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.
DEAR FRIEND OF TASK,

Once again, I have the great honor of thanking you for your generous support this past year. It has been a busy year. In addition to providing meals and services as usual, we have been building an addition to provide more space to meet our patrons’ needs. As you’ll read in this report, the need continues to be great.

It is a challenge to live in the capital city. In Trenton, we see every day the faces of people struggling to stay fed, sheltered and clothed.

TASK meets the struggle with its pledge of “food first, no questions asked,” but the number of people who come to TASK seeking food and other assistance continues to grow. Next year, I want to be able to tell you fewer hungry people came to us for food.

You help us ease our patrons’ struggles by supporting our work. Your investment is represented in the numbers you’ll read and the faces you’ll see here.

As always, feel free to stop by and see your gifts of time and treasure in action — I have no doubt you’ll feel the immeasurable energy and hope TASK provides.

With gratitude,

Joyce Campbell
Executive Director

THE NEED IS GREAT
The documented need informs TASK’s ongoing commitment to mission and development of programs and services to reduce the impact of poverty.

• IN TRENTON, 1 IN 4 ADULTS AND 2 IN 5 CHILDREN live in poverty
• 17% OF TRENTON FAMILIES say they sometimes or often do not have enough to eat

• UNEMPLOYMENT: Trenton: 7.1%, New Jersey: 4.6%
• 27% OF TRENTON STUDENTS LEAVE SCHOOL WITHOUT A DIPLOMA: 75% of them will live in poverty

“Getting my GED means opportunity — to do better and more with your life.”
- Marcus Rainer, patron
FOOD FIRST
A basic human need: Hundreds of people sit down every weekday to a complete and balanced hot meal in a safe, friendly place.

242,000 MEALS SERVED AT TASK and 13 other locations throughout the area

132,500 WEEKEND MEALS delivered to children who have little to eat at home

50,000 LBS FOOD DONATED TO TASK

FEEDING IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP
Serving the whole person: Patrons have access to employment services, social service case management and other resources that make a difference. From housing placement to arts programs, TASK works to improve the quality of life.

90 PATRONS placed in housing

4,116 PERSONAL HYGIENE KITS distributed

EACH MONTH, OVER 300 PATRONS received case management services

40 PATRONS PARTICIPATE in creative arts sessions each month

DEDICATED TO EDUCATION
A second chance: TASK’s Adult Education Program tutors adults in reading, writing, math, science and computer skills to help them reach personal goals, earn a high school diploma and find employment.

7 PEOPLE EARNED a high school equivalency diploma

179 JOB APPLICATIONS were submitted

30 PATRONS found jobs
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.

INCOME*
A strong and diverse base of support allows TASK to feed everyone who comes to the soup kitchen and its satellite meal service locations and to offer a variety of programs to help overcome barriers to self-sufficiency.

EXPENSES*
Ever careful of our donors’ generous investment in the community TASK serves, 86 cents of every dollar we receive go directly to benefit patrons of the soup kitchen.

*Financials are based on most recent available audit. Our full audited financials are available at trentonsoupkitchen.org.

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2019:
TASK enters its 38th year of turning hunger into hope. And we will have a grand opening celebration for our newly expanded and renovated facility in the spring! Stay tuned…

Named one of Charity Navigator’s Top Ten charities of New Jersey this year, TASK cherishes the ongoing commitment of its donors, volunteers, staff and Board, which led to this special recognition.

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