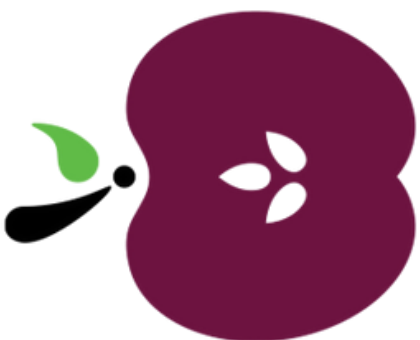


**Impact  
2024**

**GRACE**

**Ever Evolving,  
Thriving,  
Flourishing,  
Growing**



**Since 2016**



## Your Impact Makes a Difference



### 500-550

Households served every week. This includes approximately 550 youth and 500 seniors.



### 100%

All enrolled GRACE members live, work, or receive care in Summit. More than 93% reside in Union County.



### 1,000

Volunteer hours logged each month.



### \$8,000

Per week. Our cost to get all the food & supplies we need.



### 220+

Deliveries made each week to Summit households.



# GRACE

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## Since 2016



#happyhealthysecure

# GRACE Impact 2024

Ever Evolving, Thriving, Flourishing, Growing

## GRACE is Giving & Receiving Assistance for our Community's Essentials.

It is everyone's birthright to be happy, healthy and secure. GRACE meets community needs with community resources to enable the good health and success of our vulnerable and underserved neighbors. We start with the philosophy that our community's resources can fill any need in our community.

### Solutions

We distribute food, essential supplies and stabilizing support to Summit residents and those who work, worship and receive care in Summit every Thursday from 11am to 1pm and 4pm to 7pm at the Summit Community Center at 100 Morris Avenue.

**We respond to needs identified by the people we serve.**

**GRACE is a vital source for our community to get the nutritious food and household supplies they need.** We distribute food and supplies every week to our neighbors in need, including: fresh produce with choice table products, milk, eggs and protein, bread, toilet tissue, diaper supplies and period products.

**We provide direct access to essential programs and services available to help families realize their full potential.** With stabilizing support services provided by community partners, we provide an accessible single stop for busy families to receive individualized and culturally relevant support.

We are more than a food bank - we help our people tend to larger goals such as getting vaccinated against COVID and the flu, obtaining a driver's license or photo identification, understanding affordable health insurance options, obtaining assistance for utility bills, supporting literacy and employment opportunities, supporting health and dietary needs, and providing enrichment programming.

## Your support supplies the essentials.



Fresh Culturally  
Relevant Produce



Essential  
Supply



Stabilizing  
Support



# 2023 Year in Review. GRACE at the core.

In **February** of 2023 we met a record high number of families served, with 713 households supplied with food and essentials in one week. We re-positioned ourselves to meet this increased demand, creating diversion plans and making warm referrals so that families could better find their needs served closer to home.

On **April 19** GRACE extended hours to include an afternoon distribution. In an effort to invest in the stabilizing efforts and afford our families more individualized attention while minimizing traffic and parking concerns, we more than doubled our hours. Creating flexibility for heads of households balancing many responsibilities, including seniors who found easier accessibility in the daylight hours of the afternoon.

In **May** we began plans to move to the Summit Community Center. In **June** GRACE moved from the Cornog Field House to the Summit Community Center, where we now provide distribution and services indoors, and have expanded our stabilizing services with on-site community partners. Now indoors and out of the dark and cold, services are more accessible and we've continued to be a reliable source of support for more than 500 local families each week.



During the **Summer** we bolstered enrichment offerings and surveyed our families, to better serve their needs, adding Tennis Clinics with **Summit Serves**, Salsa Dancing with the **YMCA**, and Art Therapy with the **Visual Arts Center of NJ**. We began to provide weekly assistance for COVID boosters and flu shots, career guidance and benefits enrollment on site, thanks to **Union County Department of Human Services**.

As the colder **Fall** season approached, coats, hats and gloves were provided to more than 575 individuals, providing safety, warmth and comfort through the cold season.



In **October** GRACE launched our ESOL programs, in partnership with the **City of Summit Department of Community Programs**. We continued our distribution of Halloween costumes to ensure that every student and child may feel a sense of inclusivity during community celebrations.

With increasing demand, comes need for increased support. On **October 6**, GRACE raised over \$100,000 to benefit GRACE at our inaugural fundraiser, *An Evening for GRACE to benefit our neighbors in need*, where we also honored those who make GRACE a reality & celebrated our successes together.



In **November**, GRACE served a warm meal to more than 200 individuals at our 2nd Annual Community Thanksgiving, in partnership with the **City of Summit Department of Community Programs**.

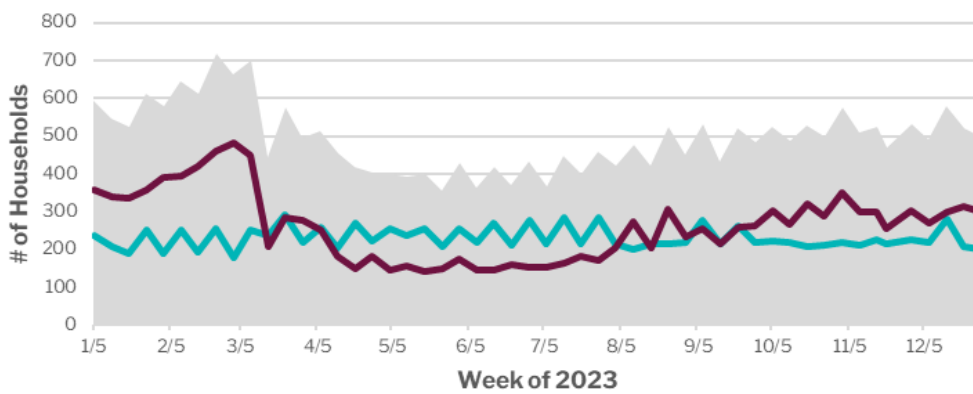
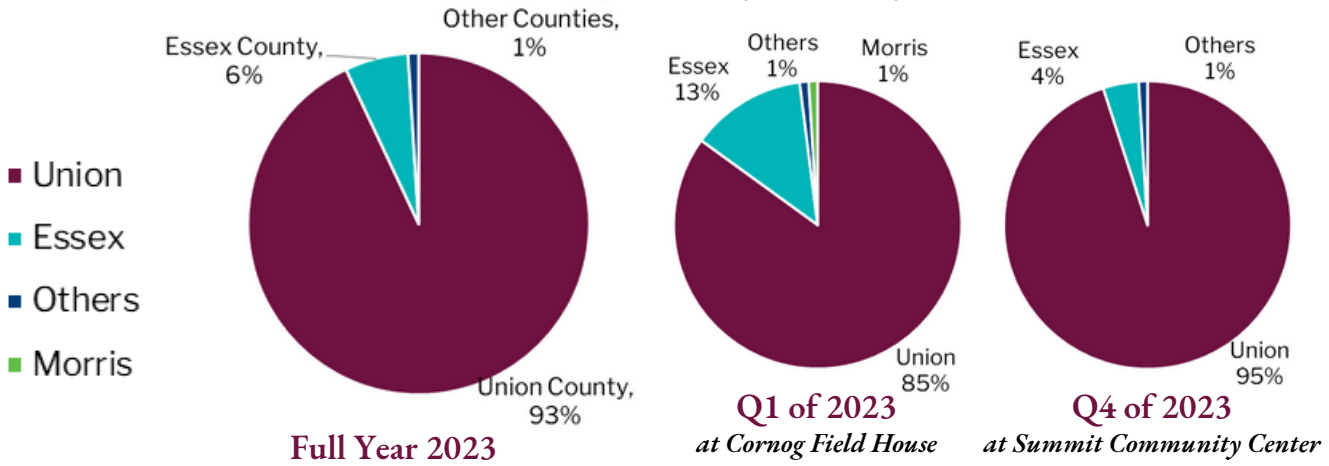
During the **Winter** GRACE continued to provide services during our darkest and coldest months, when need remained high. GRACE partnered with the **YWCA** for domestic violence intervention. We celebrated another season of giving, ensuring that every recipient received gifts to share with their families during the season of giving, thanks to the **Lions Club of Summit**, **Toy Professor**, and neighbors from all across the community who supported us.

## Every person who came in need, received.



# 2023 Distribution by the Numbers

## Distribution by County

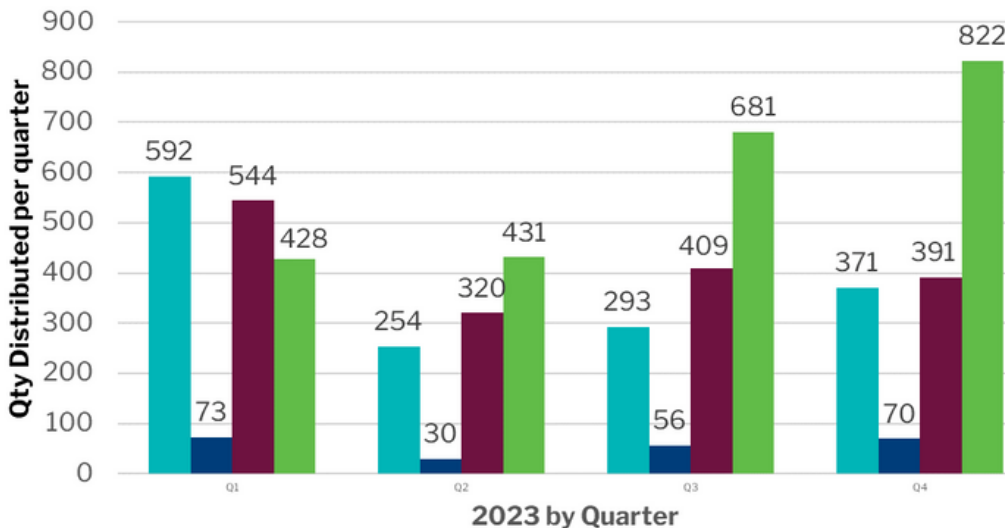
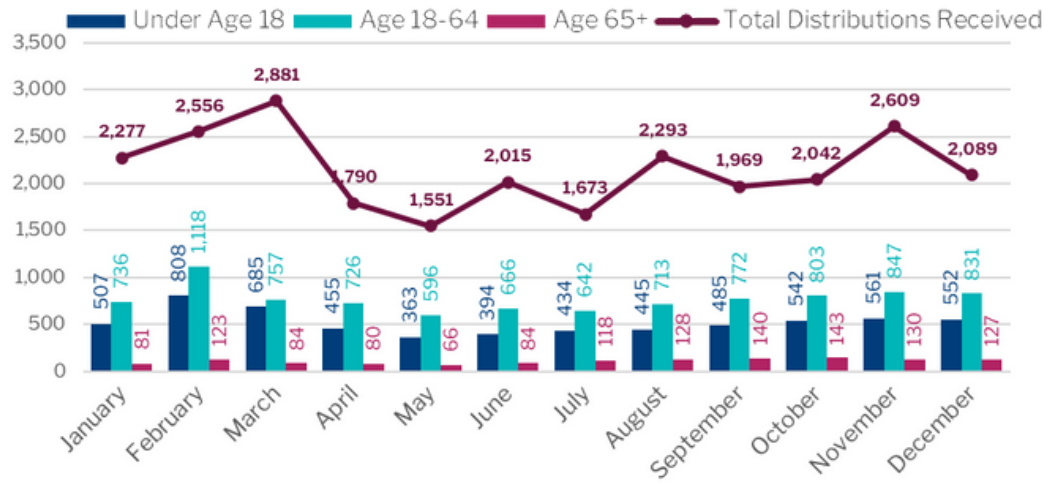


## # of Delivery and In-Person Households Served per week

\*Note that fluctuations are often changing with benefits and pay cycles.

## Total # of Distributions Received and # of Individuals in Each Age Group Served per month

25,745 Total distributions were received by households in Summit, NJ and surrounding towns, with 889 households registered with GRACE in 2023.



## Hygiene Products Gifted per quarter

\*In Q3 GRACE ensured that every high school student in need of hygiene supplies had adequate stock for their locker, and in Q4 we began distributing hygiene products with deliveries one time each month.

**2023 TOTALS:**  
 1,517 Kids Diaper Packs  
 217 Adult Diaper Packs  
 1,664 Wet Wipes  
 2,354 Feminine Hygiene Products







# Community. Bringing Summit Together.

## Engaging our Youth

### Youth Advisory Council

High school students from public and private schools from the area gather to complete service projects and to discuss current community issues with local leaders each month. Topics of discussion have included equity in education, community policing, and accessible health care. In 2023, this group arranged a fundraiser at Panera Bread and a bake sale at Summit High School to support fundraising efforts and raise awareness in our community. During the Summer they planned, coordinated and ran activities at the Summit Community Pool for a summer opening pool party that was made accessible and free of charge to all Summit residents.

### Eighth Grade Volunteer Program

Be it community service hours for school or time spent volunteering in preparation for confirmation or B'nai Mitzvot, or just a desire to join our team, we welcome kids ages 13 and older to volunteer independently. With readiness to serve, many fill our sign up just as soon as we post the opportunity. While serving, youth learn about our community's realities in direct service and make friends while directing their efforts to uplifting their neighbors.

### Our Youngest Volunteers

Our youngest volunteers make an impact! In 2023, Cornerstone and Central Presbyterian Nursery schools visited GRACE on field trips. GRACE staff visited Brayton, Temple Sinai and Lincoln-Hubbard Elementary Schools. During visits we discussed wants versus needs, how to help when a neighbor is in need, and prepared food bags and pajama packages for the GRACE community.

Families with young children stay involved and support shelf stable grocery bagging on Sunday mornings. Girl Scout troops, the local elementary schools, and other groups involving our youngest volunteers, support volunteer efforts with service and support of donation drives.



## Activating Leaders

### Board of Directors

Amanda Parrish Block, **Founder**  
Apollo Hrehorovich, **President**  
Christine Semcer, **Secretary**  
Brian Angle, **Treasurer**  
Rita Arroyo  
Andrea Caserta  
Lillian Chern  
Ilyse DiChiara  
Katherine Liu  
Elizabeth Newell  
Gwen Riddick

### Key Personnel

Suzanne Wagner, Operations Director  
Ellen de Havilland, Development Director  
Kathy Jenkinson, Bookkeeper

### Core volunteers

Paul Cassidy  
Rob Davis  
Seth Eggermann  
Sue Feiseler  
Andrew Genualdi  
Robert Halliburton  
Brayan Mata  
Sophie Maxhuni  
Barbara Novoa  
Rikki Owen  
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# 2023 Community Partners



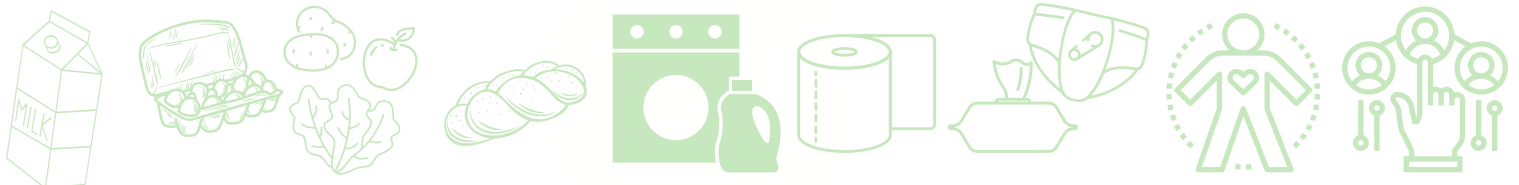
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The Barberry Foundation  
Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
Bombas  
Bristol Myers Squibb  
Brownie Points Bakery  
Calvary Episcopal Church  
Central Farmers Market  
Central Presbyterian Church  
Christ Church  
Community Foodbank of New Jersey  
The Connection  
Corner-Copia  
EarthBreeze  
Eleven+  
FirstBook  
FLAG  
Food Connect  
The George W. Bauer Family Foundation  
GIFT Table at the Summit Farmer's Market  
GRACE Youth Advisory Council  
Hyde & Watson Foundation  
I Support The Girls  
J. McLaughlin  
Junior League of Summit

Kekoa  
Kent Place School  
KinderSmile  
Knights of Columbus  
Lena Willis Fund  
Literacy NJ  
Lions Club of Summit  
Little Words Project  
Liv Breads  
Loaves & Fishes  
Madison Bagel  
Moms Helping Moms  
Natale's Bakery  
Oak Knoll  
One-Stop  
Overlook Dental  
Overlook Family Medicine  
Overlook Medical Center  
Partnership for Maternal & Child Health  
Peck School  
Presbyterian Church of New Providence  
Race Farm  
Reeves Reed Arboretum  
SAGE  
Saint John's Lutheran Church

SNAP Ed  
Soiree NJ  
Springhouse Dairy  
Stop & Shop  
Summit Achieve Garden  
Summit Area YMCA  
Summit Community Programs  
Summit Elks  
The Summit Foundation  
Summit Free Public Library  
Summit Girl Scouts  
Summit Health Cares  
Summit House  
Summit Luminary Fund  
Summit Public Schools  
Summit Serves  
Temple Sinai  
Toy Professor  
Union County Human Services  
United Way of Greater Union County  
UPS Store Summit  
Vacchiano Farm  
Visual Arts Center NJ  
Westfield Health Department  
Whole Foods



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# Join Us Today Many Ways to Give

**\$8,000**  
SPONSORS  
A FULL  
WEEK

In 2024 we are ready to enhance our services and extend our reach. Please consider your support and reach out to learn more.

**Volunteer, Donate Goods & Services, Partner, Give to our Future.**

**Sponsor a Distribution Item** for a week and receive naming rights for that week. Your Gift of...

**\$240** supports **Toilet Paper** distribution for 1-week

**\$1,300** supports **Egg** distribution for 1-week

**\$1,500** supports **Dairy** distribution for 1-week

**\$3,500** supports **Produce** distribution for 1-week

**Donation Drives** make a big difference, while opening up our mission to a greater audience. We especially appreciate new socks, lotion, dental health supply, household cleaning supplies, hand warmers, and baby cleaner, hand warmers, adult sized diapers and baby wipes.

If your employer offers a **Matching Gift** program, then let's double your donation today!

Consider GRACE for your **Investments and Legacy Gifts**. With your help, we can do more!

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GRACE is a volunteer-driven organization, fully funded by grants, community partners, in-kind services and generous community donations. We need your help to make sure everyone in our community can live in good health and security. We thank you for your continued support.

Fresh Food

Essential Supply

Stabilizing Support

 **GRACE**