



OUR MISSION

TASK feeds those who are hungry in the Trenton area and offers programs to encourage self-sufficiency and improve the quality of life of its patrons.

OUR VISION

With a strong infrastructure managed by a committed and engaged Board and staff, TASK will expand its ability to reach the hungry in the Trenton area and those with the aspiration or responsibility to serve them.





Dear Friends of TASK:

In my message last year I pointed out that the poverty rate in the United States had reached an all-time high, more than 50 million. Unfortunately, I must report that things have gotten worse this past year. The portion of Americans living in poverty rose by an additional 2.6 million people, the highest level since 1993, the Census Bureau reported, evidence that the sluggish economic recovery has done nothing for the country's poorest citizens.

When people hear our name, they usually think of TASK serving meals to the homeless, the hungry, those afflicted with mental illness, substance and/or alcohol addiction, etc. This is no longer the case. While we still provide our unconditional service to all who are hungry, we now see our regular patron base expanded to include the long-term unemployed, young families with small children, and more senior citizens. In order to meet this growing need we have added a new satellite site in Hightstown in partnership with Rise: a Community Service Partnership, and The First United Methodist Church of Hightstown. The turnout has far exceeded expectations.

While everyone knows that our primary mission is to feed the hungry, we also assist people with gaining the skills they need to become self-sufficient. Programs like our Adult Education Program (AEP), or the Performing Arts Program, called The SHARE Project, or the artists who participate in the ATEAM Artists of Trenton, the co-op of visual artists, are examples of the way patrons improve their quality of life.

In the past several months, more than a dozen of our Adult Education Program students have passed the GED test, the equivalent of obtaining a high school diploma. These students have gone on to employment, career training or college classes at Mercer County Community College.

The SHARE Project built on last year's success of the film "The Red" (Grand Prize winner of the ShopRite/General Mills' Expressions of Hunger Contest) with awards at the recent Artists' Visions Film Festival. The FunkTASKtiks band takes their show on the road to Arc Mercer on a monthly basis. This initiative has grown to such a successful level, that the band invited several consumers from Arc Mercer to join them as they performed at the recent Septemberfest in Hamilton Township.

While I like to point out the success of these and the other programs available at TASK, it always comes down to the individuals we serve. Let me tell you about two patrons. First, John came to us while in a drug rehab program. He was greatly motivated to turn his life around. He worked very hard to become sober and entered a job training program. He was able to gain a job with a parking authority as a parking attendant. I happened to run into him a few weeks ago at the parking garage

where he works and he is now the supervisor. More importantly he has been sober for more than two years.

We also know that many of our patrons don't have access to health care. Therefore, we host many local health providers who come to TASK and provide health screenings such as blood pressure, eye care, cancer, HIV, etc. This past year, we also initiated a dental program for our patrons in partnership with Henry J. Austin Health Center. Currently 23 patrons are receiving dental care and not only are improving their smiles, but are also better able to enjoy their meals.

We also host a nurse practitioner from St. Francis Hospital on a weekly basis. While she generally provides routine check-ups, I must tell you about one case. Tom is a long-time patron who has lived in a tent for a number of years. While offered housing in the past, he always chose to stay out. One day he came to us and said he was not feeling well. We brought him to the nurse who immediately diagnosed a serious problem. He was taken by EMTs to St. Francis and received emergency surgery for an abdominal aneurism. In addition, he was in kidney failure and will now be on dialysis for the rest of his life. Clearly, this partnership with St. Francis saved someone's life.

We at TASK are able to provide these services to people like John and Tom, and have programs like AEP, The SHARE Project, etc. because of the support we receive from the community. In addition to the funds we receive through the generosity of our donors, more than 3,500 people come to TASK each year to volunteer. Our volunteers will serve more than 180,000 meals this year, tutor in the Adult Education Program, and organize food drives among the many ways they show their support.

In order to ensure our ability to fulfill our mission for years to come, we have started our first- ever endowment campaign. The goal of the "Keeping the Bowl Full Endowment Campaign" is to raise \$2,000,000 in endowment gifts by December 2012, which marks the 30th anniversary of TASK. Currently, we have reached 60% of our goal.

In closing, let me personally thank each and every one of you for all you do for TASK. Without your help, TASK would not exist.

Best regards,

DENNIS C. MICAI / Executive Director



TASK IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE...

that for the seventh time, our organization has received the highest four-star rating by Charity Navigator, the leading independent evaluator of charitable organizations in the United States.

TRENTON AREA SOUP KITCHEN

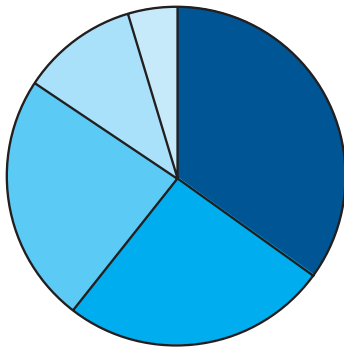
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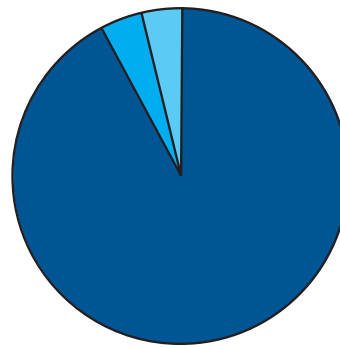
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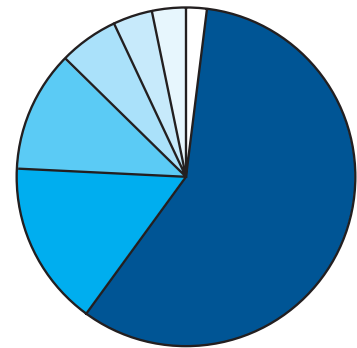
- Church/Religious Groups 36%
- Schools/Colleges/Universities 22%
- Individuals/Families 22%
- Corporate/Gov't Organizations 13%
- Civic Groups 7%

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN



- Program Expenses 88.2%
- Administrative Expenses 6.9%
- Fundraising Expenses 4.9%

INCOME BREAKDOWN



- Individuals 59%
- Foundations 18%
- Corporations 12%
- Religious Institutions 4%
- Government 3%
- Misc. Organizations 3%
- Endowment/Interest 1%



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