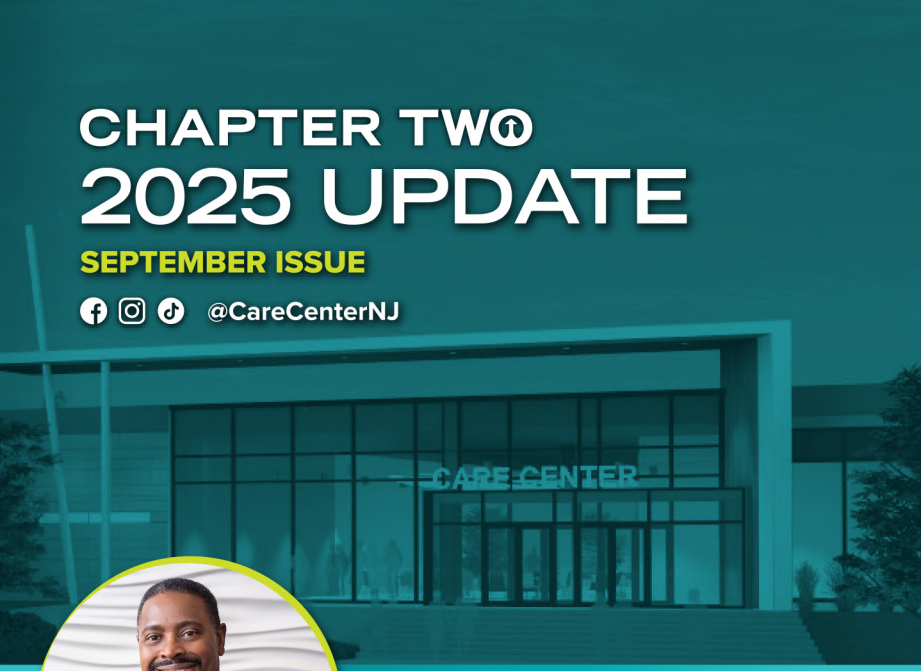
CHAPTER TWO
2025 UPDATE

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MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER & CEO

At The CARE Center of New Jersey, we believe lasting change happens when communities unite to meet today's needs while shaping tomorrow's possibilities. Guided by this vision, we are creating spaces where families experience nourishment, empowerment, and dignity – and where hope for a better future takes root.

Through innovative food programs and wraparound services like financial literacy and mental health support, we are empowering communities and helping families thrive.

To our donors, volunteers, and other partners – Thank You! Your generosity and faithfulness fuel this mission and open new doors of opportunity across New Jersey. The future is bright, and together, we are shaping it.

With Gratitude and Hope,

Dr. David Ireland

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IMPACT STORIES



Spreading Smiles, A Bag at a Time

CARE 4 KIDS

At Dover public schools, 100 students received Dental CARE Bags filled with essentials to support their oral health—along with a message of love and encouragement.

Each bag was packed with care by the incredible staff and clients at **Universal Institute Rehabilitation & Living Centers**, whose kindness brought added warmth. Made possible by a generous grant from **Delta Dental**, this simple act of service was a beautiful reminder that when a caring community comes together, small gestures can create big, lasting smiles.

FOOD FOR HOPE™

Every pantry visit is about more than receiving food – it's about dignity and care. Here's what our guests have to say:



We Nourish More Than Hunger

"This was my first time going to a food pantry. I was nervous about going, but from the moment I was greeted I felt welcomed and encouraged. It was a really great experience. Thank you!"

"The staff is wonderful. They don't make you feel ashamed of being in need. Everyone is helpful and friendly. I believe in my heart that they really care about your well-being!"

"Everything they do for us is extraordinary. What a great blessing. People are so humane. They treat us with respect and dignity. Thank you so much for everything."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Financial Empowerment – 11.5.25

CCNJ, in partnership with PNC Bank, is offering financial empowerment training in East Orange to help residents build a healthy financial mindset and stronger money management skills.

Thanksgiving Food Distribution – 11.22.25

CCNJ's annual Thanksgiving food distribution reaches thousands of families, supplying fresh produce and shelf-stable foods that strengthen food security during the holiday season.

Giving Tuesday – 12.2.25

On Giving Tuesday, help CCNJ bring hope to families across New Jersey. Every gift strengthens our food programs and community services. **Learn more about how you can make a difference!**

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

Choice-Based Food Store Open

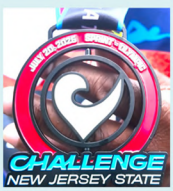
Our 10,000-square-foot, choice-based food store is open twice a week, providing free, healthy food in a dignified, grocery-style setting. The store currently serves 200 families every month.

Oasis Program Expands to East Orange

Oasis, our food distribution program that delivers sustainable nourishment to food deserts, is now live in East Orange – helping families access nutritious food right in their own neighborhood.

Triathlon for CARE

The CCNJ Triathlon for CARE team raised $42,000 to advance two vital efforts – revitalizing a one-acre Community Garden in Rockaway and expanding the Oasis Program.







INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

Community Garden

We are bringing new life to a one-acre Community Garden in Rockaway, New Jersey. Once complete, the garden will supply fresh, locally grown produce for our Food for HOPE program while also creating a welcoming space for residents to learn about nutrition, gardening, and healthy living.

Teaching Kitchen

Plans are underway for a new Teaching Kitchen at CCNJ. This innovative space will host chef-led classes, cooking demonstrations, and hands-on workshops designed to empower families with practical skills for preparing nutritious, affordable meals. The Teaching Kitchen will also serve as a hub for community gatherings, wellness programs, and shared learning.

HONORS & RECOGNITION

Innovate 100

Congratulations to our Founder and CEO, **Dr. David Ireland**, who was named one of New Jersey's **Top 100 Innovative Leaders** by Innovate NJ. This recognition celebrates leaders who drive innovation and inspire positive change in communities.



Study UK Alumni Award

Dr. Ireland was a **finalist** in the **Social Action** category of the Study UK Alumni Award, which honors international alumni driving positive change. This year's competition drew 1,300-plus applications from 100 countries.

Candid Platinum Transparency Seal

CCNJ has earned the Platinum Seal of Transparency from Candid, the highest recognition for nonprofit accountability. This honor underscores our commitment to serving communities with integrity and compassion.

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Delta Dental Food Pantry Event

PARTNERSHIPS



Delta Dental Team

DELTA DENTAL®

CCNJ recently welcomed an enthusiastic team of interns and managers from Delta Dental for a hands-on volunteer day at our **Food for HOPE** food store.

Volunteers assembled food packages that provided critical support to 100 families in Montclair and neighboring communities, ensuring access to nutritious meals.

"Our team had a great experience packaging food supplies and we will certainly keep CCNJ in mind for any additional volunteer opportunities for our associates," said Angelina Jasinski, Community Relations Manager at Delta Dental.

We are grateful for Delta Dental's multifaceted commitment to community well-being and we look forward to growing this partnership.

"Our summer interns had a fun and fulfilling day at CCNJ's Food for HOPE—packing meals for over 100 families!" – Delta Dental Representative

PARTNER with us!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Generosity in action!

The Next Chapter Financial Summary *As of August 2025*	
Our Four-Year Goal (Years 2023 - 2026)	**$ 10,000,000**
Our Four-Year **TOTAL COMMITMENTS**	**$ 7,298,908**
Total Collected - Next Chapter	**$ 3,422,726**
Total Collected - Chapter 2	**$ 817,331**
TOTAL GIVING	**$ 4,240,057**
GIVING BREAKDOWN	
Giving from Donors with Commitments	**$ 3,319,160**
Giving from Donors without Commitments	**$ 920,897**
TOTAL GIVING	**$ 4,240,057**

We are grateful for your generosity and faithfulness as The Next Chapter brings the words of Jesus (Matthew 25:35-36) to life in our region.

There's still time to
JOIN THE MOVEMENT!