

# 2017

## *Year in Review*



***"Thanks to you, our  
organization grew like  
never before in 2017.  
Help us make 2018  
another banner year."***

*Corey*







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*The Anibal Ramos Jr. Civic Association is a non-profit charitable organization founded by Newark North Ward Councilman **Anibal Ramos, Jr.** in 2013 to provide scholarships to Newark students, host community events for Newark residents and provide assistance to needy families.*

ARJ Civic raises its annual budget primarily through community-based fundraising activities, including an annual golf outing, corporate sponsorship opportunities, and donations.

ARJ Civic often partners with other community-based organizations, local corporations and elected officials in Newark, which allows the organization to expand the number of people who can be served.

In 2017, ARJ Civic partnered with the **Hispanic Law Enforcement Society of Essex County**, the **Newark Charter School Fund**, **The North Ward Center**, the **Newark Fire Union**, and many other organizations.

ARJ Civic also partnered with state Senator **M. Teresa Ruiz**, Assemblywomen **L. Grace Spencer** and **Eliana Pintor Marin**, Essex County Executive **Joseph DiVincenzo**, Essex County Sheriff **Armando Fontoura**, Mayor **Ras Baraka**, City Council President **Mildred Crump**, City Councilmen-at-large **Luis Quintana**, **Carlos Gonzalez** and **Eddie Osborne**, West Ward Councilman **Joseph McCallum Jr.**, South Ward Councilman **John Sharpe James** and Central Ward Councilwoman **Gayle Chaneyfield Jenkins**, and East Ward Councilman **Augusto Amador**.



ARJ Civic was also generously supported by corporate sponsorships with **Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield**, **PETCO**, and **Whole Foods**.

In addition, ARJ Civic receives widespread support from hundreds of individuals and small businesses in the community that support the mission of the organization and trust that their donations will be spent wisely and invested into the community to provide help where it is most needed.

On behalf of all of us at ARJ Civic, thank you for your support! We couldn't do it without you!



*Yours,*

**ARJ Civic Association Board of Trustees**

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# 2017 Signature Events



**Valentine's Day Senior Event**  
Feb. 17, 2017



**Mother's Day/Father's Day Luncheon**  
June 9, 2017



**Golden Gloves Boxing Match**  
Apr. 1, 2017



**Day Trip to Resorts Casino, Atlantic City**  
July 7, 2017



**Movies in the Park**  
Aug. 17, 2017



**Movie & Back to School Night**  
Sep. 15, 2017



**Halloween Dog Parade**  
Oct. 28, 2017



**Halloween Parade**  
Oct. 31, 2017



**Photos with Santa Claus**  
Dec. 9, 2017



## The 2017 ARJ Civic Scholarship Awardees

The Anibal Ramos Jr. Civic Association has provided financial assistance to more than 100 students since its inception through scholarships, pageant sponsorships, and summer camps. ARJ Civic held an awards breakfast on July 20 at The North Ward Center to honor 11 high school and college honorees from Newark.

Since he was elected in 2006 as councilman representing the North Ward of Newark, Councilman Ramos has been awarding scholarships

to Newark students. ARJ Civic was formed as a non-profit organization a few years ago to accept donations from supporters who want to support scholarships for students.

Ramos, who grew up in Newark, attended Our Lady of Good Counsel High School. At the time, his mother began working part-time to pay the tuition. But she became ill, when he was a sophomore and could no longer work. Ramos said a family who was a member of the church anonymously donated money to help pay his tuition.

"I always said if I had an opportunity in the future, one of my goals would be to establish a program to help other young people, like that family helped me," Ramos said.

Several of the students who received scholarships are immigrants to the United States who came to the country speaking little to no English. All overcame difficulties to achieve academic success.



***Celebrating our diversity  
Strengthening our community***



***Happy 2018 to all!***



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