



Honoring our Past,
Nourishing our Future,
Moving Forward
Together

2025 IMPACT REPORT

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Center for Food Action is to support northern New Jersey residents experiencing food insecurity and economic hardship by providing food, rental and utility assistance, and comprehensive wraparound services that support individuals and families on their path toward greater stability and self-sufficiency.

VISION STATEMENT

CFA's vision is to expand CHOICE pantries at all locations to increase access to fresh, nutritious food, while investing in infrastructure and technology to enhance efficiency, optimize warehouse operations and logistics, and serve as a central hub for community partners. We will continue to integrate rental and utility assistance programs and connect our neighbors to social and wraparound services that provide pathways to long-term self-sufficiency.

CORE VALUES

INTEGRITY

We are ethical stewards of our resources.

COMPASSION

We empathize with our neighbors' humanity and life experiences.

RESPONSIVE

We meet the emerging needs of neighbors in our community.

COLLABORATION

We build dynamic partnerships aligned with our work.

INNOVATION

We seek to infuse creative programs with technology-enabled processes.

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

We collaborate with partners to give an amplified voice to food insecurity in New Jersey



5 KEY STATISTICS

170,811 People Served (101,900 adults + 68,911 children)

77,317 Households Supported

\$970,838 Spent to Support Homelessness Prevention

24,915 Weekend Snack Packs Distributed across **14+** Schools and Community Sites

2 Million Pounds of Food Distributed



HIGHLIGHTS

CFA navigated challenges associated with food security in 2025: cuts to USDA food assistance programs, federal funding uncertainty that left vulnerable families without their traditional safety net – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and government shutdowns. We responded to our neighbors by expanding our capacity, meeting a 69% increase in guests during the November crisis and Thanksgiving, and serving 9,634 households in a single month in response to federal programs faltering.

Our team distributed nearly \$1 million in homelessness prevention assistance, protecting 914 neighbors from displacement and filling gaps left by reduced federal support. When the federal government shutdown threatened local stability, local donors, constituents, and sponsors rose to the occasion to meet the needs



YEAR IN REVIEW

FOOD SECURITY

170,811

people served
across all programs

101,900

adults

68,911

children

69%

household increase in food assistance
in November responding to community
crisis

2 Million

pounds of food
distributed

Fresh produce,
meat & culturally
diverse options

6 Locations

Englewood, Hackensack, Saddle
Brook, Mahwah, Ringwood, and
Bergen Community College—
serving Bergen & Passaic Counties



CRITICAL PROGRAMS

Serving **14+** schools & community sites

24,915

Weekend Snack
Packs distributed

5,060

people served
through community
group partnerships

Emergency
Food Pop-ups **495** people served

3,495

people reached
through home
deliveries



HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

914 total people protected
from homelessness

\$970,838

in rental,
heating & utility
assistance

486

families
kept in their
homes



Security deposits &
eviction prevention

Emergency utility &
heating assistance

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



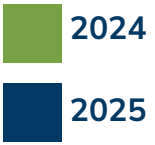
SERVING EVERY CORNER OF OUR COMMUNITY

LOCATION	PEOPLE SERVED	ADULTS	CHILDREN	HOUSEHOLDS	% OF TOTAL
Englewood	43,782	30,380	13,402	13,756	25.6%
Hackensack	41,049	28,462	12,587	14,703	24.0%
Saddle Brook	22,973	22,973	9,584	12,413	19.1%
Mahwah	13,962	9,399	4,563	5,458	8.2%
Ringwood	1,425	973	452	475	.8%
Bergen CC	1,026	813	213	326	.6%
Deliveries	6,540	5,186	1,354	3,495	3.8%
WSP Program	24,915	-	24,915	24,915	14.6%
Community Groups	5,060	3,373	1,687	1,562	3.0%
Pop-ups	495	341	154	214	.3%
TOTAL	170,811	101,900	68,911	77,317	100%

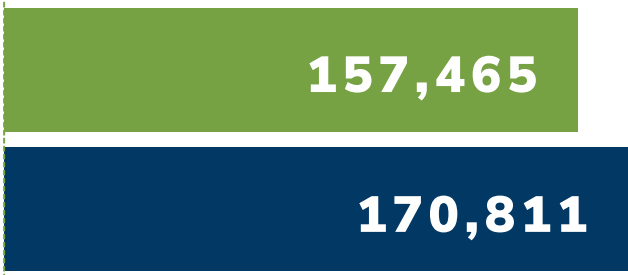


Responded to the government shutdown with
69% more families served in November

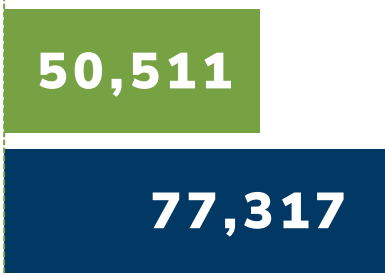
2025 MILESTONES



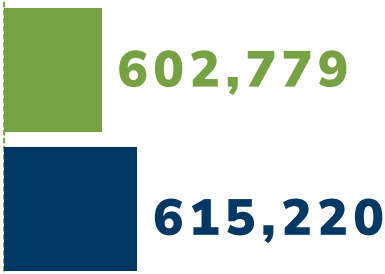
Served **13,346 more people** than 2024
(+8.5%)



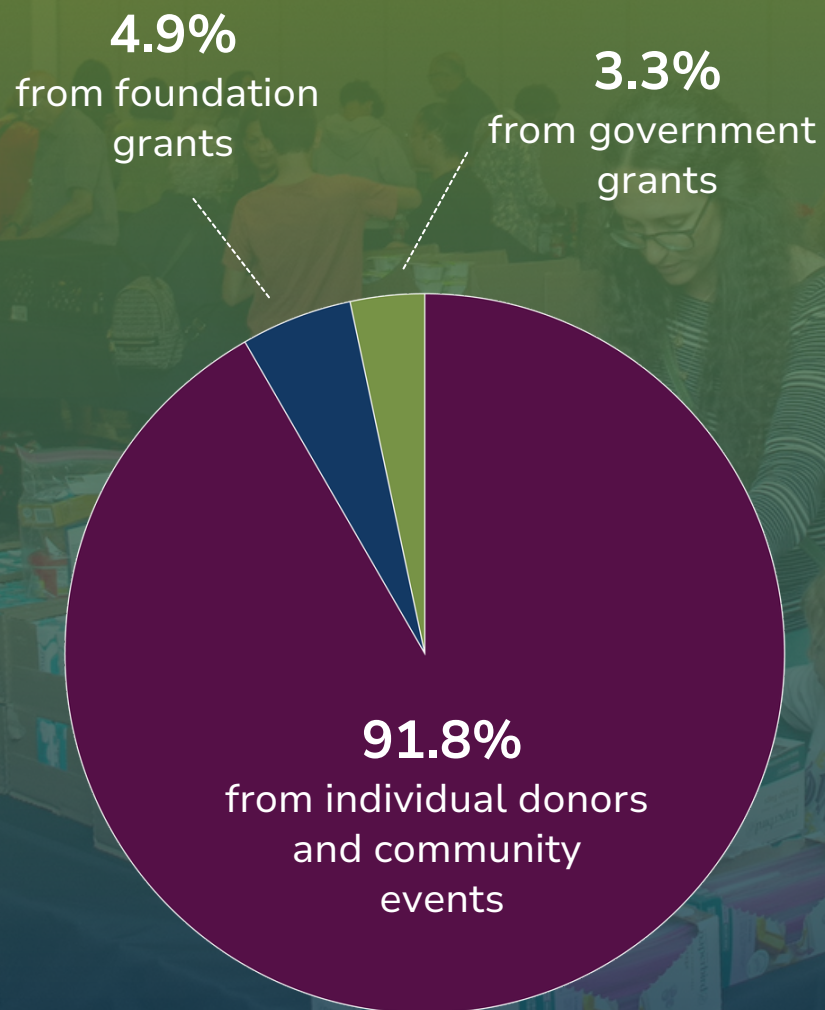
Served **26,806 more households** than 2024 (+53%)



CFA spent \$615,220 in food purchases
(+2.1%)



Delivered food to 6,540 homebound individuals



RISING TO MEET THE NEED

Your support made it possible to respond quickly and compassionately when our community needed it most.

We reached more than 170,000 people and distributed 24,915 Weekend Snack Packs to help bridge gaps in school meal programs. During November's government shutdown and the Thanksgiving season, we expanded our capacity by 69% to meet the surge in need.

When families faced eviction, we stepped in—protecting 914 individuals with nearly \$1 million in emergency assistance.

This impact is made possible by you—our generous donors, dedicated volunteers, corporate partners, and committed staff. In 2025 alone, volunteers contributed 20,911 hours of service.

Together, we're doing more than providing food. We're preserving dignity, preventing homelessness, and proving that when a community comes together, it works. Thank you for your partnership.



JOIN US IN 2026

GIVE

Help us meet
growing need



VOLUNTEER

Join our volunteer team

PARTNER

Corporate & community
partnerships



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