



# ADVOCATING FOR CHANGE INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES

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# OUR MISSION

WE SERVE AS A CHAMPION FOR ADDRESSING

ROOT CAUSES OF HUNGER, DELIVERING

NEIGHBOR-CENTERED SOLUTIONS, AND

FOSTERING COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

ACROSS ALL SECTORS OF SOCIETY FOR NEW JERSEY.



## MEET MICHAEL

Both a pantry recipient and a volunteer, Michael is a strong voice for policies and funding that strengthen food access.

"No one should have to worry about where their next meal is coming from," he asserted. "It should be a no-brainer to fund food banks and pantries."

CFBNJ's Garfield Unity Pantry has supported Michael through periods of uncertainty. When the government shutdown delayed his SNAP benefits, he said "the pantry helped to fill the gap." Fresh produce, meat, and dairy – items he often can't afford in the store – have kept him nourished while in recovery from a serious accident that put him out of work and required surgery and physical therapy for his foot. As an added challenge, Michael normally gets around by bicycle and his injury has limited his mobility and made ride shares a necessary new cost for essential appointments and errands. When the worst is behind him, articulate, active, tech-savvy Michael hopes to return to his passion for computer hardware repair.

He also gives back, volunteering at a pantry in Passaic to help others. "I especially like to recommend different kinds of healthy and cultural foods to the people I serve," he shared. "The point is to lessen their anxiety about how they'll get enough to eat – just as CFBNJ does for me."

Still, the future troubles him. At 60 years old – a proud grandfather of 13 – is now subject to the new changes to SNAP, which due to his injury and through no fault of his own, he may not be able to follow. As cuts are phased in, he could potentially face the loss of his benefits for three years.

"I'm definitely concerned about SNAP and increasing healthcare costs," he said.

For Michael, the power of food – its ability to connect, comfort, and nourish – has always been clear. "When people think of food, it's usually a happy memory," he said. "Great inventions have been discovered over food. It alters the mood. If someone dies, we feed the remaining people. If you get married, you feed your guests. It's all-encompassing."

# A MESSAGE

FROM ELIZABETH

Dear FoodBank Friends,

Last year, the country got a wake-up call to just how crucial the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is for 42 million Americans – including almost 850,000 in New Jersey – when the government shutdown put an abrupt, unprecedented stop to benefits. CFBNJ mobilized overnight, working with food pantry partners and state and local leaders to ensure that those who found their SNAP EBT cards empty on November 1 had immediate access to food and resources. At emergency distributions, we heard the true impact of these partnerships and your support in the words of our neighbors. At Overpeck Park in Bergen County, a grateful mom leaned out her car window and asked, “Where do I send a thank you card for this?” – insistent on recognizing those whose quick action and generosity ensured that her family wasn’t left behind. A retiree accepted a box of fresh produce with tears in her eyes, saying, “I can’t tell you how much I appreciate this.” I saw it all firsthand.

Their gratitude reminds us of the tremendous difference our work makes, both in moments of crisis and as we seek to create long-term change. That’s why our 2025 annual report focuses on how CFBNJ has served as an activist and investor in the New Jersey food security ecosystem – a major priority in our strategic plan. We’ve advocated for policies that support our neighbors, spoken out against harmful ones, and stood united with our network of community partners.

2025 presented challenges that brought our advocacy and emergency response efforts together in powerful ways, not just during the government shutdown but also with the passage of changes to SNAP. Historic cuts threaten to revoke SNAP benefits from an estimated 2.7 million Americans, people like Michael and Laurie whom you’ll read about in this annual report. This year also marked a milestone anniversary for CFBNJ – 50 years leading the effort to end hunger in the Garden State.

Food is a human right, and nourishing our neighbors shouldn’t be a partisan issue. For making five decades of food, help, and hope possible and for your continued support as these convictions drive our work in the months and years to come, thank you.

With gratitude,

Elizabeth McCarthy  
CFBNJ President & CEO



## CFBNJ'S STRATEGIC APPROACH

FOOD INSECURITY IS

# SOLVABLE

CFBNJ understands that new approaches are necessary to make lasting change for those we serve. We have developed a transformative plan that prioritizes an increase in our effectiveness and impact.

priority #1 NEW AND BETTER DISTRIBUTION



priority #2 HEALTHY AND NOURISHING  
FOOD IS A PRIORITY FOCUS  
FOR NEIGHBOR WELLNESS



priority #3 IMPROVE AND SERVE AS AN  
ACTIVIST AND INVESTOR IN THE  
NJ FOOD SECURITY ECOSYSTEM

We will deepen cross-sector partnerships, expand our advocacy efforts, and take an active role in shaping policies that impact hunger. By investing in our network – our greatest asset – we will provide the support our partners need to build capacity and better serve their communities.

As the historic 2025 government shutdown stretched into its third and fourth weeks in late October, families across New Jersey faced growing uncertainty about whether their SNAP benefits would arrive on time in November. Knowing that even a short delay could threaten food access, CFBNJ acted quickly — activating our internal disaster response team; convening partner pantries alongside state, county, and municipal leaders; and working hand in hand with government agencies to coordinate a response.

### PROVIDING EMERGENCY FOOD

Through community distributions and expanded pantry support, we provided nearly 700,000 pounds of food directly to neighbors and made more than 1.3 million pounds of extra food available to pantry partners serving communities throughout New Jersey. CFBNJ supported 59 large-scale events across Atlantic, Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Passaic, Somerset, and Union Counties, where neighbors received cases of fresh produce and emergency boxes full of nonperishable staples. This also included a distribution at Newark Liberty International Airport, where CFBNJ helped support more than 400 federal employees — TSA agents and air traffic controllers who were forced to work without pay.

To further assist households whose challenges were compounded by early November school closures, when kids missed free school breakfasts and lunches, we expanded the hours at our Community Assistance Pantry in Egg Harbor Township. With the help of dedicated volunteers, who gave 38% more hours of their time than during the same period the previous year, our kitchen staff prepared 1,200 family style meal kits and 14,000 sandwiches for children in need and their families.

### LISTENING TO NEIGHBORS IN REAL TIME

In addition to delivering food, CFBNJ prioritized listening to get a clear picture of the effects of benefit delays — administering a survey in four languages. About 74% of neighbors reported skipping meals or eating less during the SNAP crisis, and nearly 83% reported difficulty paying for other essential expenses, like housing or utilities. These insights reinforced the essential role SNAP plays in maintaining household stability.

This was the first time in the history of the program that SNAP benefits were allowed to lapse, but CFBNJ and our statewide network stepped up to help bridge the gap — providing dignity and reassurance for thousands of New Jersey families.



# LEADING

A RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN





The deep cuts to SNAP passed in 2025 threaten to push many families already living on the margin even closer to crisis, reducing or completely terminating their critical nutrition benefits through increased administrative burden. In 2025, we undertook several initiatives to fight back against unjust new barriers and help mitigate their consequences — protecting food access for families who cannot afford to lose it.

Leading up to the passage of the changes, we encouraged people to contact their representatives and urge them to oppose cuts to SNAP. Through CFBNJ’s Congress Plus online platform, our supporters spoke out by sending nearly 4,500 messages to New Jersey legislators.

We also created SNAPshot NJ, a new, multi-year initiative designed to help New Jerseyans navigate the changing SNAP landscape while giving policymakers a clearer picture of real-world impacts across the state. Through this effort — which is expected to continue through 2028 — CFBNJ will educate neighbors about the new rules and support them in complying so they can keep their benefits. We will also partner with other food banks, as well as pantries and local food assistance organizations, to gather insight into neighbors’ lived experiences so we can document the law’s effects and engage policymakers with this evidence to advance responsive, neighbor-informed policies.

Several such policies are reflected in the advocacy agenda we developed in 2025 — priorities that will continue to guide our work in the months and years to come. CFBNJ is advocating on the state level for solutions that would increase access to SNAP for students in four-year colleges, rewrite all New Jersey state forms at a 4th-6th grade reading level, ensure that SNAP recipients receive clear and timely information about changes and work to protect them from penalties if they attempt to comply with new requirements but are unable to through no fault of their own.

Together, these efforts reflect CFBNJ’s commitment to stand with our neighbors — not just meeting today’s needs but working to shape a more just and accessible food system for the future.

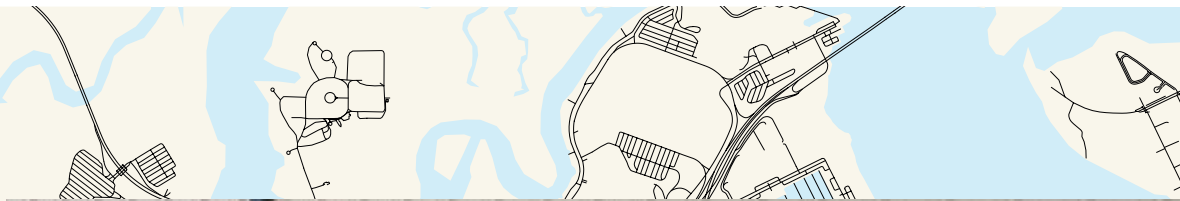
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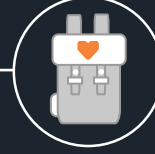


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**HELP**

CFBNJ PROVIDED ENOUGH FOOD FOR  
MORE THAN 90 MILLION MEALS LAST YEAR.



**36 MILLION  
POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE**  
Nourished neighbors in need



**2 MILLION  
CHILDREN'S MEALS**  
Fed kids year-round



**800  
COMMUNITY PARTNERS**  
Offered critical programs and services



**11 MILLION  
HYGIENE PRODUCTS**  
Kept families clean and active



**\$7.2 MILLION  
IN SNAP BENEFITS**  
Helped households afford nutritious meals



**50,000  
SENIOR BOXES**  
Provided low-sodium, heart-healthy food



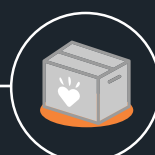
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VOLUNTEERS**  
Made our work possible



**93  
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT STUDENTS**  
Graduated to successful careers



**\$4 MILLION  
IN NETWORK INVESTMENT GRANTS**  
Grew local organizations' capacities



**2 MILLION  
POUNDS OF EMERGENCY FOOD**  
Ensured food access during  
the government shutdown

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## THE NEW JERSEY BANKERS ASSOCIATION

CFBNJ is grateful to the New Jersey Bankers Association and the New Jersey banking community for their recently completed 1 Million Meals Campaign!

They raised enough funds to help us distribute one million meals to our neighbors in need and provided hands-on support by volunteering at CFBNJ.

### NJBANKERS' 1 MILLION MEALS TOP CAMPAIGN SUPPORTERS

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TO OUR CORPORATE IMPACT PARTNERS...

**CFBNJ IS GRATEFUL TO THE COMPANIES THAT FUEL OUR MISSION. IN 2025, NEARLY 150 CORPORATE IMPACT PARTNERS GAVE FOOD, FUNDS, AND TIME TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED.**

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(\$100,000+ or 1 Million+ Pounds of Food)**

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Albertsons Companies Foundation  
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# NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a grassroots movement dedicated to spreading awareness and raising vital funds for CFBNJ's mission. Thanks to the creativity and generosity of participating individuals, groups, and organizations — each hosting their own independent fundraisers — this effort has generated meaningful support for CFBNJ. Thank you!

**NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS SUPPORTERS (\$5,000+ RAISED)**

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# THE NEXT 50 LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

**In honor of CFBNJ's milestone 50th anniversary in 2025, members of the Next 50 Leadership Circle stepped up with enhanced contributions — paying tribute to the FoodBank's legacy and ensuring our vital work continues for years to come.**

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	FISCAL YEAR 2025	FISCAL YEAR 2024
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 125,218,242</b>	<b>\$ 125,089,704</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	\$ 14,582,497	\$ 18,022,004
Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$ 107,411,211	\$ 102,994,992
Net Assets with Donor Restrictions	\$ 3,224,534	\$ 4,072,708
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	\$ 110,635,745	\$ 107,067,700
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 125,218,242</b>	<b>\$ 125,089,704</b>
<b>REVENUE &amp; SUPPORT</b>		
Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 219,079,522	\$ 234,346,599
With Donor Restrictions	\$(848,174)	\$(50,736)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 218,231,348</b>	<b>\$ 234,295,863</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Program Services	\$ 199,917,056	\$ 208,815,356
Management and General	\$ 7,483,824	\$ 7,355,998
Development	\$ 7,262,423	\$ 6,629,599
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 214,663,303</b>	<b>\$ 222,800,953</b>



**ALLOCATION  
OF RESOURCES**

**93%**

**OF RESOURCES GO DIRECTLY  
TO PROGRAMS THAT FEED  
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## MEET LAURIE

Laurie has spent her entire life around food. Starting as a dishwasher at just 12 years old, she worked her way through nearly every job in the food and beverage industry – host, waitress, manager, cook, bartender, and even wedding caterer. “I really loved it. It was a lot of fun,” she reflected, smiling. Now, Laurie is retired and living with roommates. Though she built her career around serving and feeding others, getting enough to eat on a fixed income can be a challenge.

That’s where CFBNJ’s monthly mobile pantry in Ventnor City comes in.

“The FoodBank has been a godsend, really,” she said. “It seems like the last year or so, especially, has been tough. You find yourself out of money and benefits sooner because the food prices have gone crazy.”

Laurie does her best to get by on Social Security and about \$200 a month in SNAP dollars.

“For now, I do have SNAP,” she said. But in her early sixties, she’s just below the new age cutoff for burdensome barriers imposed by H.R. 1 and could face the loss of her benefits.

True to her roots, she considers herself lucky that she’s able to be creative with less food, thanks to her skills and background in restaurants. Still, she’s one of millions across the country who could soon find it even harder to make ends meet.

Thankfully, Laurie can come to CFBNJ’s mobile pantry to get a wide variety of healthy, delicious food.

“I love getting fresh food, like meat and the vegetable boxes they have,” she shared. “The mobile pantry helps me so much.”



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