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Capital Campaign for the
Interfaith Food Pantry

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The Interfaith Food Pantry and Your Morris County Neighbors Need Your Help

Morris County is one of the wealthiest counties in the nation. It is a wonderful place to live, work and raise a family. What most people do not know is that thousands of people living in our community do not always have enough food to eat. You may think that hunger is not a problem here, but unfortunately, you would be wrong. With the high cost of housing and the shortage of affordable child care and health insurance, many of our seniors and lower income working families cannot meet their basic expenses and still provide enough food for their households.

In 1999, when the Interfaith Food Pantry moved into its current location on West Hanover Avenue, which was generously provided by the Morris County Freeholders, annual food distribution was 157,000 lbs. and we were serving approximately 600 households. In 2009 distribution was almost 800,000 lbs. of food to more than 5,000 households. Our current “warehouse” is actually the basement of what was a nursing home. While we have been extremely grateful for this space, the facility has reached its limit. In fact, with no loading dock and limited storage and refrigeration capacity, we have had to turn away bulk donations of food because we could not handle them. It has become undeniably clear that in order to keep up with the demand for what we do, we must move to a larger facility. **WE NEED MORE SPACE TO DISTRIBUTE MORE FOOD TO MORE PEOPLE.**

We ask that you read the following description of the Harvesting Miracles Campaign. We hope that you can help us and play a prominent role in our continuing efforts to meet present and future hunger needs in Morris County.

If you would like to know more about the Interfaith Food Pantry, who we are, what we do, and who we do it for, the material that follows the Harvesting Miracles Campaign information provides an in-depth profile of our program.



Harvesting Miracles



Interfaith Food Pantry
Morristown, New Jersey

The Situation

The Interfaith Food Pantry (IFP), founded in 1994 when four local houses of worship combined their small food closets, has grown into the largest provider of food to individuals and families in need throughout Morris County. In 2009, we distributed 780,160 lbs. of food which fed more than 13,036 people or 5,007 different households. This was accomplished by the support of the entire community.

These clients include working families, seniors, the disabled and the recently unemployed. The major portion of their incomes is spent on housing, utilities, child care, transportation and medical assistance. There is little left for food which is why they come to us.



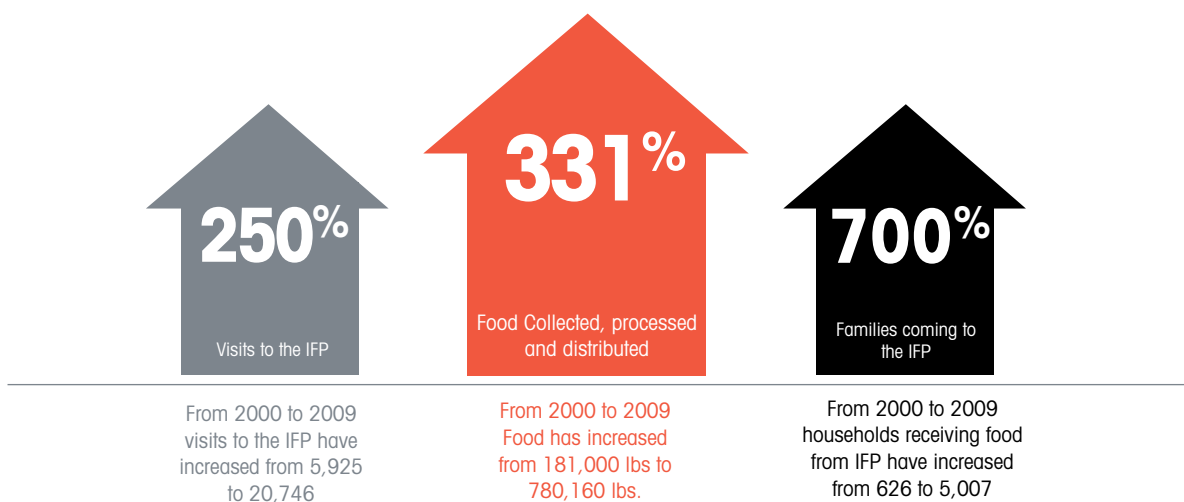
The Challenge

Our current storage and distribution facility is located in the basement of what used to be the Morris View Nursing Home, built in 1922. This space was generously provided by the County Freeholders when our previous facility burned down, and it has allowed us to expand to meet the rapidly growing need over the past decade. Unfortunately, with our increase of almost 331% in the amount of food we are handling, we have outgrown this facility.

Space here is very limited and we currently keep one-third of our food in a garage we rent in Morristown. During the winter months, when food donations are at their highest, we also need to rent storage lockers off site. Because we have no loading dock, we must turn down large donations of food delivered by trucks. We also do not have enough refrigeration capacity, so we are forced to limit the amount and types of food we can accept from donors. In the past year, three different County departments have relocated into space in the current nursing home which is attached to our building. This has drastically reduced the amount of parking available to us at the same time our numbers are rising rapidly.

Thanks to our strong supporters, we at the Interfaith Food Pantry are confident we can obtain the food, resources and volunteers necessary to keep pace with the increasing demand. However, we do not have the physical plant and space to store and distribute the food to meet the current and future requirements. This is our challenge.

Need for IFP's services continues to increase dramatically



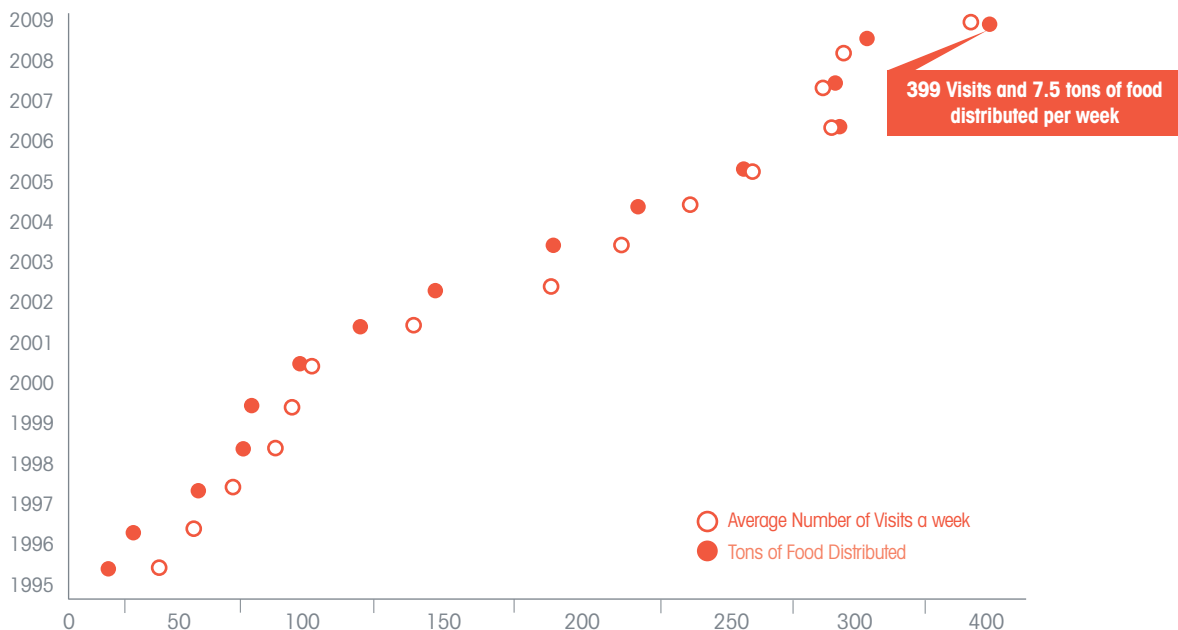


The Solution: Harvesting Miracles

The Interfaith Food Pantry has begun the Harvesting Miracles Campaign to raise \$2.7 Million dollars to fund the construction of a new state-of-the-art building to match our growing needs as an organization.

The IFP proposes building a modern and efficient storage and distribution facility with sufficient capacity for its current and future client demands. The Board of Chosen Freeholders of Morris County has partnered with the IFP through the generous allocation of county land in Greystone Park on which the new facility can be built.

IFP Yearly Food Distribution (1995–2009)



The Appeal

The Interfaith Food Pantry is the only pantry program serving the entire county and is also the only one offering evening and weekend hours for working families as well as home delivery service to the homebound. We also are unique in being the only “Client Choice Program” where clients can select their own food choices. The current economy is already creating a population of new clients who used to be totally self sufficient, but now find their incomes cannot meet the spiraling increases in prices of gas, heating fuel and food, and therefore have had to apply for supplementary food assistance.

The IFP can meet the increasing needs if we can establish more space for storage and distribution. We are asking you to look inside your hearts to help us with a significant tax deductible donation. Then together, we can assist some of our less fortunate neighbors with one of humanity’s most basic needs – the ability to feed themselves and their families.



Your gift will make possible:

- An expanded and improved food pantry. Our current warehouse is beyond collection and storage capacity. A new facility will provide a much needed loading dock, adequate storage space and reliable cooling equipment. This will enable the efficient processing of tons of donated food and groceries to meet the ever expanding demand.
- A supportive environment that provides confidentiality and privacy, while clearly demonstrating respect for our neighbors in need. It will improve access and increase operational efficiency. Clients will come with confidence to select food and groceries, to discuss problems and to receive assistance.
- An innovative "Client-Choice" food pantry model, which operates much as a grocery store does. This approach allows clients to choose the foods their families prefer and will eat. The model helps honor the dignity and ethnic diversity of our clients. It also minimizes waste and promotes efficient distribution of collected resources
- An expanded opportunity for community involvement. Our new collection and distribution center will allow hundreds of individual, organizational and corporate volunteers from Morris County to provide their assistance. Meeting space will accommodate training and foster motivation among volunteers. A dignified and caring atmosphere will help ensure that clients, volunteers and staff experience meaningful and successful interactions.
- An opportunity for you to give back to your community and make a major difference in your Morris County neighbors' lives. You will know that you are directly helping the Interfaith Food Pantry to meet current and emerging demand for supplemental food and groceries – and you may also feel very good about yourself in giving.





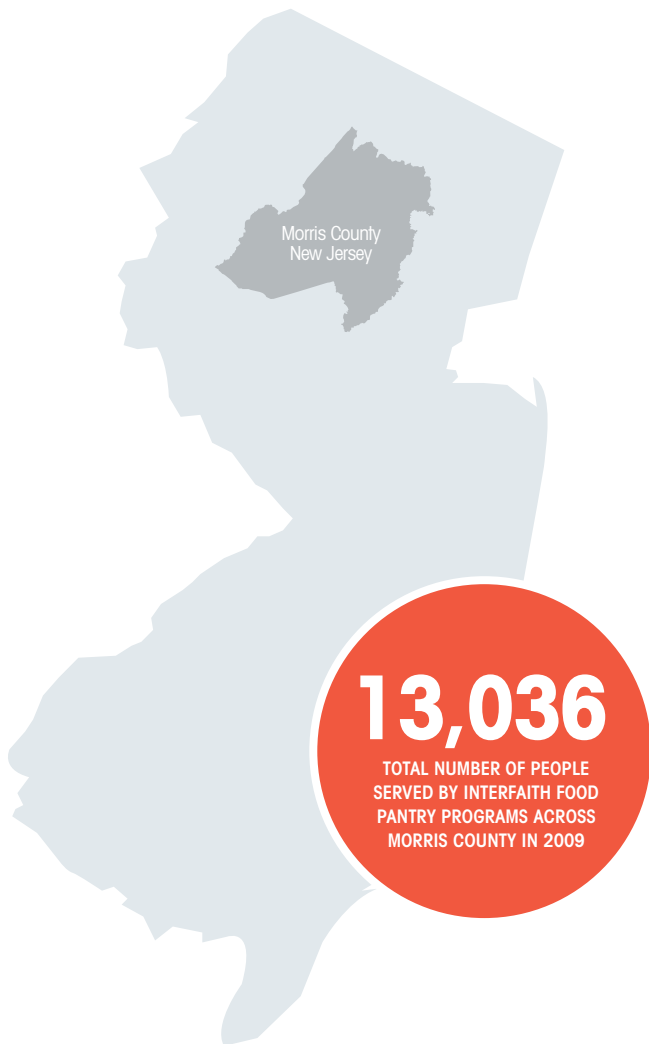
INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Who We Are

The Interfaith Food Pantry is a non-denominational, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization helping families make ends meet by supplementing their monthly groceries in times of need. Established in 1994, the Interfaith Food Pantry was formed when a group from four local houses of worship decided to address the growing issue of hunger by consolidating their food assistance programs.

The objective was to create a central collection and distribution center in Morristown. Our Federal tax-exempt number is 22-3618468.



What We Do

The Interfaith Food Pantry provides groceries to eligible Morris County residents in need, including senior citizens, low-income working families, those recently unemployed and any other individuals in crisis. Applications are taken and food is given to anyone in need.

For those that are unable to come to us because they are disabled, ill or no longer able to drive, we offer a **Home Delivery Program** where volunteers “shop” for their clients and bring their food right to their homes. At present we provide home delivery to more than 100 households throughout the county.

In addition to the groceries distributed, we also provide fresh bread and produce. Much of this is donated by area farms and businesses. The remainder is purchased with donations.



How Does Someone Get Groceries?

Groceries are provided to anyone in need from Morris County who has housing and cooking facilities. Individuals set up an appointment with our Intake Counselors where they fill out an application and are interviewed to help us assess their need. Our pantry is set up as a Client Choice Program, where clients are allowed to select the food they want from the shelves as if they were at a supermarket. The amount they can take is determined by the size of their family. They may continue to use the pantry as long as there is need.

Who Are Our Clients?

All are residents of Morris County. In addition to walk-ins, referrals are made from houses of worship, hospitals and schools. Many are sent by community agencies such as the Department of Aging and Disabilities, Maternal & Child Health Network, NJ Battered Women's Shelter, St. Clare's Behavioral Health Center, Family Service, Homeless Solutions, Inc., and the Mental Health Assoc. of Morris County.

Our clients come from all walks of life. The majority are working, but their incomes do not keep pace with the cost of living here. They are employed as home health and nursing aides, clerical workers, restaurant and retail staff, school employees and day care assistants. In recent months we have seen a large increase in the number of people who have lost their jobs. Others are living on Social Security or Disability. They are grandparents raising grandchildren and folks living with chronic illness. They are our neighbors.



Mark is employed by a company in Wharton making \$16 an hour. He works all the overtime they will give him to support his wife and two daughters. His rent and utilities cost \$1,734 a month and, while his company does provide health insurance, he has to pay \$412 a month plus co-pays. This is critical because his wife has MS and needs a lot of medical care.

After deducting his monthly car payments and auto insurance, there is very little left at the end of the month and providing enough food for his family is a constant struggle. He tried to apply for food stamps, but was ineligible because he makes too much money. A friend suggested he come to the Interfaith Food Pantry and now he is guaranteed that he will be able to bring groceries home every two weeks.

Susan lost her job in June and had been having little luck finding a position. Her youngest son has severe asthma and seasonal allergies which made it necessary for her to run the air conditioner all summer. This led to enormous utility bills which she was unable to pay.

Coming to the Interfaith Food Pantry for assistance was difficult for her, but unemployment did not cover the basic expenses for her and her three children. She needed help while she sought work. Lilianna, IFP's Client Services Manager, helped her get enrolled in our program so she could come every two weeks to select groceries from our Pantry shelves. In addition to food, IFP also aided Susan in applying for home energy assistance and securing eyeglasses for her daughter.



What Else Does IFP Do?

As we determine what other needs families may have, we give them referral information to a wide variety of resources that provide assistance such as eyeglasses, day care scholarships, furniture, clothing, etc.

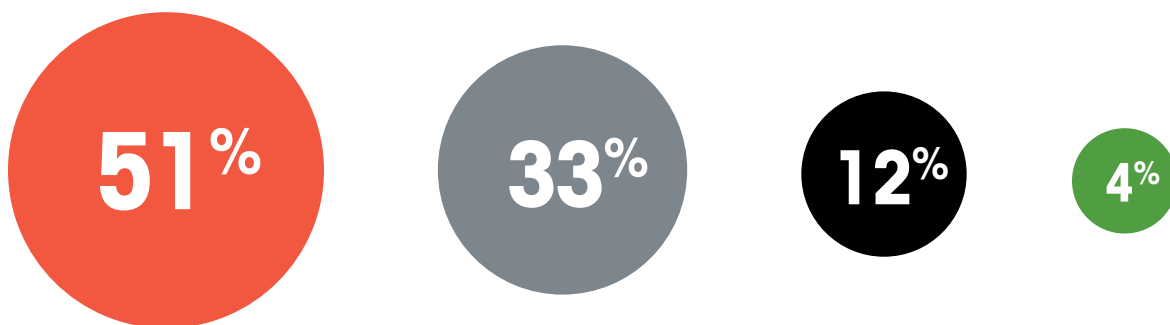
Nutrition and making good food choices is the basis of our **"Healthy Choices Program"**. A visiting nurse screens clients for health issues like diabetes, hypertension and osteoporosis and our Nutrition Educator provides information and counseling to help families understand the link between food and health. She also assists us in securing the most nutritious food possible.

The Pantry also tries to make holidays a little brighter for those in need. We provide **Thanksgiving food baskets and turkeys and December holiday baskets.**

The Food Pantry accepts donations from a variety of local sources that want to help those in need. If we cannot use the items offered, we try to match donors with groups who are looking for particular donations. We also **stock the emergency food closets of the County Office of Temporary Assistance every week. Finally, we help meet the emergency food needs of other non-profit groups whenever possible.**



IFP Client Demographics: ETHNICITY



Hispanic / Latino

Caucasian

African-American

Other

WHERE DO OUR CLIENTS LIVE?

Households served by town in 2009

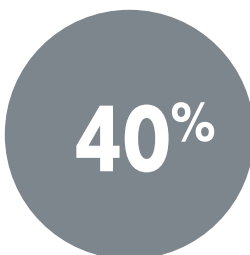
MUNICIPALITY	# of Families	# of People	# of Visits
Boonton	51	136	268
Butler	10	26	68
Chatham/Township	9	24	48
Chester	3	4	4
Denville	34	95	225
Dover	370	1,100	2,253
East Hanover	5	11	17
Florham Park	11	21	103
Hanover Twp. (Whippany & Cedar Knolls)	20	48	171
Jefferson (Jefferson, Hopatcong, Lake Hopatcong & Oak Ridge)Kinnelon Borough	16	52	91
Lincoln Park	1	1	2
Lincoln Park	3	6	20
Long Hill Twp. (Millington & Gillette)	3	4	31
Madison	50	117	307
Mendham/Township	4	8	36
Mine Hill	13	47	59
Montville Twp. (Montville, Pinebrook, Towaco)	12	25	97
Morris Plains	38	79	248
Morris Township (inc. Convent Station)	8	17	42
Morristown	735	1,754	6,400
Mt. Arlington	5	17	39
Mt. Olive (Budd Lake & Flanders)	51	145	346
Netcong	20	56	142
Parsippany Troy Hills (Parsippany, Lake Hiawatha, Mt. Tabor, Lk. Parsippany)	116	259	949
Pequannock (Pompton Plains)	10	15	90
Randolph (Cedar Grove, Mt. Freedom, Ironia, Randolph)	80	230	559
Riverdale	4	16	10
Rockaway/Rockaway Boro	47	141	232
Roxbury Twp. (Kenvil, Landing, Ledgewood, Succasunna)	33	101	266
Victory Gardens	5	23	37
Washington Twp. (Long Valley & Stirling)	4	8	15
Wharton	77	260	416
Other	8	24	33
Total Served in Morris County	1,854	4,866	13,623



Kathleen is in her early 50s and was a secretary. She had to have major emergency surgery a few months prior to her already scheduled hip replacement surgery. When she notified her employer how much time she would need off to complete the surgeries, she was let go. She was not allowed to drive for an extended period of time and was living on unemployment and savings. Prior to this she had no trouble meeting her expenses and was always independent. Kathleen has no family in the area, as they all live out of state. She was referred to us by her church. Asking for help was difficult.

After being a delivery client for 6 months, Kathleen has recuperated from the surgeries and been given the ok to drive. She is now coming to the pantry on her own and has found a part-time job. She continues to look for a full-time job and has enrolled in a course to learn and improve knowledge of computers.

IFP Client Demographics: AGE



- 19 to 59 Years Old (50%)
- 18 Years Old or Less (40%)
- 60+ Years Old (10%)

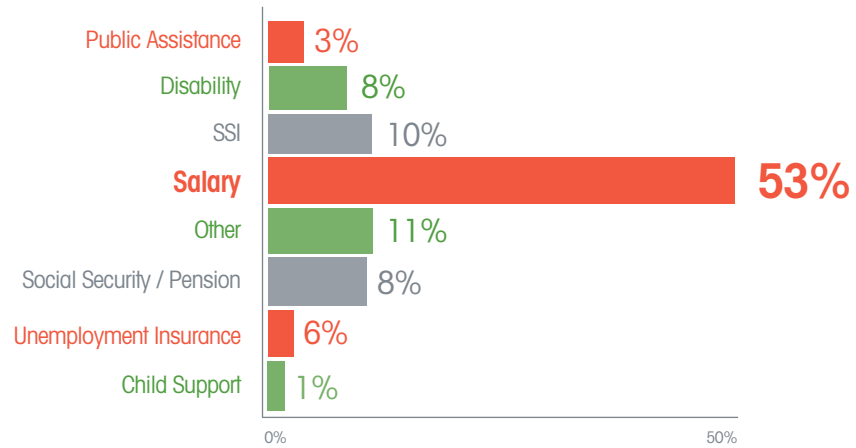


Nina is legally blind. She has three children, two boys ages 3 and 5 and a daughter Lisa who is 13. Her husband left two years ago and she has been struggling to make it on the \$816 a month she gets from SSI and child support. Her daughter Lisa does all the cooking and spends a lot of time taking care of the boys. They were referred for our Home Delivery Program because Nina can't drive and there is no public transportation near them.

Sally, their Home Delivery volunteer, has gotten very close to the family, especially Lisa who has had to grow up way too fast. She found out Nina had fallen far behind on her utility bills and had her gas turned off this summer for non-payment. Worried about what would happen when the weather turned cold, she contacted Liliana, our Client Services Manager, who is working with the family to get energy assistance.



IFP Client Demographics: SOURCE OF INCOME



Our Volunteers

During 2009, 15,067 hours of volunteer service valued at more than \$268,307 were donated to the Interfaith Food Pantry. Volunteers perform such tasks as: office work, sorting food, stocking shelves in the shopping rooms, transporting food to the distribution site, recycling and taking out garbage, food distribution, delivery to home-bound clients and food pick up from the Community Food Bank and area organizations that are not able to deliver their food collections.



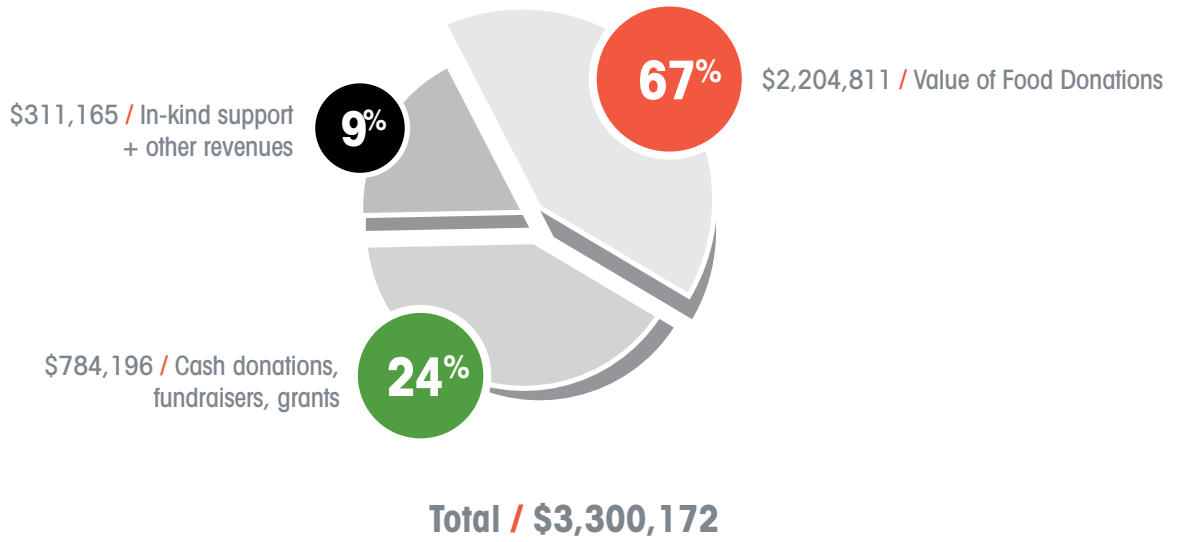
Ms. P is a 44-year-old single woman. She works in the Central Supply Department of a local business and works as many hours as possible. Ms. P has taken temporary legal custody of her 15-year old nephew. The family hopes that by moving him out of the city into the Morristown area he will have a better start and better education in a more positive environment. Ms. P gets no financial help from her sister who is barely making ends meet. The plan is that he will live with her during the school year and spend the summers with his mother and younger brother.

Most of her salary goes to paying rent. Her rent will increase in July but not her salary. She has applied for subsidized housing and has been looking for a cheaper apartment within walking distance to work. She cannot receive some of the assistance available because the extra hours she works to meet the rent disqualifies her salary as too high. She does not have a car and has to live close to work or public transportation to keep her job.

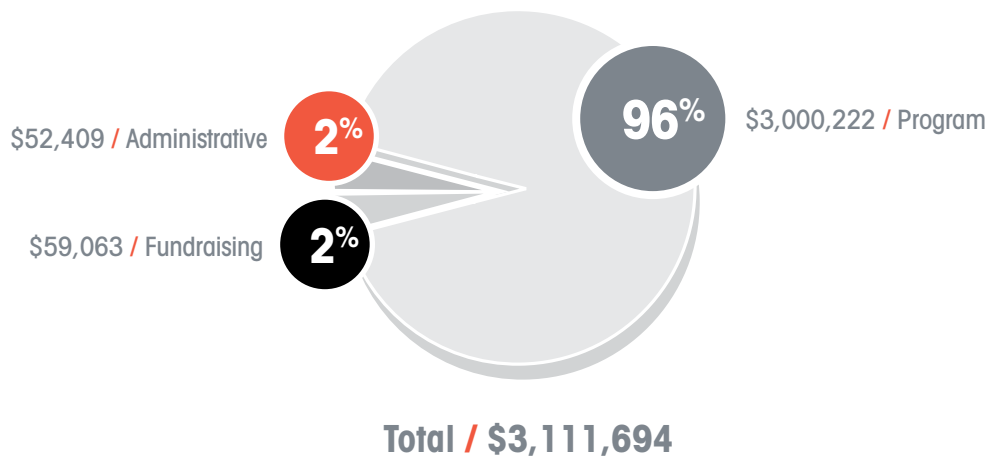
Ms. P applied for utility assistance to the electric company who then referred her to us.



IFP FINANCIALS: 2009 INCOME



IFP FINANCIALS: 2009 EXPENSES



Addendum

Preliminary Naming Opportunities

Naming opportunities will be available for those wishing to honor family or others.
A preliminary list is as follows:

The Building
Client Choice Center
Healthy Choice Center – Reserved
Welcome Center
Refrigeration and Freezers
Main Sorting Center
Self Sufficiency Center – Reserved
Fine Sorting Center
Offices
Loading dock
Baby Furniture and Clothing Center
Volunteer Center
Warehouse
Nutrition Education Room
Client Services Room
Kitchen Appliances – Reserved
Intake and Counseling Center

***Gifts at all levels will be recognized in the new facility**



INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Office/Warehouse:

540a West Hanover Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960
www.mcifp.org

Hours of Operation:

Food Distribution

First four Saturdays of each month, 10am - 12pm

First four Tuesdays of each month, 6pm - 8pm

First four Wednesdays of each month, 6pm - 8pm

Food Drop-Off / Visit

Monday, Thursday, 9:30am - 4pm

Other times by appointment

Pantry:

190 Speedwell Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960

Hours of Operation:

Food Distribution

Tuesday - Wednesday, 9:30am - 12pm

Thursday, 9:30am - 3pm

Staff

Executive Director:	Rosemary Gilmartin
Assistant Director:	Carolyn Lake
Food & Facility Manager:	Scott Lawton
Office Manager:	Mary Jones
Client Services Manager:	Liliana Henao
Distribution Manager:	Diana Garcia
Nutrition Educator:	Katy Galton
Volunteer Coordinator:	Doug McMahon
Operations Assistant:	Victor Cataldo
Warehouse Assistant:	Antonio Aviles

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