

TASK's Hunger Relief Impact Report

Fiscal Year 2024 (July 2023 - June 2024)



TASK Serves Hot Meals
Six Days a Week
No Questions Asked



Over 7 Million Meals
Prepared & Delivered
Since 1982



More Than
10,300 Hot Meals
Served Weekly



TASK's mobile soup kitchen is currently
serving more than 800 meals a week
at five sites in the city of Trenton



40 Meal Sites
In NJ and PA



79 Percent
of TASK Meals feed
the city of Trenton



596,454 Meals
Served During FY24



Provided **63,944**
Meal Bags



Distributed **246,316**
Pounds of Groceries



93,634 senior meals
34,025 meals to children

TASK Is Serving More Meals Than Ever Before – Here's Why



- Nearly 1 million people in NJ don't know where their next meal is coming from – including 160,700 seniors and 263,260 kids.
- Homelessness is at record highs nationwide – in Mercer County, the number of people experiencing homelessness rose by 34 percent.
- In Mercer County, 10,930 children face food insecurity – a 48.5 percent increase from the previous year!
- The average cost of a meal in Mercer County is now \$4.54 – or \$381 to feed a family of four three meals daily for one week.

* Hunger statistics from Feeding America's "Map the Meal Gap" study. Homelessness numbers from the "Point-in-Time" study conducted by Monarch Housing in 2023.

Thank YOU for Partnering with TASK to Nourish Our Community

WHAT WE SERVE - TASK is committed to providing nutritionally balanced, nutrient-dense meals that feature lean protein, whole grains, vegetables, fruit and low-fat dairy products. Our kitchen has prioritized reducing saturated fats as well as added sugars and sodium without compromising flavor. Favorite meals include roasted chicken or Swedish meatballs served with tasty sides such as Spanish rice and broccoli. Our vegetarian stuffed pasta dinners regularly draw raves from TASK's youngest diners.



HEALTHY CHOICES

Choice is a rarity for those who are food insecure. Our soup and salad bar provides access to a wide variety of garden-fresh produce as well as a seasonal offering of savory soups. TASK's "design-your-own" salads draw long lines, especially at lunchtime!



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

TASK is committed to reducing food waste by diverting high-quality food from local grocery stores, bakeries and farms and distributing it to people facing hunger. TASK has prioritized reducing single-use plastics whenever possible. Our Escher Street dining room plates all of our meals on reusable dishware. TASK also composts all organic waste.

✓ HOT MEALS

In FY24, we served 179,562 home-style hot meals in our Escher Street dining room - a 43 percent increase over last year.

✓ SOUP & SALAD BAR

TASK served 61,351 soup and salad bar meals during FY24. This service is only available at Escher Street.

✓ TAKEOUT MEALS

TASK provided 355,541 "to-go" meals to 39 community meal sites in FY24 – including our new mobile soup kitchen!

✓ BAGGED LUNCHES & SNACK PACKS

In FY24, TASK distributed 63,944 brown bag meals to the community, including 48,264 PB&J sandwiches made by volunteers across our community.

✓ BIRTHDAY CAKES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Did you know TASK celebrates patron birthdays? In FY24, TASK gave out 563 birthday cakes and also provided nearly 1,200 meals to help local non-profits celebrate special events.

✓ RESCUED FOOD & DONATED GROCERIES

In FY24, TASK distributed 174,345 pounds of donated groceries and an additional 71,971 pounds of rescued food and other in-kind donations to our neighbors in need.

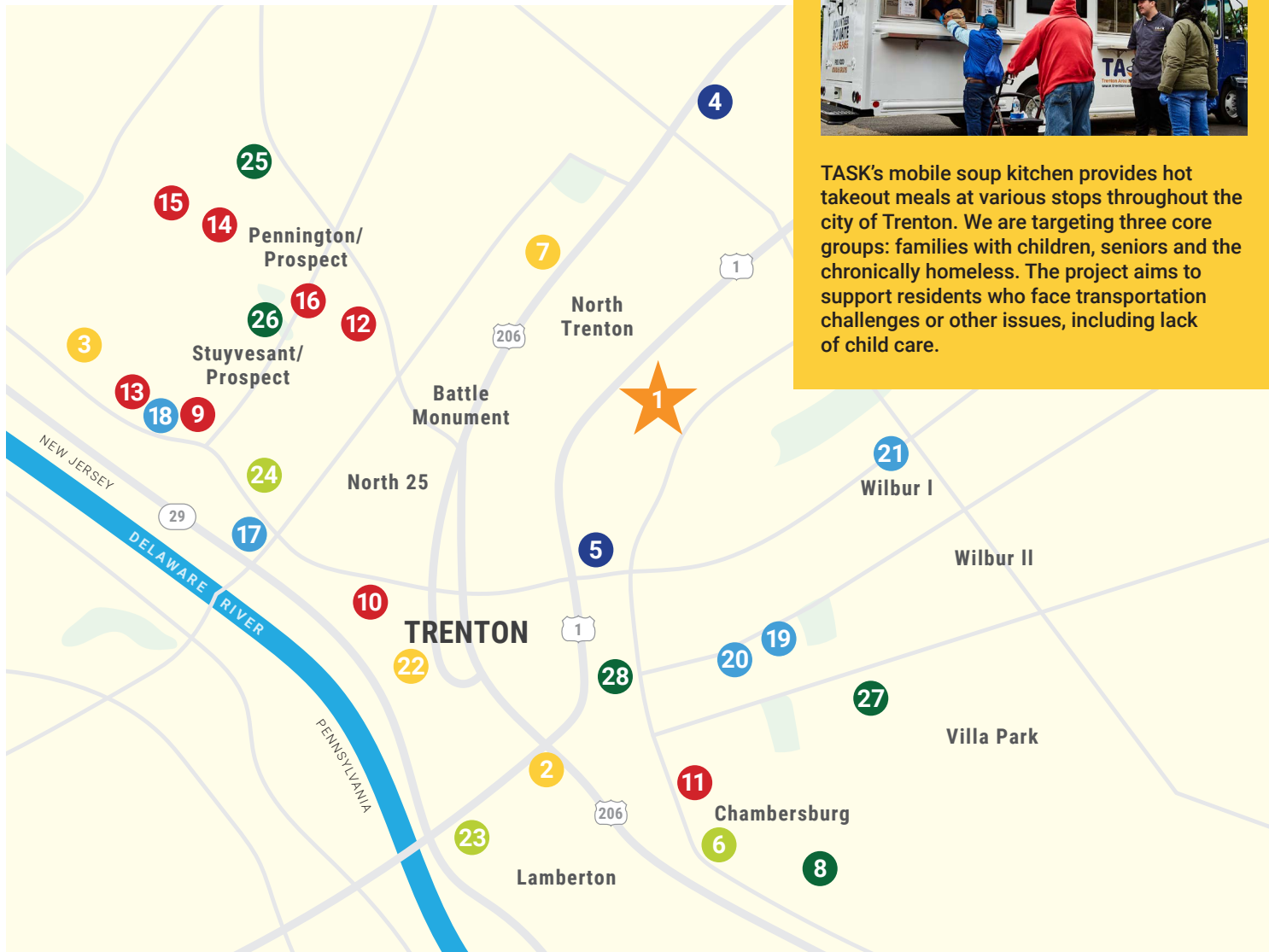
Nearly 80 Percent of TASK Meals Feed the City of Trenton

28 Meal Sites Within Trenton

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| 1. Trenton Area Soup Kitchen, Escher Street Dining Room | 9. Luther Towers | 17. Carteret Arms Apartments | 24. Foundation Academy Charter School |
| 2. First Baptist Church | 10. Cathedral Square | 18. Rowan Towers | 25. Calvary Pentecostal Church |
| 3. Trinity Episcopal Cathedral | 11. Pellettieri Homes | 19. Trent Center East | 26. Capital Health Family Health Center |
| 4. Medallion Care Behavioral Health | 12. Independence Gardens | 20. Trent Center West | 27. Capital Health - East Trenton |
| 5. Rescue Mission of Trenton | 13. J. Conner French Towers | 21. Howard's Healthy Choices | 28. Nexus Parking Lot by the Trenton Transit Center |
| 6. Trenton Circus Squad | 14. James J. Abbott Apartments | 22. Turning Point United Methodist Church | |
| 7. Harvest Intercontinental Church | 15. Louis Josephson Apartments | 23. STEAMPark, Clara Parker Intermediate School | |
| 8. Bible Way Cathedral of Deliverance | 16. City of Trenton, residents living in hotels | | |



TASK's mobile soup kitchen provides hot takeout meals at various stops throughout the city of Trenton. We are targeting three core groups: families with children, seniors and the chronically homeless. The project aims to support residents who face transportation challenges or other issues, including lack of child care.



TASK Currently Serves Meals at 40 Sites in Central NJ and Eastern PA

12 Meal Sites Outside Trenton

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| Lawrenceville
1. HomeFront | Ewing
3. Mercer Behavioral Health | Morrisville, PA
8. Ivins Outreach Center
9. Morrisville United Methodist Church |
| East Windsor
2. St. James Village Senior Center | Hamilton
4. Holy Apostles' Episcopal Church | Princeton
10. Princeton United Methodist Church
11. Redding Circle Senior Center
12. Princeton YMCA |
| | Hightstown
5. First United Methodist Church of Hightstown
6. First Presbyterian Church of Hightstown
7. St. James A.M.E. Church | |

Legend:

- TASK Headquarters
- Community Organization (serving program participants)
- Youth Program
- Hunger Van Initiative (in partnership with the Muslim Center of Greater Princeton)
- Faith-Based Organization
- Senior Center
- TASK To-Go Truck

*Legend to be used with both maps



TASK Serves Places Where Hunger Is More Hidden

Princeton
13,803
Meals in FY24

Hightstown
31,565
Meals in FY24

Lawrenceville
8,080
Meals in FY24

Morrisville, PA
26,480
Meals in FY24