focusing on the creative arts and social, environmental, community and cultural awareness.

P.O. Box 1558  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-3142  
psb@senseofwondercreations.org  
senseofwondercreations.org

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

### AMERICAN RED CROSS: THE CAPE, ISLANDS AND SOUTHEAST MASSACHUSETTS

This organization is the local chapter of the Red Cross, the disaster relief and humanitarian agency.

286 South Street  
Hyannis, MA 02601  
508-775-1540  
redcross.org/ma/hyannis

### ANGEL FLIGHT NE

Angel Flight NE provides free air transportation for Islanders who must travel for medical care.

492 Sutton Street  
North Andover, MA 01845  
800-549-9980/ 978-794-6868  
info@angelflightne.org  
angelflightne.org

### BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS

Big Brothers Big Sisters is a mentoring organization for Cape and Island youth in need of adult role models.

684 Main Street, Suite 3  
Hyannis, MA 02601  
508-771-5150  
info@bbbscci.org  
bbbsmb.org

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Robins Street, Hangar 1727  
Hanscom Air Force Base  
Bedford, MA 01730  
781-863-2213  
bostonmedflight.org

**CAMP JABBERWOCKY**

Camp Jabberwocky is a summer camp for children and adults with disabilities, including cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, spinal bifida and autism.

P.O. Box 1357  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-2339 (June-August only)  
508-687-0967 (Year Round)  
info@campjabberwocky.org  
campjabberwocky.org

**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD**

Compassionate Friends is a self-help organization providing bereaved families of children and/or siblings the opportunity to meet regularly to offer one another mutual comfort and support.

West Tisbury  
774-521-6335  
sashacindy444@yahoo.com

**ELDER SERVICES OF CAPE COD AND THE ISLANDS**

Elder Services is a central source of information and services enabling elders to maintain independence while addressing their interests and changing needs.

P.O. Box 2337  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
508-693-4393  
escci.org

**HOSPICE OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD**

Hospice is a community-supported organization dedicated to offering free, quality hospice and bereavement services to those facing advanced illness, grief and death.

P.O. Box 1748  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-0189  
tjhallahan@gmail.com  
hospiceofmv.org

**ISLAND AUTISM GROUP**

Island Autism Group offers therapeutic services, activities and programs for development of children with significant disabilities.

P.O. Box 2786  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-693-2568  
islandautism.org

**ISLAND FOOD PANTRY**

The Island Food Pantry provides food for those in need from mid-October through mid-April.

P.O. Box 1874  
Stone Church @Church & William Sts.  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-4764  
islandfoodpantry@gmail.com  
islandfoodpantry.org

**LYME CENTER OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD**

The Lyme Center of Martha's Vineyard provides free information and services on Lyme disease and other common tick-borne infections.

4 Main Street  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-1846; 508-560-1893  
enid.haller@gmail.com  
mvlymecenter.org

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD CANCER SUPPORT GROUP INC.**

MV Cancer Support Group provides transportation, housing, financial and support services for Island cancer patients and their family members.

P.O. Box 2214  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-627-7958  
anmarriedonahue54@icloud.com  
mvcancersupport.org

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD CENTER FOR LIVING**

MV Center for Living provides services, programs and activities for Islanders 55 and older through partnerships with the town councils on aging and other related organizations.

P.O. Box 1729  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-939-9440  
mvcenter4living@gmail.com  
mvcenter4living.org

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMUNITY SERVICES**

MVCS provides comprehensive support, counseling, education, and services through several core programs that include youth support, veterans support, substance use recovery, domestic and sexual violence advocacy, disability services, employment services, childcare, family education, a Head Start program, and a Thrift Shop.

111 Edgartown Road  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-7900  
info@mvcommunityservices.com  
mvcommunityservices.com

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD FAMILY PLANNING**

Martha's Vineyard Family Planning provides health and family planning services by professionally trained staff members, as well as education programs for schools and community groups.

P.O. Box 909  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-1208  
bedge@healthimperatives.org  
friendsoffamilyplanning.org

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD HOSPITAL**

Martha's Vineyard Hospital is a full-service community hospital that is a member of Partners HealthCare and an affiliate of Massachusetts General Hospital.

P.O. Box 1477  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
508-693-0410  
mvhospital.com

**MV SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION**

MV Social Justice Leadership Foundation assists with collaborative planning and policy development to assure equal treatment of all citizens on Martha's Vineyard.

P.O. Box 1536  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-364-9644  
mandredt@aol.com  
www.socialjusticemv.org

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD YOUTH TASK FORCE**

The MV Youth Task Force is a cooperative, integrated network of youth, parents and community members working to reduce substance use and other risky behaviors by promoting health and wellness.

35 Greenwood Avenue  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
P.O. Box 163  
Chilmark, MA 02535  
508-696-5304  
info@mvyouthtaskforce.org  
mvyouthtaskforce.org

**NATIONAL WIDOWERS' ORGANIZATION**

The National Widowers' Organization works with local support groups and is a virtual tool kit for men coping with the loss of a loved one.

1-800-309-3658  
info@nationalwidowers.org  
nationalwidowers.org

**RED STOCKING FUND**

The Red Stocking Fund provides food, toys, gifts and assistance to Island families during the holiday season.

P.O. Box 600  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-776-6050 (Susie Wallo); 508-776-0801 (Sandy Joyce)  
redstockingfund@gmail.com

**RISING TIDE THERAPEUTIC EQUESTRIAN CENTER**

Rising Tide provides therapy to physically, emotionally and learning disabled children and adults through interaction with horses.

P.O. Box 44  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
508-693-1185  
info@risingtidetec.org  
risingtidetec.org

**VINEYARD BIRTH COLLECTIVE**

The Vineyard Birth Collective provides a comprehensive online listing of local resources and practitioners offering physical, emotional, and social support to Island families during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period.

P.O. Box 1244  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
info@vineyardbirthcollective.org  
vineyardbirthcollective.org

**VINEYARD HEALTH CARE ACCESS / VINEYARD SMILES**

Vineyard Health Care Access connects Island residents with affordable health care benefits and provides annual opportunities for free adult dental exams.

114 New York Avenue  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
P.O. Box 1298  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
508-696-0020  
info@mvhealthcareaccess.org  
mvhealthcareaccess.org

**VINEYARD COMMITTEE ON HUNGER**

Vineyard Committee on Hunger raises awareness and funds to address the issue of hunger on the Vineyard and worldwide.

P.O. Box 4685  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-5339  
info@hungercommittee.org  
hungercommittee.org

**VINEYARD HOUSE INC.**

The Vineyard House campus provides temporary housing for Island men and women in early stages of recovery from alcohol and drug addiction.

P.O. Box 4599  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-8580  
vineyardhouse@vineyard.net  
vineyardhouse.org



Timothy Johnson

Chilmark, MA 02535  
508-645-9484  
info@chilmarkcommunitycenter.org  
www.chilmarkcommunitycenter.org/

## HOSTELLING INTERNATIONAL MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Affordable hostel offers free breakfast, Wi-Fi access and parking.

525 Edgartown-West Tisbury Road  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
508-693-2665  
vineyard@hiusa.org  
hiusa.org/massachusetts/vineyard-haven/  
marthas-vineyard

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD ARENA

The MV Arena is a community ice rink which supports youth and adult hockey as well as figure skating programs.

Physical address:  
91 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
Mailing address:  
P.O. Box 2062  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-693-5329  
info@mvarena.com  
mvarena.com

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

The MV Boys and Girls Club provides a wide array of services and programs for Island youth and operates the Second Hand Store in Edgartown.

P.O. Box 654  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-627-3303  
office@mvgclub.org mvgclub.org

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMUNITY HORSE CENTER

The MV Community Horse Center provides opportunities for education and connection with horses while fostering empathy and self-esteem.

P.O. Box 606  
Chilmark, MA 02575  
508-338-7198  
info@mvhorsecenter.com  
mvhorsecenter.com

## MARTHA'S VINEYARD FIGURE SKATING CLUB

The MV Figure Skating Club promotes correct ice-skating form and technique to aspiring skaters of all ages.

P.O. Box 1542  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
774-521-9870  
marthasvineyardfsc@gmail.com  
mvfsc.org

## VINEYARD VILLAGE AT HOME

Vineyard Village is a part of the nationwide Village network, whose mission is to keep elders safely in their homes as they age by providing transportation and referrals to service providers.

P.O. Box 1356  
Vineyard Haven 02568  
508-693-3038  
vineyardvillage@gmail.com  
vineyardvillage.org

## VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION OF CAPE COD

The VNA of Cape Cod provides home health and hospice services to individuals in the comfort of their own homes.

255 Independence Drive  
Hyannis, MA 02601  
508-957-7400  
vnacapecod.org

## WINDEMERE NURSING AND REHABILITATION CENTER

Windemere offers short-term rehabilitation for patients and a 21-bed unit for residents with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Located on the Martha's Vineyard Hospital campus.

P.O. Box 1747  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
508-696-6465  
windemeremv.org

## YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND

You've Got a Friend raises and distributes funds to aid individuals and families who have undergone catastrophic events.

P.O. Box 1317  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
508-693-7733  
info@bfmlegal.com  
http://www.bfmlegal.com/new-page-3/

## ISLAND HOUSING TRUST

Island Housing Trust creates and sustains permanently affordable housing solutions, both rental and ownership.

P.O. Box 779  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
508-693-1117  
info@ihtmv.org  
ihtmv.org

## HOUSING

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Habitat for Humanity is the Island chapter of a national organization dedicated to building housing for families in the lowest qualifying income range.

12 Mariner's Way  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
P.O. Box 1093  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-939-4573  
houses@habitatmv.org  
habitatmv.org

### ISLAND ELDERLY HOUSING

Island Elderly Housing offers affordable rental housing for seniors in need.

60B Village Road  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568.  
508-693-7557  
lperregil@iehm.org  
iehm.org

## RECREATION

### CHAPPAQUIDDICK COMMUNITY CENTER

CCC is a community center offering exercise classes, sports, book groups, ice cream socials and movie nights.

180 Chappaquiddick Road  
P.O. Box 2966  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-627-8222  
chappycommunitycenter.org

### CHILMARK COMMUNITY CENTER

The Chilmark Community Center is a town social center that offers programming and events for both children and adults that cater to both year-round residents and summer visitors alike.

520 South Road  
P.O. Box 29



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### MARTHA'S VINEYARD LITTLE LEAGUE

Martha's Vineyard Little League is a non-profit community organization dedicated to promoting baseball on the Vineyard from tee ball to the minor and major leagues.

P.O. Box 2653  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
info@mvlittleleague.org  
mvlittleleague.org

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD SKATE PARK ASSOCIATION

The MV Skate Park association maintains the skate park and promotes the sport of skateboarding through year-round clinics and summer programs.

P.O. Box 1297  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
info@mvs skatepark.org  
mvs skatepark.org

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD YOUTH HOCKEY

MV Youth Hockey promotes amateur hockey for Island youth.

P.O. Box 2319  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-687-2120  
mvyouthhockey.org

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD UNITED SOCCER

Martha's Vineyard United Soccer provides a supportive, rewarding and challenging environment for Island youth to play soccer.

P.O. Box 945  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
info@mvunited.org  
mvunited.org

### MARTHA'S VINEYARD ROD AND GUN CLUB

The MV Rod and Gun Club promotes safety in fishing, hunting, archery and firearms use and the conservation of the waters, land, fish and wildlife of the Island.

P.O. Box 1799  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-627-3537  
info@mvrodandgunclub.org  
www.mvrodandgun.org/

### SAIL MARTHA'S VINEYARD

Sail MV offers free summer sailing instruction for Island children; the organization is dedicated to perpetuating the Island's maritime heritage and culture.

P.O. Box 1998  
Vineyard Haven, MA 02568  
508-696-7644  
admin@sailmv.org  
sailmv.org

### VINEYARD BASEBALL, INC.

Vineyard Baseball is a joint venture between Little League, Babe Ruth/Senior Babe Ruth and the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School baseball program.

P.O. Box 1643  
Edgartown, MA 02539  
508-989-8154  
simmonsml1@comcast.net  
vineyardbaseball.com

### VINEYARD YOUTH TENNIS

Vineyard Youth Tennis provides free tennis lessons and court time to Island children at its own tennis facility.

618 Barnes Road  
P.O. Box 72  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
508 693-7762  
vytennis@vineyard.net  
vineyardyouthtennis.org

### YMCA OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD

The YMCA is a full-service facility with gym, pool, and programming for all ages. It also includes Alex's Place, the Island's premiere gathering space for teens.

111R Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557  
508-696-7171  
frontdesk@ymcamv.org  
ymcamv.org



Jeanna Shepard



Peter Simon

### VINEYARD HOUSE

Vineyard House is a safe haven for Islanders in the early stages of recovery from alcohol and drug addiction, Founded in 1997 with a single donated residence for men, Vineyard House now offers substance-free housing for up to 18 men in two houses and seven women in a third house on their campus in Vineyard Haven. Residents of Vineyard House may stay for six to 18 months while adjusting to sobriety. Vineyard House also provides meeting spaces for 12-step meetings. The annual Water Tasting by the Sea is a major fund-raiser for Vineyard House, which also accepts donations and volunteers. See Listing in Health and Human Services.

vineyardhouse.org



Mark Lovewell

### THE CHILMARK COMMUNITY CENTER

The Chilmark Community Center, located on South Road, is a true community social center, where there's something for everyone, whether young or old, seasonal or year-round. In the summer, kids' programs, tennis, films, music and special events draw the community in. In winter, potluck jams, films, speakers and more keep things lively. The center also hosts the Martha's Vineyard Book Festival, the MV Film Festival, and the Chilmark Road Race. See Listing in Civic Organizations.

www.chilmarkcommunitycenter.org

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## Everyday Heroes

**Though extra time may be in short supply, many Islanders are happy to give some of it away. Together these folks form a virtual army of Vineyard volunteers.**

BY LOUISA HUFSTADER

They're cooking and serving at community suppers, caring for shelter animals, helping out at their kids' schools and meeting scores of other needs: In every town and community on Martha's Vineyard, volunteers are working — sometimes around the clock — to improve their neighbors' quality of life.

While there's no way to tell exactly how large this army of Vineyard volunteers is, many of the more than 100 non-profit organizations on the Island (see our directory on p. 13) depend on both volunteer boards and a volunteer workforce to carry out their missions—and some of these organizations have help from hundreds of people every year.



*Jeanna Shepard*

Why do so many Vineyarders volunteer? When asked, they most often say they want to give back to their community or to donate their skills to a project that needs them. For some, volunteering is a social activity, a way to connect with other people. No doubt the strong community values that thrive in a small, isolated population account for the degree of willingness Vineyarders exhibit when it comes to volunteering. But even with so many Islanders engaged, organizations still need more volunteers. And with an aging population, the demand for volunteers on the Island is only going to continue to rise.

**LEFT AND TOP:** Island gleaners have harvested 175,000 lbs. of produce since 2009.



Ray Ewing

## Help wanted

To keep the volunteer rosters vital and growing, Island organizations use a variety of techniques.

The Island Grown Gleaners have a volunteer email blast that they send to a list of 369 people who have expressed interest in participating in a harvest. From that group comes about 1,000 hours of assistance each season. “This year we had 140 unique adult volunteers (some of whom came five or 10 times during the season, and some who only came once) and 237 student volunteers who helped out during school gleaning month,” said Jamie O’Gorman, Island Grown Initiative’s Gleaning Program Leader. “Since 2009, volunteers have done all the harvest work to recover 175,000 pounds of produce from local farms,” she added.

But during the gleaning season—which runs from June 1 to December 31—they always need more help, not just with the harvest, but to make deliveries or help clean and process produce. Much of the processed produce goes to schools and the elderly for use in the off-season.

In addition to maintaining the email list and encouraging school kids to get involved, Island Grown Gleaners has a user-friendly page on the Island Grown Initiative website where you can fill out a short form to learn more or enter your names on a calendar for a specific gleaning event.

At the Animal Shelter of Martha’s Vineyard, manager Lisa Hayes and her assistant Gordon Healy have found that training volunteers is key. They manage about a dozen volunteers who are so well-trained, Lisa said, that they could practically run the shelter on their own.

“We have volunteers who come at the

same time every week, and they know the animals and the shelter so well,” she said.

Even with those folks, Lisa and Gordon could still use more volunteers, even those who only have an hour a week to spare. Along with basic tasks like answering the telephone, cleaning cages and spending time with animals to socialize them, the shelter needs gardening and landscape work and welcomes volunteers who are skilled in graphic design, marketing and development.

“Whatever your specialty is, I can probably use it,” she said. They also have a contact form on their website.

Meals on Wheels has 80 volunteers delivering prepared food on eight routes around the Island. But they constantly need more, and this is why: In 2015 they served 35,000 meals. In 2017, that number had grown to 48,000 meals, according to nutrition coordinator and care manager Michele Dupon of Elder Services of Cape Cod and the Islands. Michele said she sees the demand continuing to increase steadily every year.

## The heart of a volunteer

Of the people who do volunteer on the Vineyard, there is a subset of super volunteers—people who give their time for more than one cause. It’s not unusual for them to double or triple their commitments.

For Marjorie Peirce, hunger is a primary target. Marjorie is a home health care worker and advocate who coordinates the community suppers at First Congregational Church of West Tisbury and the meal service for the Houses of Grace winter shelter program. In summer, she volunteers with the Island Grown Gleaners.



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**TOP LEFT:** Annette Moreis doubles up on volunteering; she’s at the warming shelter five days a week and at the Serving Hands food distribution once a month **TOP RIGHT:** Les Holcomb is working on “filling in the gaps” with the warming shelter and a weekend food program for low-income schoolchildren **ABOVE:** Les and Annette often work together at the warming shelter with the same goals in mind.



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**TOP:** Lisa Hayes, manager of the MV Animal Shelter, has a core group of volunteers, but she's always looking for more. Duties range from intake to cleaning and feeding, to, of course, socializing the animals. **ABOVE:** Food donations to the warming shelter at Good Shepherd Parish **LEFT:** Volunteers at Island Food Pantry help put food packages together for Serving Hands.

"I try to give two full days to the community every week in some way," said Marjorie. But, she admitted, she'd probably gone over that commitment somewhat during the first two weeks of January: She's also in the Houses of Grace leadership group, and has been volunteering on the overnight shelter shift as well.

Marjorie donates her time and skills because, she said, "it feeds my soul. If I'm in a position to do it, it feels like that's the way to go.

"Some day I'll be in the receiving line," she went on. "Life is a circle, and there are times when all of us need to step out of the circle of giving and into the circle of receiving."

Les Holcomb, a former engineer and retired hospital executive, has jump-started both a weekend food program for low-income schoolchildren at Oak Bluffs School and the high school, and a week-day warming shelter at Good Shepherd Parish in Oak Bluffs.

"I've been trying to close the gaps," he said. The food program does exactly

that—filling the gap between a child's Friday and Monday school meals. And the warming shelter gives homeless Islanders a place to gather out of the weather five days a week.

"The things I'm doing, I used to do while I was running institutions," said Les, who estimated he volunteers more than 30 hours a week. His wife, Betsy, volunteers along with him. Their work is largely self-sponsored, without nonprofit status or a board — and that's a plus in Les's eyes.

"I don't have any of the baggage of a 501(c)(3)," he said.

Les often works side by side with Annette Moreis, another super volunteer who can be found at the warming shelter five days a week and at the Serving Hands food distributions once a month. For Annette, the reasons for volunteering are personal.

"I want to be there to help other people, because I've been there myself," she said.

"When I was in a situation years ago, there really wasn't that much help out



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there and I had to help myself," she said. "Sometimes family doesn't work. People who don't have anybody need the help."

### Sign me up

The need for Island volunteers is always growing. Peter Temple, executive director of the Martha's Vineyard Donors Collaborative, sees an expanding need for

services to the elderly. "As our population ages and people need more support in their homes, we're never going to be able to pay for that by paying people," he said.

The Island's chapter of the American Red Cross is also recruiting volunteers. While there are more than 300 southeastern Massachusetts volunteers trained to respond in case of a disaster, the Vineyard has just six.



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**LEFT:** When August arrives, the Chicken Alley volunteers rally to work on the annual Art and Collectibles Sale **RIGHT:** Islanders donate artwork to be sold

Island Red Cross coordinator Ann Marie Cywinski said an upcoming weekly series of training sessions will take place on Fridays in March, with the location to be announced. Volunteers can also sign up at [volunteerconnection.redcross.org](http://volunteerconnection.redcross.org).

And it's a safe bet to assume that many of the non-profit organizations listed in the directory on page 13 are looking for more volunteers. If you're interested in helping, or you know that

you have a skill that might be useful, visit their websites or give them a call.

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# #WinterWinter

Winter on the Vineyard does have its shortcomings, it's true. But the view isn't one of them. Every day, every hour of the day, the sky is a different color. On the coldest days, icicles the size of dragons' teeth hang from docks; frothy waves turn to icy slush. The twisted, gnarled limbs of wind-battered trees are now bare, undressed by fallen leaves. And the naked woods open up new paths we've missed in summer. The Island is ours to breathe in and exhale, warm breath hanging like smoke from a genie's bottle in the cold, cold air. We're grateful to Island Instagrammers for grabbing a moment of this beauty and holding onto it for us.

In our next Vine, we'll be looking for Instagram photos that show us signs of spring—baby lambs, anyone?

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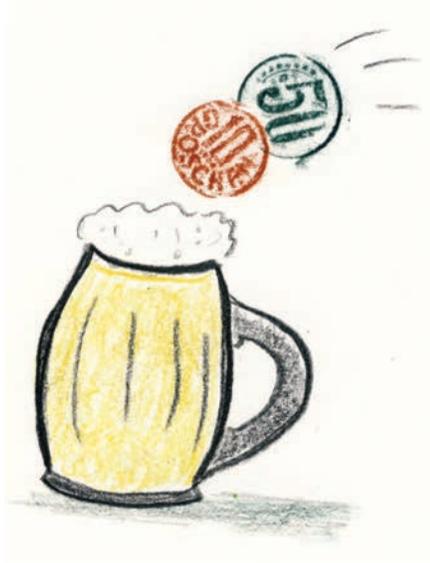
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