

OUR MEALS SAVE LIVES

Here's How Your Support Made a Difference in 2023

HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS THRIVE, NOT JUST SURVIVE

TASK 2023 Program Services Impact Report



MORE THAN 495,000 MEALS PREPARED

in 2023 – this is the most ever in TASK's 42-year history!



82,700+
senior meals



NEARLY 29,000 MEALS
served to children



10,000 MEALS
now served weekly at
37 sites in NJ and PA



40% INCREASE
in the number of meals served
at Escher Street -- which last
year totaled 162,558 meals



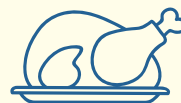
MORE THAN 2,000
hats, gloves, socks, scarves,
hoodies, coats and clothing
vouchers handed out



NEARLY 6,500
hygiene kits (shampoo,
soap, toothpaste, toothbrush)
were distributed



MORE THAN 460 TOYS
were distributed to children
at the holidays



SOME 1,100 FAMILIES
received Thanksgiving-
at-home baskets



21,901 HOURS
of volunteer help in our
Escher Street dining room

Driving Hunger Out of Trenton in 2024

This March, TASK will launch our first mobile soup kitchen. Our goal is to serve 1,000 additional meals each week. The pilot phase of this program will target three vulnerable groups in the city of Trenton: children, seniors and those who are experiencing long-term or chronic homelessness. Stay tuned for updates about TASK's newest hunger relief initiative.



TASK offers wrap-around social services at our Escher Street headquarters because we know food alone won't solve the hunger crisis. Our dedicated case managers and program staff go above and beyond to help patrons find employment, get housing, further their education and grow their job skills. Because digital literacy is a critical tool for self-empowerment, TASK offers individualized tech support, training classes and partnerships with other nonprofits to help our patrons obtain free smartphones and laptops. The soup kitchen also offers arts programming and GED tutoring. Our goal is to increase access to education and opportunity, remove barriers to self-sufficiency and improve the quality of life for our neighbors in need.

Some **4,292 patrons** took advantage of TASK's program services last year.

Our case management team spent hundreds of hours **helping 1,357 individuals** with a range of social services.

Case managers connected **69 people with housing referrals**. TASK also helped 25 patrons find mental health or addiction recovery providers.

Nearly **480 people** attended TASK's hiring fairs.

TASK helped **877 people** obtain 1,310 pieces of ID – which enables soup kitchen patrons to apply for employment and housing, enroll in school or job training programs, and access other basic benefits such as healthcare and food assistance.

43 businesses partnered with TASK's workforce development team, including UPS, FedEx, Amazon, Chase, Marquis Health, Sodexo and NJ Transit.

1,342 volunteer tutoring hours logged to support TASK's Education and Employment Programs.

Nearly **70 students** worked **diligently with TASK tutors** to obtain a GED or achieve other educational goals.

More than 60 individuals participate regularly in TASK's arts programming which includes a creative writing support group, a visual arts workshop and a popular music program.

Over **52 people** landed jobs with TASK's assistance last year.

Last year, **10 students** enrolled in TASK's 10-week Culinary Academy training program. **Eight students** graduated and **six found jobs** in the food industry through TASK's connections.