



MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER 2024 IMPACT REPORT

OUR HISTORY

AND MISSION

Founded in 1976, CFA is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization that provides emergency services to northern New Jersey's residents who are facing economic challenges. CFA provides food, housing, utility, and heating assistance to individuals and families at risk of food insecurity and homelessness.

Started by the late singer Harry Chapin and Bill Ayres as World Hunger Year New Jersey, the agency originally focused on the global causes of world hunger but within months of its start, it became evident that many people in our own community needed help in order to put food on their tables.





OUR LOCATIONS AND PROGRAMMING

Center for Food Action operates six food pantries in Englewood, Hackensack, Saddle Brook, Mahwah, Ringwood and on the campus of Bergen Community College.

We also deliver food to seniors and homebound individuals.

CFA supports our guests through food distribution, Weekend Snack Packs, Dinners 4 Seniors, Smile Packs, home deliveries, food pop ups and more.

Our homelessness prevention programs provide rental assistance for those guests facing eviction or needing a security deposit to move to cost efficient housing.

OUR VISION

Center for Food Action places our guests first by helping them navigate food insecurity and avoiding homelessness. Our goal is to provide healthy food and move these individuals and families towards food security so they do not have to choose between rent and medical bills instead of providing nutritious meals for their families.

In 2024, we converted our Mahwah pantry to a full choice model, allowing our guest to shop for their food including fresh meat, poultry, fruits and shelf stable items that meet their dietary and cultural needs.



50,511

HOUSEHOLDS

157,497

PEOPLE SERVED

\$9,189,976

WORTH OF FOOD DISTRIBUTED



JANUARY 2024–DECEMBER 2024*

	Adults	Children	People	Households
Englewood	35,123	16,074	51,197	14,937
BCC	777	203	980	325
Hackensack	25,417	12,746	38,163	12,014
Mahwah	7,075	3,284	10,359	3,853
Saddle Brook	24,391	11,678	36,069	11,778
Ringwood	899	356	1,255	435
Deliveries	4,372	1,042	5,414	2,829
Community Groups	9,344	4,684	14,060	4,340
Total	107,398	50,067	157,497	50,511

*Duplicated Count

A WORD OF THANKS FROM OUR GUESTS

To All the wonderful
people at CFA

Thank you all for the
very important work
you do.

You make life so
much easier for those
of us who rely on
your good deeds.

My sincere good
wishes are that you
and your families
enjoy a happy and
healthy year. ♥

We receive heartfelt thank-you notes like this all the time, and they are testaments to the impact of our incredible staff, donors, sponsors, and volunteers. Recently, a 97-year-old guest gave Center for Food Action this card—she calls each month to schedule an appointment and comes with her son to pick up food.

These words of gratitude are for all who make our work possible!



Diaper Drives

We conducted several diaper drives to support families and individuals struggling to afford diapers. Thanks to the generosity of our community—local businesses, volunteers, and donors—we were able to provide essentials for both babies and adults in need.

From parents trying to keep up with diaper costs to seniors relying on medical and personal care supplies, these drives made a real difference in people's daily lives.

We gave out approximately **42,000** baby diapers and countless numbers of adult supplies to our guests in 2024.



Emergency Food Pop-ups

Our Emergency Food Pop-ups hosted by our interfaith partners reached over 450 families in need. Our summer distributions were held at local churches, providing essential food and resources to families facing food insecurity.

Additionally, we partnered with Goodr and Aetna CVS Health for a special distribution at our Hackensack site, which helped over 200 families in the local community.

Through outreach to new communities and the generosity of our supporters, we were able to expand our impact and ensure more families had access to fresh, nutritious food.



CFA ENGLEWOOD

192 W. Demarest Ave | 201.569.1804

Englewood is our oldest and largest location and **served 51,1197 people in 2024**. Thanks to our donors, CFA Englewood's facade was renovated this year making it more accessible to our guests and employees.

Alpine	Harrington Park
Bergenfield	Haworth
Cliffside Park	Hillsdale
Closter	Leonia
Cresskill	New Milford
Demarest	Northvale
Dumont	Norwood
Edgewater	Old Tappan
Emerson	Palisades Park
Englewood	Ridgefield
Englewood Cliffs	Ridgefield Park
Fairview	River Vale
Fort Lee	Teaneck
	Tenafly

These towns are served by the Englewood pantry, though guests are welcome to visit any CFA location.

CFA HACKENACK

316 First Street (New Hope Baptist Church)
201.883.9375

12,746 children rely on CFA Hackensack for ongoing food assistance.

Hackensack has a significant Spanish speaking population and many walk here to pick up their food.

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| Bogota | Moonachie |
| Carlstadt | Oradell |
| East Rutherford | Paramus |
| Hackensack | River Edge |
| Hasbrouck Heights | South Hackensack |
| Little Ferry | Teterboro |
| Maywood | Wood-Ridge |

These towns are served by the Hackensack pantry, though guests are welcome to visit any CFA location.





— CFA SADDLE BROOK —

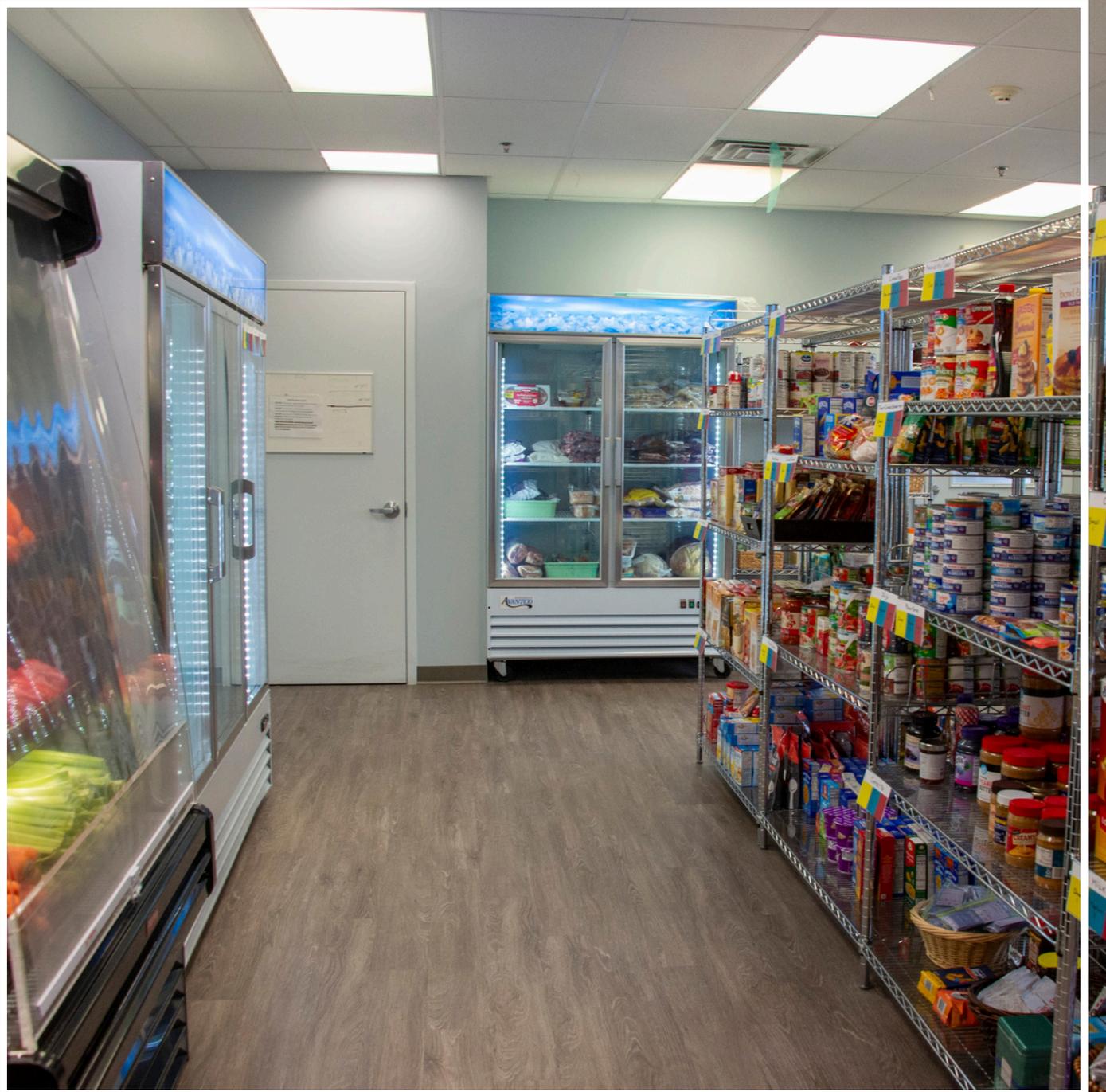
224 Midland Ave. | 201.703.9857

Saddle Brook houses our main food distribution warehouse where we store fresh produce, lean meat and shelf stable items.

36,069 people were served at this site in 2024 and are encouraged to visit every three weeks.

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| Clifton | North Arlington |
| Elmwood Park | Rochelle Park |
| Fair Lawn | Rutherford |
| Garfield | Saddle Brook |
| Lodi | Wallington |
| Lyndhurst | |

These towns are served by the Saddle Brook pantry, though guests are welcome to visit any CFA location.



CFA MAHWAH

90 Ridge Road | 201.529.2029

In 2024, we launched our first *Choice for All Pantry* at CFA Mahwah in spring of 2024 where guests can choose healthy fresh produce, meats and shelf stable items that work for their lifestyle

Allendale
Franklin Lakes
Glen Rock
Haledon
Hawthorne
Ho-Ho-Kus
Little Falls
Mahwah
Midland Park
Montvale
North Haledon
Oakland
Park Ridge
Pompton Lakes

Prospect Park
Ramsey
Ridgewood
Saddle River
Totowa
Upper Saddle River
Waldwick
Washington Twp
Wayne
Westwood
Woodcliff Lake
Woodland Park
Wyckoff

These towns are served by the Mahwah pantry, though guests are welcome to visit any CFA location.

CFA RINGWOOD

145 Carletondale Road | 201.529.2029

CFA Ringwood serves residents of Passaic county and is one of our resources for heating and utility assistance for many families.

Bloomingtondale
Haskell
Hewitt
Newfoundland
Ringwood

Upper Greenwood Lk
Wanaque
West Milford

These towns are served by the Ringwood pantry, though guests are welcome to visit any CFA location.



DELIVERIES

In 2024 CFA delivered close to 3,000 food boxes and produce to those unable to reach CFA.

"I am so grateful for all the help I have received from Center for Food Action. Thanks to CFA, I was able to enjoy the holidays and have my family over for a nice meal. You help me every day of the year. You are truly angels walking on earth and deserve every blessing possible!"

- Bergen County Resident





In 2024 our community and CFBNJ generously donated more than \$8,587,197 worth of food, personal care items and grocery store gift cards.

CFA also spent \$602,779 to purchase more perishable items like eggs, dairy, and meat for the people and families served. Because of these efforts, CFA was able to provide our guests 2,176,496 lbs of food in 2024!

CFA's Weekend Snack Pack Program provides extra nutrition for children at risk for hunger and critical outreach to the community. Snack packs are distributed through local schools, libraries, after-school programs, or anywhere there may be a hungry child.

Snack Packs Are Distributed At:

Charles R Smith School - Palisades Park
Cliffside Park School #3, #4, #5, #6
Cliffside Park Library
Eleanor Van Gelder School - Edgewater
Englewood Rec Program
Garfield YMCA
George Washington School - Edgewater
John Greico School - Englewood
Hillers School - Hackensack
Jackson Ave School - Hackensack
Theodora Smiley Lacey School -Teaneck
Leonida Middle School
Never Alone Again - Teaneck
Teaneck High School





\$983,915 worth of rental, heating & utility assistance was distributed to 603 families in 2024.

These programs are made possible in part by private foundations and grants:

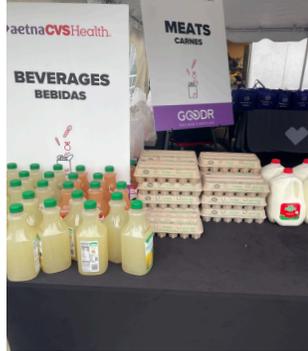
- Emergency Homelessness Prevention-Seniors Program-funded by Division of Senior Services, Bergen County
- Emergency Homelessness Prevention funded by Bergen County Human Services and Passaic County Human Services
- Security Deposit Assistance-funded by Community Development, County of Bergen

Thank You

An enormous thank you to our volunteers who donated 21,723 hours valued at \$651,690!

In 2024, our dedicated and caring volunteers gave selflessly of their time, in the sun, heat, rain, wind, and snow and we are eternally grateful.





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HEALTHIER
AMERICA 

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CFA's Ongoing Funding Needs

WEEKEND SNACK PACKS FOR CHILDHOOD HUNGER
HOLIDAY FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS
EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTIONS
RENTAL & UTILITY ASSISTANCE
OVERALL PANTRY SUPPORT



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