

Spring 2026

Happy Spring from LCOC—we've earned it! In the wake of February's blizzard, our community rallied—replenishing our food pantries and helping meet increased demand for financial assistance. From challenge came resilience and support.

## Did You Know?

In 2025, LCOC supported **5,154 individuals** with food, financial assistance, clothing, and holiday programs—a **15% increase over 2024**. Every service we provide is free, and every success is made possible by donor generosity. LCOC donors and volunteers are absolutely essential to our impact and continued growth in 2026.



**April is National Volunteer Month**, and we couldn't be more grateful. Last year, **approximately 200 volunteers donated 18,467 hours** to LCOC—the equivalent of **10 full-time staff members!** Without our volunteers, we simply could not serve all eight towns of the Lower and Outer Cape or keep pace with rising need year after year.

**Thank you for making our mission possible.**

## Volunteer Spotlight

### Linda Smith: A Volunteer with Abundant Energy, Dedication, and Compassion

The kindness and compassion in Linda Smith's eyes reflect decades of serving others and meeting people exactly where they are. Perhaps her understanding comes from her own lived experiences. After raising three children in New Jersey with her husband, a minister, Linda's family faced profound loss.

"My husband battled cancer for two years and died in 1990 when I was just 49, and my son was entering his senior year in high school," Linda shares.

Today, a grandmother of six living in Orleans, she is one of Lower Cape Outreach Council's longest-serving volunteers. Her many years of volunteerism span multiple organizations devoted to care, dignity, and community. [READ MORE](#)



Linda in Katy's Korner Space Under Renovation



The evening includes:  
**Specialty tastings created by Chef Ceraldi with ingredients from an LCOC Food Pantry**

- Other Passed Hors d'oeuvres
- Silent & Live Auctions & Fund-a-Need
- Food Stations and Raw Bar
- Signature Cocktail

Join us for a fun and lively evening in the Bay Pines Pavilion at Ocean Edge Resort & Golf Club. Sip our signature cocktail, enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and food stations, and explore a silent auction filled with exciting finds. When the live auction begins, get ready—there are some truly fabulous items waiting for your bid.

🌟 **Sneak Peek!** Be sure to raise your paddle for a standout experience: a **Private Dinner for 8 in your home**, crafted by **Chef Michael Ceraldi** and served on his own handcrafted pottery. And yes—you get to keep the dishes!

[Buy Tickets](#)

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual SUPER Restaurant BLOWOUT

Look out for your entry packet in the mail soon!

This is your chance to enter the drawing to win \$100 gift cards to Cape Cod's best restaurants.

Your donation helps LCOC fight food insecurity on Cape Cod by stocking our nine food pantries from Provincetown to Harwich. Your generosity makes sure that families, children, and seniors in your community do not go hungry and have healthy and nutritious meals.

The prizes for the **23rd Annual Super Restaurant Blowout** promotion are:

- 1st Prize:** 18 \$100 Gift Cards
- 2nd Prize:** 12 \$100 Gift Cards
- 3rd Prize:** 8 \$100 Gift Cards
- 4th Prize:** 4 \$100 Gift Cards

If you choose to enter, the suggested contribution is \$25 per ticket or \$100 for five tickets.

LCOC will complete and enter ticket stubs for all online ticket contributions.

Winners will be drawn at our Annual Meeting on **June 22, 2026**, and will be notified individually.

[Enter Today](#)

## Katy's Korner to Reopen Spring 2026

Construction of the new Katy's Korner is fully underway on the main floor of LCOC headquarters! The dramatic floor plan facilitates a modern, bright, open space with increased display and storage capacity for free clothing and home goods.

Completion and opening are slated for May. Every day offers new construction sounds, which are "the sounds of progress."

When completed, Katy's Korner storage and shopping space will be doubled, moving it from several smaller ground floor rooms to the main floor for a more traditional clothing store shopping experience. Ample new storage space will allow volunteers to keep seasonal inventory organized and ready for display. **Renovations are funded through ongoing fundraising from the LCOC Hunger and Hope Can't Wait Capital Campaign.**

To learn more about the Campaign, [click here](#).

We will be in touch with the official open date later this spring!

**Please set aside your clothing and home goods donations from your spring cleaning and sorting. We will be accepting donations to restock Katy's Korner toward the end of April!**



Renovations Underway



Rendering of Completed Space

## Make a Tax-Smart Gift from Your IRA

If you are **70½ or older** and have a **traditional IRA**, you may be eligible to make a charitable gift directly to LCOC through a Qualified Charitable Distribution. A QCD allows you to direct funds from your IRA to a nonprofit organization without counting the distribution as taxable income.

A gift made through a QCD can:

**Provide meaningful funding for LCOC programs**

**Reduce your taxable income**

**Count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD)**, if you are subject to one

We encourage you to consult your financial advisor or IRA administrator to determine whether this giving option is right for you.



## A special thank you to our 2026 Event Sponsors



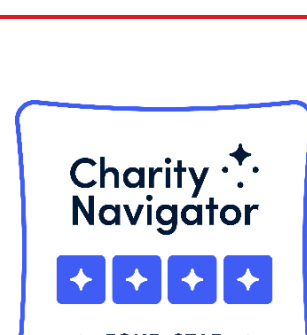
**Do you know a Cape Coddier struggling financially who also may be food insecure? LCOC is here to help residents in the 8 Outer and Lower Cape towns.**



Learn more at:

<https://lcoutreach.org/client-services/>

or CALL 508-240-0694



## Mission Statement

The mission of Lower Cape Outreach Council is to provide comprehensive assistance to those in need of immediate support and to encourage long-term self-sufficiency.

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