



MEND

Hunger Relief Network

Together, we feed our community.

2023 IMPACT REPORT



What an Impact you Have Made! Thank you!!

In 2023, your support of MEND made an immediate and incredible impact! By leading with dignity and centering community, you made all this (& more) a reality:

- Adding **seven new partners** to MEND on the Move, to meet more people where they are with responsive and reliable mobile markets and home deliveries of fresh food;
- Ensuring that 21 local food pantries were **able to offer high quality, culturally relevant, fresh and healthy food**, and
- Planning the launch of the **Food & Health Equity Coalition**, designed to increase collective impact through greater community collaboration.

You also made it possible for us to explore other opportunities, like participating in the Morgan Stanley Strategy Challenge, and donating the beloved Green Bean bus to our friends at the Franklin Food Bank, as we make way for the addition of a new box truck (more on that coming soon)!

Your steadfast support has provided dignified and responsive hunger relief. Through tailored assistance and thoughtful touches like multilingual recipes and homemade cards in home delivery boxes, you've not only nourished bodies but uplifted spirits. Looking ahead, the need remains significant, but it is matched by your unwavering commitment.

In Gratitude,
Robin Peacock, MEND Executive Director

P.S. - Save the date for **June 11th to tune in to MEND's Virtual Town Hall** and learn more about your impact, what's next, and ways to help! Please email (robin@mendnj.org) or call (862.250.5216, ext. 1) to reserve your spot (or if you have any questions, or just want to chat!)



MEND participated in the Morgan Stanley Strategy Challenge, and now has a blueprint for future growth!



Saying "see you later" ("goodbye" was too hard!) to the Green Bean bus, which we donated to the Franklin Food Bank!

Mission:
To strengthen the health of our community by increasing access to fresh and healthy food

Values:
Community
Diversity
Collaboration
Dignity

Vision:
We envision a community in which everyone has access to nutritious food and the ability to achieve their optimal health



Some of the local food pantry leader rock stars who are able to do so much more, thanks to you!!

2023: By the Numbers

46

number of community-based organizations working with MEND (21 food pantries & 25 MEND on the Move partners)

490,000+

people who received food support (an increase of 8,333 people per month, from 2022)

112%

annual increase in amount of fresh food servings provided through MEND on the Move (78,772 versus 37,134 in 2022)

4,373

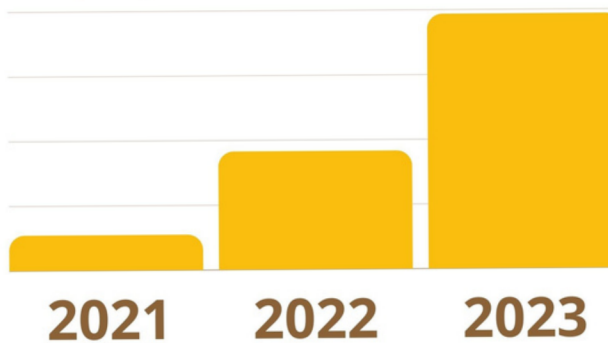
Home Deliveries made, with help from Amazon in the Community (1,248 more than in 2022)

2,673

volunteer hours contributed by 151 amazing humans!

80,000
60,000
40,000
20,000
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Total Servings



Operations 8.2% Fundraising 6.4%

In Kind - Food 38.5%

Revenue:
\$1,488,802

Events 12.6%

Individuals 19.7%

Revenue and Expenditure totals represent pre-audit numbers.

Grants 22.1%

Expenditures:
\$1,427,664

Programming 85.4%

Some Highlights of How you Made a Difference!



"Hunger is just the beginning of the story. We know the names of our friends, we know their stories. **With food, there is love.**"

-Food Pantry Manager

"My child and I **didn't eat fresh vegetables** until the [MEND] program. I have been introduced to food I never ate. Thank you for the food and recipes."
-MOTM Program Participant



"My students and their families have a greater appreciation for what is being offered to them. They are thankful and grateful a program like this exists. **My students are more attentive in class and have higher levels of energy** when healthy meals and foods, snacks are provided. It means **they can function and not have to worry about how they are "going to get by" from week to week or month to month.**"

-MOTM Community Partner



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