

REBUILDING OUR CENTER

A Mission of Hope for the Franciscan Community Development Center of Fairview

DEAR FRIENDS,

TWENTY YEARS AGO, a small group of ordinary people and the Franciscan Sisters came to Fairview with nothing but faith and a desire to walk with the poor. From a smoke-stained bingo hall, they created a sanctuary of dignity that grew into the Franciscan Community Development Center.



THE URGENT NEED: Today, this mission faces a painful turning point. Our lease at Saint John the Baptist will not be renewed, and the Center and our offices are being asked to leave the home from which we have served so many. Each year, more than 7,500 neighbors—living in **BERGEN COUNTY'S ONLY FEDERALLY DESIGNATED FOOD DESERT (2022)**—turn to us for nourishment, stability, and human connection. A building alone cannot meet those needs. It is compassion—your compassion—that brings life to these walls.

OUR SERVICE RECORD:

1,027

FAMILIES MONTHLY

3,700+

SENIORS and VETERANS

1 MILLION+

FEDERALLY IRS REFUNDS TO OUR CLIENTS

Data as of May 22, 2026

9,500+

NEIGHBORS SERVED

8,500+

INDIVIDUALS FED

OUR VITAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT:

FOOD & PANTRY SERVICES: Supporting over 1,027 families and 8,500 individuals monthly through our unique "client-choice" model.

LEGAL SERVICES:

Providing free legal services to ensure that our low-income residents have equal access to JUSTICE.

TAX ASSISTANCE:

Returning vital refunds back into the community through our dedicated IRS VITA site for

SENIOR CARE:

Providing companionship, free legal service, and assistance with technology, government forms and bills for those facing isolation

COUNSELING:

Offering safe spaces where grief finds comfort and hope is rekindled for those in crisis

***WITH** your support, our new Center can become more than walls and an open door. It can be a place of dignity and hope for the thousands who rely on us each year — and a gentle haven where isolated seniors are seen, held in community, and reminded that their lives still matter.*

***PLEASE** CONSIDER JOINING YOUR HANDS WITH OURS,
so we may continue placing our hands in the hands of those who come to us for help.*



SCAN TO SUPPORT

With deep gratitude and blessings Franciscan Community Development Center of Fairview

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