

A Year of *Tangible* Hope

Annual Report
FISCAL YEAR 2025



Letter from the Chief Executive

In reflecting on another remarkable year, I want to extend my deepest gratitude for your unwavering commitment to Hope For New York! Your generosity has allowed us to grow and innovate our work in ways that have been inspiring and hopeful.

We have demonstrated as a **Coalition of Hope** what it means to be resilient in the face of continued challenges that face our city. Also, we recognize the many bright spots and possibilities that are happening each day—whether it's families connected to meals and services or youth connecting with caring mentors, we know that hope abounds!

As we enter our last three years of our 10-year vision of impact, we prioritized growth and collective impact:

- Launching our **Hunger Collective** initiative to provide thousands of warm meals and pantry items to food insecure families across 25 of our nonprofit partners
- Growing our Coalition with **13 new nonprofit partners** serving children and youth, new immigrants, food insecure neighbors, which expands our network to **80+ nonprofits**
- Hosting **Network Talks** to highlight the disparities of the education system and also what it means to empower mothers and strengthen families

Let this year's **Annual Report** be an encouragement to you that flourishing is happening in our city. Thank you for continuing to partner with Hope For New York!

With gratitude and hope,

ELISE CHONG
Chief Executive Officer
Hope For New York

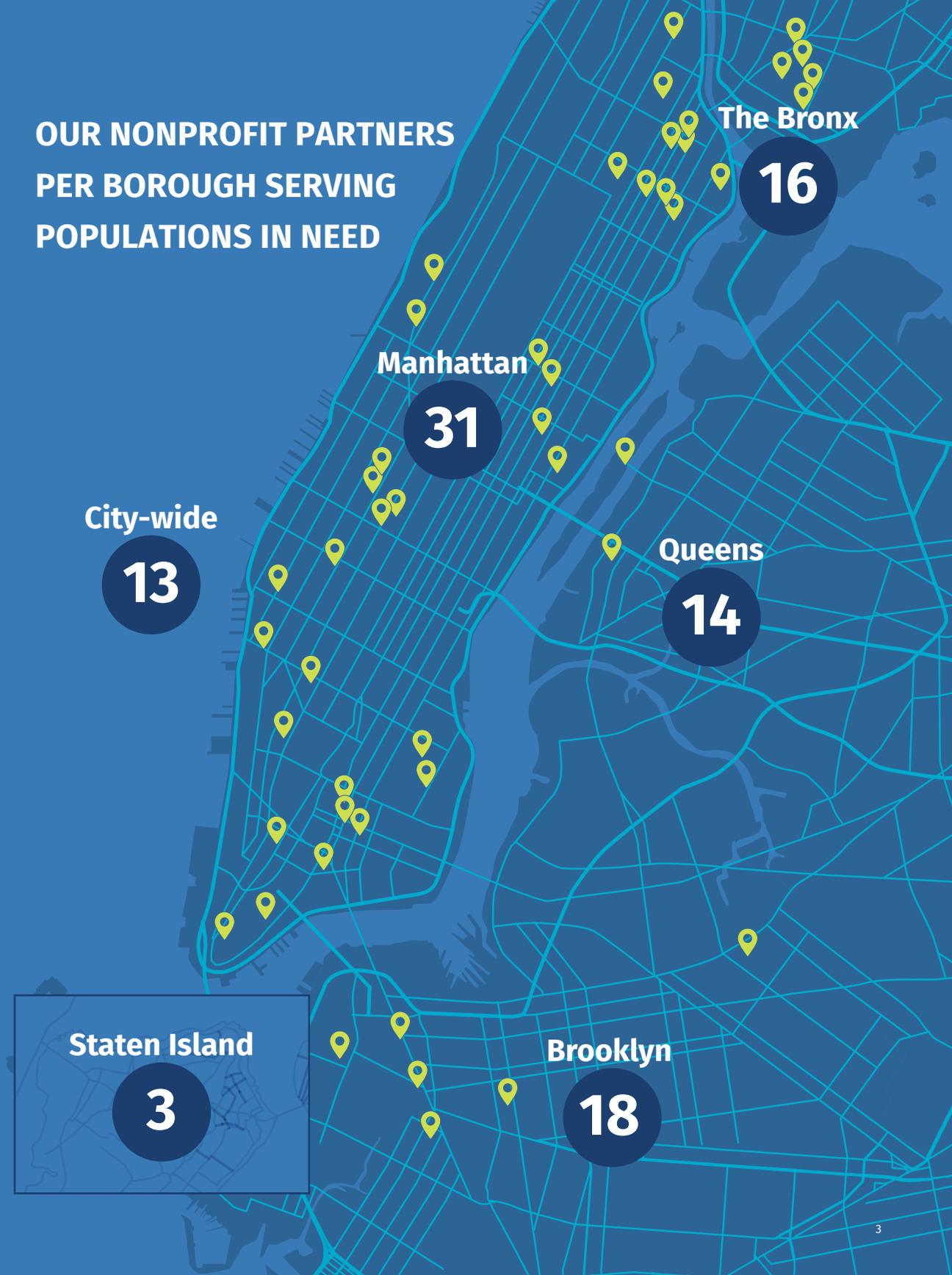
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We are a Coalition of Hope of kind and compassionate New Yorkers committed to the flourishing of every person in need in our city. Each year, our 80+ nonprofit partners and 17 church partners serve over 500,000 New Yorkers. Together, they address our city's most pressing needs (shown below):

Nourish Neighbors (Food Insecurity)	24
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Provide Stability and Economic Empowerment (Unhoused Neighbors, Survivors of Trafficking)	12

OUR NONPROFIT PARTNERS PER BOROUGH SERVING POPULATIONS IN NEED





THE IMPACT WE MAKE

We are dedicated to the long-term growth of all our nonprofit partners.

To support their leadership and programs we provide tangible hope in three ways:



We Build Systems for Collective Action and Collaborative Networks



We Strengthen Nonprofits for Sustainable Impact



We Catalyze Generosity and Community

PART ONE

WE BUILD SYSTEMS FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION AND COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS



Collaboration multiplies impact. When nonprofits, volunteers, churches, and strategic partners unite around shared goals, we can achieve more together.



Serving Food Insecure New Yorkers

In a city of eight million, 1.3 million New Yorkers face food insecurity. As this crisis deepens, we've expanded our support for funding and volunteers to nonprofit partners that run meal and pantry programs. We are pioneering new collaborative approaches to ensure no neighbor goes hungry.

Food Insecurity Collaboration

In summer 2024, we funded a **Food Insecurity Collaboration** connecting **P.S. Kitchen** (a local restaurant employing formerly incarcerated individuals), **The Salvation Army**, and **City Relief**. P.S. Kitchen staff prepared fresh vegan meals for distribution at The Salvation Army's East Harlem location and City Relief's outreach sites. The results: nearly 9,000 meals served and 2,700 employment hours provided!



Building on the success of the Food Insecurity Collaboration, we launched the **Hunger Collective** in spring 2025. We continued to provide funding and volunteers to nonprofits with meal and pantry programs while adding a new Food Delivery Hub that provided fresh meals and shelf-stable items to hungry New Yorkers.

For the Food Delivery Hub, we partnered with **Rethink Food**, which mobilizes a network of restaurants to prepare fresh, healthy, and culturally appropriate meals. We also funded **Dream Center NYC** to transport surplus pantry items from their warehouse directly to our nonprofit partners. In just three months, we delivered 5,000 fresh meals and \$90,000 in pantry items to nine partners. Currently, 25 partners are a part of the Hunger Collective.



Program Grants



Volunteers



Food Delivery Hub



The Impact We Make

ADDING A NEW LIFELINE FOR NEIGHBORS IN CRISIS



When unexpected hardships strike, Hands of Hope bridges the gap between crisis and stability. We partnered with Hands of Hope and 8 nonprofit partners across the city to help 49 people avert crisis by distributing over \$44,000 in emergency assistance, transforming desperate moments into tangible hope.

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

For individuals facing eviction due to job loss, medical emergencies, family crises, or errors in housing subsidies

UTILITY ASSISTANCE

For seniors, people with disabilities, and families with medical needs to maintain essential electricity, gas, and water service

MOVE-IN COSTS & FURNISHINGS

For individuals transitioning out of homelessness, shelters, or unsafe living situations

EMERGENCY RELOCATION

For domestic violence survivors fleeing unsafe situations and securing temporary housing

MEDICAL EXPENSES

For individuals with lost income recovering from illness, surgery, injury, or disability



18 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

DON'T WALK BY

Don't Walk By is our winter outreach to New York's unhoused neighbors. Through the Rescue Alliance (City Relief, The Bowery Mission, and The Salvation Army), volunteers canvas the streets and engage unhoused New Yorkers with dignity and compassion. They are also connected to hot meals, medical services, and pathways off the streets.

298 STREET ENGAGEMENT WITH GUESTS

650 HOT MEALS PROVIDED

251 VOLUNTEERS MOBILIZED

“ IT WAS SO INSPIRING TO SEE VOLUNTEERS' INTERACTION WITH OUR GUESTS. SITTING DOWN WITH THEM TO SHARE A MEAL WAS A REAL JOY.” — VOLUNTEER



PART TWO

WE STRENGTHEN NONPROFITS FOR SUSTAINABLE IMPACT

→ Effective nonprofits stay on mission while pursuing bold solutions. We equip faith-led organizations at every stage with the resources, training, and support they need to grow.



Distributing Annual Program Grants

We believe consistent funding and investment has long-term impact. Most of our 80+ nonprofit partners receive annual grants that keep critical programs running year after year. To date, we've distributed over \$30 million.

Grant Type	FY25
Program funds nonprofit partner programs that help all New Yorkers flourish	\$1,745,000
Collaboration funds collaboration projects and programs between partners and other nonprofits	\$25,000
Community Investment Award one-time award for three nonprofit partners to expand or create new programs	\$45,000
Capacity Building funds leadership training to strengthen nonprofit partners to work effectively	\$46,920
Supplemental one-time award for partner expansion into new sites, programming or services	\$52,910
Volunteer Program funds strengthening nonprofit partners volunteer programs	\$20,000
Holiday funds His Toy Store and other initiatives during the holidays	\$177,700
Hunger Collective Programs funds to support food and security	\$98,002
GRANT TOTAL	\$2,210,532

Strengthening Nonprofits and Leaders

We've spent over a decade strengthening nonprofit leaders through our Learning Labs, seasonal workshops led by expert consultants provide practical training on the challenges leaders face most. This year, we expanded our offerings significantly.

The results: 15 Learning Labs served 207 leaders from 37 organizations, covering board governance, fundraising, fund development, and volunteer engagement. Additionally, 28 leaders received personalized executive coaching through 10 group sessions and 54 individual sessions for their specific organizational needs.

“CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT HAS BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF TRANSFORMATIONAL. THROUGH STRATEGIC COACHING, WE’VE BEEN ABLE TO LAY A FOUNDATION TO GROW WITH HEALTH AND ACCOUNTABILITY.”

URBAN HOPE NYC

Recruiting Board Members for Our Partners

Strong boards are the backbone of thriving nonprofits. This year, we launched our first board recruitment initiative, an information session that attracted over 100 prospective board members.

We facilitated 76 connections and placed 17 experienced professionals on our nonprofit partner boards. These strategic placements strengthen governance, ensure financial sustainability, and expand organizational impact.

“WE WERE THRILLED TO ADD THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS! THIS WAS SUCH AN AMAZING EXAMPLE OF HFNY LISTENING TO FEEDBACK AND STRENGTHENING THE ORGANIZATIONS IT SUPPORTS!”
SAFE FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN



PART THREE

WE CATALYZE GENEROSITY AND COMMUNITY

Network Talks

Going Deep with Network Talks

Twice a year, we gather nonprofit partners, church leaders, and supporters to learn more about the concerns that affect our city. Our partners present the challenges they face and the solutions they provide, which creates space for collaboration across our network.



Fall 2024

For the back-to-school season, **Young Life, Thrive Collective, and Urban Hope** discussed the specific ways they address disparities in the NYC education system, where 1 in 2 kids do not read at grade level.

Spring 2025

In honor of Mother's Day, **Avail, Safe Families for Children, YoungLives** led discussions on empowering women and strengthening families in need.



His Toy Store

For nearly 30 years, His Toy Store has brought Christmas joy to New York families facing financial hardship. Throughout December, we transform multiple locations into pop-up stores stocked with free, brand-new toys. Parents shop with dignity—selecting toys for their children with help from volunteers who also wrap gifts. For a third year, our partnership with the **Toy Foundation** helps ensure there are enough toys for each store.

\$177,700

HOLIDAY GRANTS DISTRIBUTED

16,435

FAMILIES/CHILDREN SERVED

631

VOLUNTEERS MOBILIZED

“ I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED WORKING WITH STUDENTS AND ASSISTING WITH A CHRISTMAS CRAFT. I HAD A SPECIAL MOMENT WITH ONE OF THE BOYS WHO TOLD ME WHAT HIS NAME MEANT. I GOT TO TELL HIM OF THE SPECIAL PLAN GOD HAD FOR HIS LIFE AND IT WAS REALLY DEAR.”

— VOLUNTEER

Celebrating Four Partners on Pitch Night

For the first time since launching Pitch Night in 2017, we invited four nonprofit partners to share their vision for expanded community impact. Each organization presented compelling plans for growth:

New Life CDC proposed expanding their socioemotional wellness program for families still navigating post-pandemic impact. **A House on Beekman** outlined plans to increase mental health counseling and reading support for elementary students. **Do For One** presented enhancements to their social matchmaking platform that connects volunteers with adults living with disabilities. **New Life of NYC** focused on a test kitchen for a teen cooking program to teach life skills while addressing food insecurity. Pitch Night showcased the innovation driving our Coalition of Hope—and the critical need for investment in community-based solutions.

→ We hosted our largest Pitch Night to date, with over 600 guests joining in person and virtually to cheer on the presenters, engage with their presentations, and celebrate creative ideas!





OUR NEW PARTNERS

Our Coalition of Hope is growing! We partnered with 13 new nonprofits and 1 new church this year to broaden our reach across NYC and serve more communities. This expansion is a key part of our original 10-year vision.

Meet Our New Partners



CHOSEN NYC

Citywide

Through basketball, faith-based teachings, and character building, Chosen NY reaches over 500 young people across the city. Partnering with local churches and schools, the organization develops both athletic skills and leadership qualities that help youth thrive on and off the court.



EL BARRIO ANGELS

East Harlem (Manhattan)

El Barrio Angels serves as a lifeline for 1,100 West African and Latin American immigrants each year, offering ESL classes, social support, and legal assistance. The organization specializes in navigating complex immigration challenges, from asylum applications to work permits, and helping neighbors build stable lives in their new community.



NYC LOVE KITCHEN

Inwood (Manhattan)

Seeking to address food insecurity one meal at a time, NYC Love Kitchen serves over 28,000 households annually through hot meals and emergency groceries. Beyond filling plates, the organization promotes wellness through health workshops and collaborates with more than 40 partner organizations to maximize its impact.



SOUTH ASIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

Jackson Heights (Queens)

The South Asian Community Center is a hub that empowers over 300 adults and youth—primarily from South Asian backgrounds—with the tools they need to succeed. From ESL and citizenship classes to financial literacy workshops, the center offers essential education alongside social services, women's programs, and youth initiatives.



STREET2STREET

Washington Heights (Manhattan)

Street2Street brings competitive basketball to over 1,000 Black and Hispanic youth ages 11-18 across NYC. Through tournaments, leagues, camps, and mentored open gym sessions, young athletes develop not just their game, but also sportsmanship, discipline, and life skills that carry far beyond the court.



UPTOWN LITERACY LIGHTS

West Harlem (Manhattan)

Uptown Literacy Lights transforms lives through the power of reading. Serving nearly 100 young children (PreK-2nd grade) and over 50 adults annually, the organization partners with NYCHA to deliver comprehensive literacy education—from phonics to book clubs to family workshops—while building essential reading, writing, financial, and emotional skills that strengthen the entire community.



YOUNG URBAN CHRISTIANS AND ARTISTS (YUCA)

The Bronx

YUCA unlocks creative potential in over 150 Hispanic and Black high school students each year through immersive art education and mentorship, youth master graphic design, and digital production skills while exploring social justice issues. The program's apprenticeships and entrepreneurial projects prepare young artists to make their mark on the world.



THE SALVATION ARMY

Hope For New York is deepening our partnership with The Salvation Army to support six underresourced, immigrant-centered communities in Brooklyn and Queens. This investment will expand food programs including soup kitchens and pantries, enhance youth and family services with afterschool activities, and strengthen adult programming through ESL classes and senior support.

The six locations we're supporting are in Astoria, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Bushwick, Brownsville, Jackson Heights, and Jamaica.



LOWER MANHATTAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Founded in 2003, LMCC focuses on serving Lower Manhattan and the surrounding areas and is currently led by lead pastor Vito Aiuto

We're committed to scaling what works.

The Hunger Collective has proven that coordinated meal and pantry deliveries can reach more food-insecure neighbors—and we plan to increase distribution. We're also looking into ways to strengthen nonprofits that serve youth and children.

By listening to the needs of our nonprofit partners, we'll continue collaborating on creative solutions that will serve even more New Yorkers.

Renewal is here, and we believe that it will only continue with kind and compassionate New Yorkers who believe there is always hope in our city.

JOIN US IN expanding tangible hope across New York City. We're ready to partner with more nonprofits, churches, and workplaces that want to invest in and improve our city's communities while deepening collective impact. Connect with us!

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