

CHAPTER TWO 2026 UPDATE

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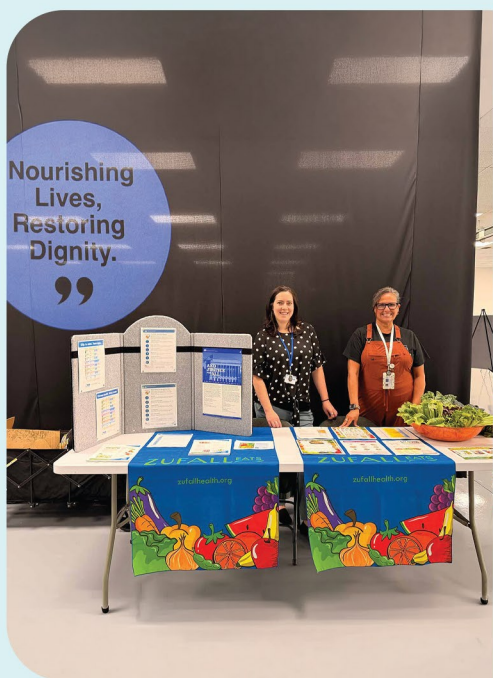
CCNJ BRINGS WORLD SOCCER TO TRI-COUNTY FAIR

CCNJ brought the excitement of the 2026 FIFA World Soccer tournament to the Tri-County Fair with a vibrant Fan Zone that used the universal appeal of soccer to bring people together across cultures and generations. In partnership with Rockaway Township Soccer Association, we hosted a family-friendly World Soccer watch party, complete with fun giveaways and a special surprise – one lucky young fan received a one-week soccer camp experience donated by the New York Red Bulls.



The CCNJ tent drew hundreds of visitors through a Soccer Darts challenge, while videos showcased The CARE Center's programs, events, and partnership opportunities—turning World Soccer excitement into meaningful community engagement.

NUTRITION EDUCATION



Turning Food into Better Health

At CCNJ, we believe change happens when access to nutritious food is paired with the knowledge to make healthy choices.

Through our partnership with Zufall Health, we are helping families build healthier and lasting habits.

Zufall Health's nutrition educators recently hosted an interactive education station at our food pantry. Pantry guests received practical guidance on healthy eating, meal planning, reading nutrition labels, and preparing nutritious meals using fresh produce and pantry staples.

The experience was personal, and educators engaged guests in one-on-one conversations, and demonstrated simple ways to incorporate healthy foods into everyday meals. Families left with helpful resources and greater confidence to make informed nutrition choices at home.

By combining nutritious food with education and trusted community partnerships, Food for HOPE is helping reduce food insecurity while empowering families to achieve healthier, more vibrant lives.

BRINGING CARE TO LIFE



Growing a Community of Support

CARE 4 Kids, a program of The CARE Center of New Jersey, is expanding its partnership network to provide vulnerable children and young adults with the support they need to thrive. Through its newest partnership with New Jersey Angels, churches, businesses, and community members are responding to the needs of young adults aging out of foster care without the support of a permanent family through intentional giving, relationship-building, and mentorship.

Just before graduating trade school, *Jacob** found himself facing homelessness. Within days, several local churches worked together to provide him with a safe place to stay while longer-term housing options were explored. Today, NJ Angels continues to walk alongside Jacob, helping him navigate this transition and pursue stable housing and employment.

*Noah**, who enjoys baking, was working toward stability with limited transportation and resources. Through the generosity and collaboration of local churches, he received a starter baking kit that is helping him build healthy routines and develop a positive outlet as he works toward his goals.

Jacob's and Noah's stories demonstrate the power of a connected community. When churches, businesses, nonprofits, and individuals work together, needs become opportunities to provide hope and support, while every act of generosity helps a young person move closer to stability and a brighter future.

**Names have been changed to protect the privacy of the young adults featured in this story.*

AWARD & RECOGNITION



CARE Center Earns National Trust in Practice Award

The CARE Center of New Jersey has been selected as a recipient of the 2026 Trust in Practice Award, presented by Allstate and the Aspen Institute's Alliance for Social Trust. Chosen from more than 1,600 applicants nationwide, CCNJ is one of just 11 nonprofit collaborations recognized for building stronger, more connected communities.

The award includes a \$100,000 grant to develop The CARE Center's new Community Garden and provide community-centered programming that brings people together. The initiative will create a welcoming space where neighbors from diverse backgrounds can grow food, learn together, volunteer, and build meaningful relationships.

This national recognition affirms CCNJ's holistic approach to serving the community—meeting immediate needs through programs like Food for HOPE while creating opportunities for long-term health, connection, and economic mobility.

Beyond the funding, the award connects CCNJ to a nationwide network of organizations committed to sharing innovative approaches that strengthen trust, foster collaboration, and build more resilient communities.



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PARTNERSHIPS

Food Sourcing Network Expansion

We are expanding our food sourcing network through partnerships with Midwest Food Bank (Pennsylvania) and Move for Hunger, strengthening our ability to provide nutritious food to families.

Through this new collaboration, CCNJ will receive monthly deliveries of shelf-stable food from Midwest Food Bank, including pantry staples such as beans, broth, applesauce, macaroni and cheese, and other essential items. Each shipment will be transported by Move for Hunger, our newest logistics partner, helping ensure a reliable supply chain for the Food for HOPE program.

By combining Midwest Food Bank's generous food donations with Move for Hunger's transportation expertise, CCNJ is building a stronger, more resilient food distribution system that will bring hope and nourishment to thousands of individuals and families.



PARTNER with us!



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Generosity in action!

The Next Chapter Financial Summary

As of June 26, 2026

Our Four-Year Goal (Years 2023 - 2026)	\$ 10,000,000
Our Four-Year TOTAL COMMITMENTS	\$ 7,397,692
Total Collected - Next Chapter	\$ 3,496,527
Total Collected - Chapter 2	\$ 2,069,297
TOTAL GIVING	\$ 5,565,824
GIVING BREAKDOWN	
Giving from Donors with Commitments	\$ 4,253,651
Giving from Donors without Commitments	\$ 1,312,173
TOTAL GIVING	\$ 5,565,824

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!

