

Serving More Meals Than Ever Before

TASK's 2025 Community Impact Report



Meals served:
675,984



Meals served by the
TASK Truck:
80,238



Salads served at our
signature salad bar:
56,351



Hygiene kits distributed:
10,900



Community meal
site locations:
51



Families that received
Thanksgiving-at-home
deliveries:
580



Senior meals served:
89,344



Toys & holiday gifts given
to adults & children:
700



Children meals served:
39,738



Volunteer Totals:
20,930 hours
1,936 volunteers



Everything we are able to do at TASK is because of our volunteers. From meal prep, serving food, distributing to-go meals, assembling utensil packets and various service projects, our dedicated volunteers make a real impact. Thank you to each and every volunteer that gave their time and their heart to our efforts here at TASK. You truly make a world of difference.

To learn more about volunteering, visit
trentonsoupkitchen.org/get-involved



A Meal is Just the Beginning

Case Management & Workforce Readiness



At TASK, our ultimate goal is to “shorten the line.” By addressing the underlying causes of food insecurity, we work to try to reduce the impact of hunger on our community. Besides meals, TASK helps individuals obtain ID, secure employment, find housing and nurture their creative spirit. In 2025, your generous support helped us make a significant impact.

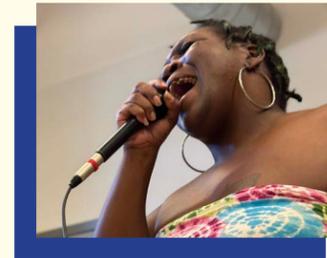
- **5,084 individuals** took advantage of TASK’s programs and services in 2025.
- Case managers **connected 191 people** to referrals for housing assistance.
- TASK remains the leading organization in Mercer County providing ID services to the public. In 2025, we **assisted 1,289 individuals in securing 1,119 pieces of ID**. Proper identification is necessary to secure housing, open a bank account and obtain basic benefits.
- A total of **58 people** secured stable employment with TASK’s assistance.
- TASK staff **connected 118 individuals** to behavioral health or addiction recovery assistance.
- **Over 320 people** received employment support services such as job search assistance or resume writing.
- **113 individuals** completed continuing education programs such as SORA, forklift certification and culinary training.

A Space to Create, A Place to Belong

Music, Visual Arts & Creative Writing



TASK is deeply committed to nourishing the mind, body and soul. Research shows a clear connection between the creative arts and positive impacts on mental health, including fostering a sense of belonging and social inclusion. With weekly classes focused on music, visual art and creative writing, participants gain a supportive community and a positive outlet for self-expression. These programs do more than just expose participants to new forms of art, media and expression; they build connection and confidence.



We have seen remarkable transformations in our arts participants, as individuals who once ate alone in the dining room begin to connect and collaborate on projects with fellow artists. In fact, some bands have formed in our music program that continue to play locally. Our creative arts programs foster a supportive environment where participants leave feeling more motivated, responsible and confident in their daily lives.

2025 Highlights

- Community partners **Dress for Success Central Jersey, Chase Bank** and **Design Your Career** offered soft skills workshops and trainings to patrons and program participants.
- In December 2025, Emilio’s Culinary Academy celebrated the graduation of its 15th cohort. Graduates successfully obtained jobs at places like **Trane Technologies** and **Capital Health**.
- TASK Director of Culinary Operations Adam Livow was honored with the 2025 David Carleton Catalyst for Change Award by **Catalyst Kitchens** for his work overseeing Emilio’s Culinary Academy (see pg7 for more). Livow was also featured on a recent episode of **YourTownTube.com** on CNJN. *Scan the QR code to watch the episode.*



2025 Highlights

- **Grounds For Sculpture** featured TASK artists during a month-long exhibition. Attendees enjoyed an opening reception featuring an open mic and performances by TASK musicians and poets. Museum instructors also visited TASK’s visual arts program and worked with participants to create colorful mandalas (see photo above).
- TASK creative arts participants and staff enjoyed a field trip to Philadelphia’s Franklin Institute to see the **Body Worlds** exhibit. Participants also visited Lake Atsion and the **Pinelands Preservation Alliance** for a fun day deriving artistic inspiration from the natural world.
- For the first time, TASK was included in Trenton’s **Art All Day** event. Art All Day is Trenton’s open studio tour and creative showcase: a unique opportunity to experience Trenton as a hub of art, creation, and innovation.
- TASK artists were featured on the PBS show **State of the Arts** in December. The story focused on the 25th anniversary of the Trenton Community A-Team (TCAT), a partner nonprofit established to help support TASK’s visual arts program. TASK and TCAT work together to provide materials and space for artmaking. TCAT provides additional support and marketing to help our artists sell their work. *Scan the QR code to watch the episode.*

