



**RISE. RESPOND. RENEW.**

**2025  
Annual  
Report**

# New York Common Pantry reduces hunger and promotes dignity, health and self-sufficiency.

## NEW YORK COMMON PANTRY 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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Crisis is not new to those we serve at New York Common Pantry (NYCP). For those living from paycheck to paycheck or without one altogether, the impacts are often debilitating. The exorbitant costs of food, housing, childcare and healthcare mean low-income and even middle-class salaries can't keep up. New Yorkers are being forced to make difficult decisions about which bills to pay, which mouths to feed.

At no time in our 45-year history has our community experienced more collective suffering than what the Big Beautiful Bill Act (BBBA) will inflict. Billions in cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Medicaid will mean more people will have fewer dollars to spend on food and need more assistance, straining the public safety net. As more people need our services, we are struggling to fulfill this increased need. NYCP has already had more than \$3 million in annual funding eliminated (as of August 19, 2025).

In this environment, NYCP will RISE to the challenges as we always do. We will RESPOND by providing essential nutritious food, services and access to benefits. We are the first line of defense, and often the last place people can turn. We enable our participants to RENEW their sense of dignity, health and self-sufficiency.

**For more than four decades, we have been committed to diversifying funding, rescuing food and collecting donated products so we are not reliant on one source of revenue. Our efficiency and resourcefulness have fueled our growth, enabling us to serve 11.7 million meals, to access \$10.7 million in public benefits resources, and to assist 764,000 visitors this past year.**

We are grateful to all of you – our donors, volunteers, staff and partners – whose unwavering support has enabled us to provide the sustenance and services that our community knows they can depend on. As we face these turbulent times, we are confident that together with your support, we will continue to keep our doors open and make a difference in the lives of all who come here.



Stephen Grimaldi, *Executive Director*



Margie Sung, *Board Chair*



# RISE.

# RESPOND.

# RENEW.

New York Common Pantry (NYCP) finds itself in a unique position as we close the door on fiscal year 2025. As we continue to serve more meals than ever before, we start a new year where our government funding has been severely cut and more reductions are anticipated. The need, however, continues to rise. NYCP is being asked to do more with less.

The latest data show that one in three New Yorkers has used a food pantry in the past three years.<sup>1</sup> The pervasive problem of food insecurity, the high cost of living in New York, coupled with stagnant wages and the effects of inflation, are and will continue to affect more people across every neighborhood in New York City. People who have never needed a pantry before will turn to us.

With rising demand and increasing economic uncertainty, NYCP will respond to the challenge ahead of us. Our dynamic and innovative approach to fighting poverty and food insecurity will continue to provide a critical safety net for vulnerable New Yorkers. We will accomplish this in lock-step with you — our donors, partners, volunteers, and staff — who enable us to fulfill our mission and ensure that the communities we serve remain connected and strong.

<sup>1</sup> "The Annual State of Poverty and Disadvantage," Robin Hood and the Poverty Tracker Research Group at Columbia University, Volume 6, Winter 2024.

NYCP is meeting this important moment with determination and staying focused on what matters most: providing healthy food, essential services, and dignity to every person who walks through our doors.



- New York City’s poverty rate has risen to 25% — or 1 in 4 New Yorkers — nearly double the national poverty rate of 13%.<sup>2</sup>
- Nearly 1.8 million New York City residents receive SNAP benefits.<sup>3</sup>
- In the three-year period from December 2021 to December 2024, the number of longer-term New Yorkers in shelters increased by more than 32 percent.<sup>4</sup>

IN FY2025:  
**764,000**  
**VISITORS**  
**SERVED**  
with **comprehensive**  
**programs** addressing  
critical needs.

New York Common Pantry provides:

- Nutritious Pantry Packages
- Public Benefits Assessments
- Farm Share Program
- Hot Meals & To-Go Lunches
- Hygiene Services
- Multilingual Nutrition Education
- Health Screenings
- Monthly Groceries for Seniors
- Benefits Application Assistance

<sup>2</sup> “The Annual State of Poverty and Disadvantage,” Robin Hood and the Poverty Tracker Research Group at Columbia University, Volume 7, Winter 2025.

<sup>3</sup> Office of the New York State Comptroller, <https://www.osc.ny.gov/reports/budget/fed-funding-ny/nutritional-assistance>, accessed November 2025.

<sup>4</sup> “State of the Homeless 2025: Nowhere to Go,” Coalition for the Homeless, [www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/state-of-the-homeless-2025](http://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/state-of-the-homeless-2025), accessed August 2025.

# RISE.

Keeping our guests' needs as our north star, we take a proactive and uplifting approach to developing solutions to reduce hunger and other effects of poverty.

One of New York Common Pantry's core strengths is our ability to be flexible and adaptable in times of uncertainty. Our teams are developing creative solutions to meet the rising need, providing food and social service resources to assist more people, in more places, even more comprehensively, than we ever have. Compassionately providing this depth of service and treating everyone with dignity creates stability, reduces stress and enhances well-being, helping our guests to build a path to self-sufficiency. NYCP is in and of the community, and we offer health and hope to the families we serve.



The number of people in the New York Metro area who did not have enough to eat increased 67.1% between 2021 and 2024.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> New York State and New York City Hunger Survey Report, 2024. Hunger Free America.  
Note: The NYC Metro Area includes parts of NJ, CT, and PA.



IN FY2025:  
**NYCP served over 11.7M nutritious meals across the city.**



IN FY2025:  
**NYCP accessed \$10.7M in resources for our guests.**

# MS. PEACHES

NYCP GUEST

When Ms. Peaches' kids were young, her apartment building was condemned and she moved to East 109th Street. A home healthcare worker raising two children, she needed help and saw NYCP across the street. She credits NYCP as the beacon of hope she needed. Now more than 20 years later, Ms. Peaches continues to receive Pantry services and is enrolled in our Nourish senior program. NYCP case managers assist when other needs arise. "I'm grateful for the Pantry. They make sure I have what I need."

"The NYCP is my lifeline. I can eat healthy because of all the fruit and vegetables they give me. I'd fight for anyone who works there."





## DIANA DUARTE

NYCP STAFF

Diana began working at NYCP seven years ago by checking in Pantry guests. Two years later she became a Help 365 Bilingual Case Manager. Warm, welcoming, and endlessly empathetic, Diana shines in her role. Guests entrust her with their personal situations and it makes her heart smile to see the relief on their faces when she is able to help them. "I've known what it feels like to be all alone dealing with something. If I can be their guardian angel and a beacon of light, it's a great thing."

"I tell our guests, 'there's a first time for everything and you don't need to be embarrassed. It is what NYCP is here for. We have all of these services — use them.'"

# RESPOND.

New York Common Pantry has expanded our reach, building deeper community connections and broadening our service offerings to meet the rising need all across the city. The impending reductions in SNAP (food stamps) and Medicaid (healthcare) benefits will negatively impact neighborhoods everywhere, driving our demand higher than ever.

The communities we serve have been asking NYCP to fill the gaps they are encountering and which are growing with every passing month. As an organization we are extremely resourceful when it comes to addressing community needs. We go beyond food security to offer other essential services through expansive partnerships that address issues including housing, utilities, mental, dental and physical health, addiction, legal services, and job training. To overcome government funding cuts, we are building more food rescue partnerships, diversifying funding resources, and continually streamlining operations for higher efficiency.



## EVELYN GUERRERO

NYCP STAFF

Nourish Assistant Intake Manager Evelyn Guerrero and her team ensure all Nourish mobile site operations run smoothly and efficiently to support seniors across the city. Many seniors live on fixed incomes and face mobility or health challenges. When necessary, she refers them to other organizations for additional assistance. Evelyn treats every guest with compassion and patience so they not only receive the food they need, but also feel respected, valued, and seen. She feels being empathetic is essential to senior care.

**“Serving seniors well involves creating a welcoming and supportive environment. Every gesture, no matter how small, can make a big difference.”**

# ORLANDO

NYCP GUEST

Orlando spent much of his career in the NYC Department of Social Services. His approach was to “Do unto others what you would want done to you” and he treated everyone with loving kindness. The warmth and humanity he gave his clients are being returned through NYCP’s Nourish Program. Orlando receives monthly packages of grocery staples and is truly grateful for this bounty. “I go to the gym and do power walks, and I like to eat healthy food. NYCP gives me food that is good for me.”

“I recommend NYCP more than 100% to people in the Bronx around my age (66). It’s clean, respectable and well organized. NYCP is a blessing and the place to come and get help.”





NYCP PARTNER

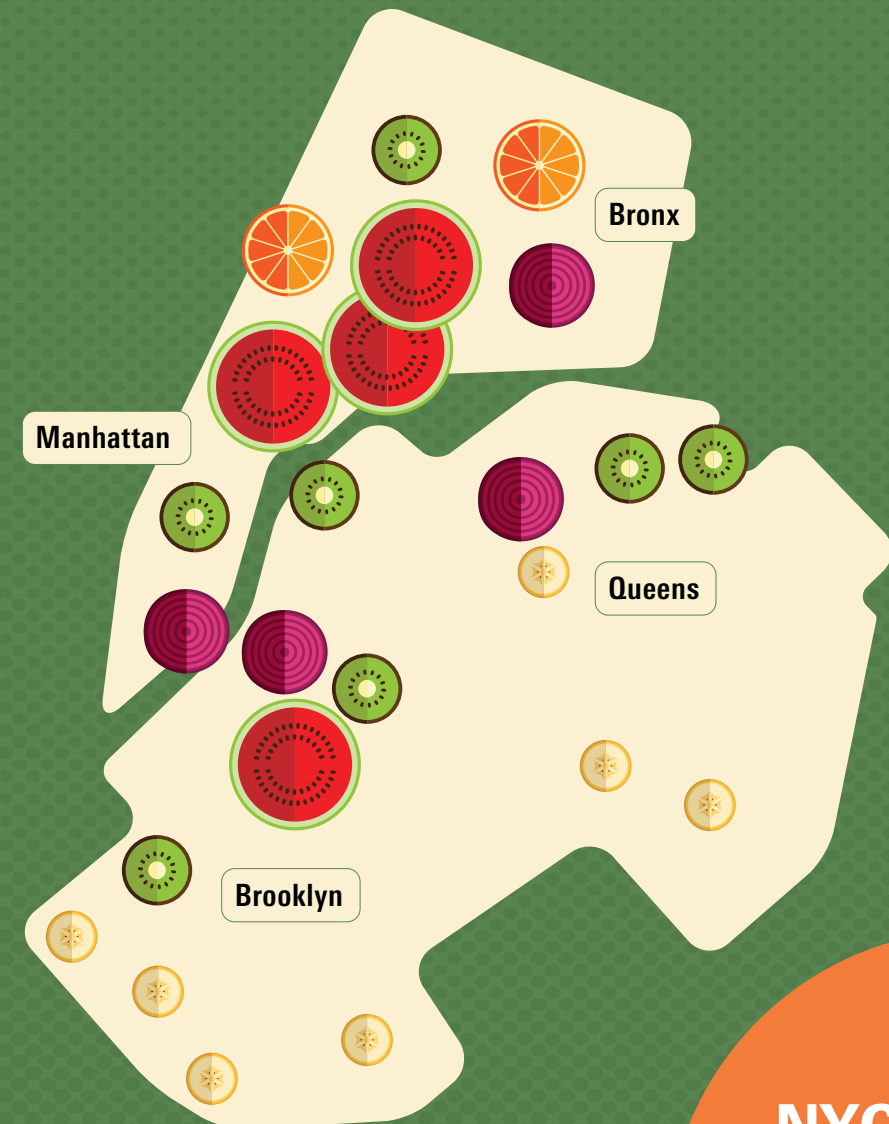
# SHARING EXCESS

Sharing Excess (SE) collects and sorts produce and other fresh food donations from Hunts Point Market vendors for distribution to hunger relief nonprofits. When SE considered entering the New York market, NYCP was one of the first organizations they met. This year, SE has provided NYCP with 317,000+ lbs of produce, helping to fill the government funding gap. "We are grateful for the NYCP partnership. We can only do this work effectively if we're collaborative," says Miranda Potmesil, NYC Program Director, Sharing Excess.

"What makes NYCP special are hyperlocal partnerships and distribution sites already built in — so our produce gets where it has to go."

IN FY2025:

**NYCP served 380 sites across four NYC boroughs, Long Island & Westchester.**



Sites in New York City



**NYCP rescued 1.5 million pounds of food**

# RENEW.

NYCP is proud of and honored by our supporters' commitments of time, energy and resources, especially as our need for support has escalated and the community's demands have grown.

**Our donors, partners, volunteers and staff provide the pillars of strength that enable us to succeed in our mission.**

In FY2025 more corporations and groups joined our committed individual volunteers to sort, pack and distribute food, and to assist with our daily meal service. Individuals and institutions increased their financial contributions to help operate our critical programs. Harnessing the collective efforts of our dedicated supporters enables us to combat hunger and poverty together.



## PROSKAUER NYCP VOLUNTEER

Proskauer is a global law firm known for creating and supporting community engagement and corporate social responsibility programs that lead to lasting impact. Whether through its annual summer associate packing event at The Hub, the Thanksgiving food purchase and Pantry bag packing, or showing up in force to volunteer in our Pantry, Proskauer has dedicated itself to the fight against hunger in New York by deepening our partnership. The thousands of meals they have provided have made a huge difference to the families we serve.

**"Proskauer proudly supports the vital work of our longtime partner NYCP, whose services are needed now more than ever."**

— Mark Bunbury, Jr., *Community Engagement and Inclusion Officer, Proskauer*

# GERSTNER PHILANTHROPIES

NYCP DONOR

With government funding cuts impacting emergency food programs, Gerstner Philanthropies saw that philanthropy could step in to ensure those in need continue to receive critical aid. The Foundation recently awarded a \$500,000 grant to support the purchase of food for NYCP Pantry programs serving high need neighborhoods. While supporting emergency food programs is a new focus area for Gerstner, it aligns deeply with the Foundation's mission to assist individuals in attaining a stable and successful life.

**"What stands out about NYCP is their focus on marrying emergency food support with robust wrap-around services for people who need them."**

— Molly Gelinas, Program Officer, Gerstner Philanthropies

Rooted in a profound sense of caring and a desire to help, it takes time to build the kind of trust NYCP has with our community. We meet with each guest one-on-one to provide privacy and dignity, and slowly over time, guests share their deepest worries, overcoming their fear to ask for help. To alleviate a burden for a guest, to find them the assistance they need with SNAP or rental arrears or child care, brings joy to our case managers. The relationships our case managers share with our guests are unique. Our team leaves no stone unturned to find resources and solutions for everyone who comes to our doors.



NYCP's approach to caring for guests is highly personal and individualized. We create deep, transformative relationships to support guests' journeys to find stability for themselves and their families.

**Despite ongoing challenges, we believe the future holds promise for all New Yorkers when we work together.**

# JOHANNA

NYCP GUEST

Johanna grew up in the Dominican Republic and has lived in NYC for 25 years. She is a single mother with four kids and one grandchild. Previously, she has worked in a daycare center, has been a taxi driver, and now, Johanna is currently in the process of becoming a home health attendant to care for her sister. She has been coming to the Pantry for four to five years and appreciates the professionalism of the staff. Johanna works hard to provide for her and her family and NYCP helps to feed them.

"I work hard. When you're an immigrant and you come to a different country, you have to work hard for your family. Food is very expensive here. I really appreciate NYCP's help."



# New York Common Pantry FINANCIAL REPORT FY2025

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025\*

New York Common Pantry maintains strong financial oversight supporting best practices and ensuring accountability.

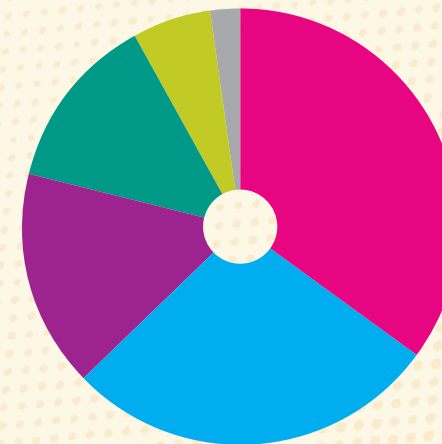
We have robust fiscal policies and procedures detailing controls required for avoiding waste, fraud, and other risks. Our Measuring Impact and Success Policy ensures we have measurable goals and objectives in place to evaluate our success annually.

New York Common Pantry is accredited by:



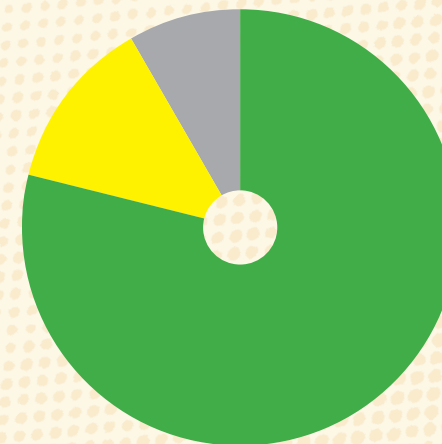
## Net Assets: \$17.5 million

## Revenue: \$23.7 million



- In-Kind: 35%**
- Government: 28%**
- Individuals: 16%**
- Foundations and Corporations: 13%**
- Events: 6%**
- Other Sources: 2%**  
Includes community organizations, bequests, interest, miscellaneous

## Expense: \$24.0 million



- Programs: 79%**
- Management: 13%**
- Fundraising: 8%**

**Spending Wisely:**

Cost per Choice Pantry meal: \$0.98

\* The information shown here was abstracted from unaudited financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Audited financial statements are on file at New York Common Pantry, 8 East 109th Street, New York, NY 10029. A copy of the audited financial statement filed with the New York State Office of Charities Registration may be obtained on request from New York Common Pantry or at [nycommonpantry.org](http://nycommonpantry.org).



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JANINE WEISENBECK  
NYCP Board Member, Volunteer & Donor

When Janine Weisenbeck researched nonprofits that help New Yorkers with essential needs and provide opportunities to involve her family, NYCP checked those boxes in a big way. She loves volunteering, providing healthy food to guests, and finds the warm, enthusiastic welcome guests receive unique to NYCP. Janine understands anyone can fall on hard times; her mother experienced food insecurity growing up and knows if you receive the right support, it truly makes a difference. "The Pantry is a constant. It gives people a sense of stability."

"It is really impressive how NYCP manages and optimizes every dollar. The degree of intention is really important."

# JOIN US!

## RISE WITH US.

Real need is on the rise and our services are needed more than ever.

## RESPOND WITH US.

NYCP adapts its programming and services to meet the evolving needs of our communities.

## RENEW AND SUPPORT US.

We are committed to building resilience and hope, and together with you, to creating lasting change for the communities of New York City.

### DONATE

Your philanthropic support enables us to assist our neighbors in need. We are grateful for all the ways you contribute. Reach out to [development@nycommonpantry.org](mailto:development@nycommonpantry.org) with questions.

### PARTNER

Partners provide tactical support, contribute through food rescue, and run in-kind drives to help us stock up on essential items. To learn more, email [foodrescue@nycommonpantry.org](mailto:foodrescue@nycommonpantry.org)

### VOLUNTEER

Our volunteers play a critical role helping to serve all of NYCP's communities. Contact [volunteer@nycommonpantry.org](mailto:volunteer@nycommonpantry.org) to get involved.

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