

# Dempsey presented with Making a Difference Award



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WEST CAPE MAY — Emily Dempsey, a founder of the Center for Community Arts (CCA), was one of 12 honorees at the 26th anniversary Russ Berrie Making a Difference Awards on May 6 at Ramapo College.

Since 1997, the Russ Berrie Making a Difference Award has honored New Jersey residents whose outstanding acts of service and heroism have made a substantial impact on the lives of others.

The award presentation noted Dempsey is a sixth-generation resident of West Cape May who co-founded the Center for Community Arts, supported the creation of the Harriet Tubman Museum and preserved African American history in Cape May.

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Emily Dempsey was honored for her role in creating the Center for Community Arts in Cape May.

Dempsey said an incident took place on Cape May's Promenade in 1991 when a group of young persons playing music loudly on their boom boxes was arrested. She said she wanted to turn the situation around.

"There were about eight of us," Dempsey said. "Because of the chaos with the kids, the injustices we thought we're going on, we sat around the table trying to think how we could make it better for these kids."

That meeting marked the formation of the CCA, which introduced young people to the arts and included field trips to theaters in New York City and Philadelphia.

The CCA has a long-standing African American History Committee through which Dempsey said it has completed more than 80 oral histories.

"We're getting ready to open the Franklin Street School that was built for African American students in 1927 and that building is going to become a library and archives for a lot of what we've all collected," she said.

Dempsey will receive \$7,500 from the foundation.

Ramapo College President Cindy Jebb said the college has worked with the Russ Berrie Foundation to present the Making a Difference Awards to unsung heroes who make New Jersey a better place to live.

"Each one has truly made a difference on the individuals and communities across our state," she said.

Since 1997, 4,000 people have been nominated for the award with 330 nominations in 2022 and 12 awarded, according to

Steve Adubato, of Causus Educational Corp., who hosted the presentation. He said since 1997, 408 individuals have been honored from every corner of the state with \$4 million awarded in the past 26

years. "The people you meet here, our honorees, they don't seek attention, they don't want the spotlight, but they deserve it," Adubato said.

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The production of the newest edition of the Official Map of Cape May County is being produced exclusively to meet the demand for new printed maps of the area. In addition to thousands of high-quality printed maps, it is also published online where businesses can be featured with a map pinpoint.

"Even with many people accessing maps on the internet, the street map remains one of the most requested items from the

chamber and offers a long shelf life for advertisers," Chamber President Vicki Clark said.

Those interested in receiving a supply of maps, or wanting to advertise, should contact the Cape May County Chamber at (609) 465-7181 or info@cmcchamber.com.

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