

# Volunteer NJ!



November 2024

## We're Thankful for NJ's Volunteers!



### New Jersey Gives Back.



In 2023, more than **1.9 million** residents volunteered through an organization.



This volunteering contributed **\$3.7 billion** in economic value.



More than **3.8 million** residents helped their neighbors informally.



Every two years, AmeriCorps partners with the U.S. Census Bureau to take the pulse of our nation's civic health. The 2023 survey looks at many forms of civic engagement between September 2022 and 2023.

#### In New Jersey:

- 1,910,895 formal volunteers contributed 104,768,245 hours of service through organizations worth an estimated \$3.7 billion. (This is a huge increase from 1.4 million volunteers recorded in 2020)
- 25.7 percent of residents formally volunteered through organizations.
- 22.8 percent of residents belonged to an organization.
- 57.1 percent of residents donated \$25 or more to charity.

#### NJ Volunteer Opportunities

Winter Wishes Holiday Helpers

Parents for Children's Best Interests

#### Openings at AmeriCorps NJ

Jewish Renaissance  
Foundation

Attorney

Virtual Opportunity: Help Nonprofits  
Connect with Volunteers!

Christmas Rally Volunteer

Saturday Live - Kitchen Duty  
Volunteer

Holiday Gift Give-away Volunteers

Gifts of the Season Event  
Volunteers

Concert Usher

Learning Center - Homework  
Mentor

Hospice Volunteer

Aviation Hall of Fame Greeter

Christmas Social Volunteers

Christmas Event - Cumberland Mall

Food Rescue - Delivery Drivers

Looking for a specific volunteer  
opportunity?

Visit our Volunteer Hub



AmeriCorps members will support sites through wellness-focused mental health initiatives, planning and promoting self-care days, hosting emotional health-themed workshops, and implementing socially distanced and virtual social events. Many of our members go on to receive employment opportunities through the network they have developed while serving. You will also gain a network of employers who are committed to employing individuals who complete national service.

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AmeriCorps Programs](#)

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**Join the Foster Grandparents Program!**



***New Jersey Foster Grandparent Program***  
***Is calling individuals with spare time***

**Get Involved**  
**Your Service is Valuable & Needed!**

The New Jersey Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) is looking for volunteers 55+ to serve as mentors for children in classroom settings at local Head Start, Preschool, and K-12 Programs. No education or special experience required!

**Grandparent Volunteers Serve Local Organizations that:**

- Provide loving encouragement to children
- Support positive behavior and classroom engagement
- Help children learn to read and provide one-on-one tutoring
- Care for premature infants or children with disabilities
- Help children who have been abused or neglected

- ✓ Income Eligibility is required
- ✓ Tax-Free Stipend \$4.00 (will not hinder any governmental subsidies )
- ✓ Daily Mileage Reimbursements
- ✓ Free Daily Lunch (Provided by most sites)
- ✓ Paid Holidays, Vacation, and Sick Time
- ✓ Monthly In-Service Training
- ✓ Annual Volunteer Service Recognition
- ✓ Supplemental Accident & Liability Insurance



**\*All Volunteers Must Pass Required Criminal Background Checks that includes Fingerprinting\***

**NJ Foster Grandparent Program**

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When you volunteer, you're not just helping others—you're helping yourself. Volunteering leads to new discoveries and new friends. Plus, studies show that volunteering helps you live longer and promotes a positive outlook on life. So get involved, and join Foster Grandparents today!



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Information**



## Spotlight on Mercer Street Friends

**The Send Hunger Packing Program (SHUP)** is a meal bag program that helps feed food insecure students over the weekend when they lack access to school meals. Through partnerships with over 30 sites, including the Trenton School District, nearly 60,000 SHUP bags per year are distributed throughout Mercer County. With the help of committed volunteers, over 1,000 SHUP bags with four meals per bag are packed weekly. The SHUP program seeks to close the food gap for school-aged children and limit the effects of hunger on their education and development.



### **Community Food Bags**

In response to schools closing during the COVID-19 pandemic, in March 2020, Food Bank Director James "Butter" Allen created the Community Food Bag program. Adapted from SHUP (Send Hunger Packing), the weekend meal bag program, Community Food Bags provide meals to families throughout Trenton and Mercer County. Since its inception over 250,000 bags, totaling 4 million meals, have been distributed.



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# All Wrapped Up

Children, Isolated Adults, and Struggling Families  
Need Your Help

**130 FAMILIES & 90 ADULTS ARE HOPING FOR A HOLIDAY MIRACLE.**

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UP



## New Jersey State Governor's Volunteerism Awards

Thank your favorite volunteer or volunteer organization by nominating them for a NJ State Governor's Volunteerism Award. Nominees will receive a copy of your nomination to confirm the information.

**Nominations close March 1st.**

**Nominate Today!**

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