

COMMUNITY ACTION REPORT

PROJECT MANNA

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TEAM's Project MANNA provides significant shipments of fresh, healthy foods to our local partner food pantries each month. TEAM orders nutritious food items from wholesale distributor, Bozzuto's Inc., including fresh produce, dairy, proteins, etc. that are sorted and delivered to our partner pantries' shelves the same day for residents to take home to feed themselves and their loved ones. By increasing access to healthy foods for our most vulnerable neighbors, we can positively impact long-term health and well-being of thousands.



Above: Volunteers from UnitedHealthcare sort the first Project MANNA food drop of 2025!

Left: Volunteers from Griffin Health & the Haynes Group sort a Project MANNA food drop in summer 2024.

2,263

Average number of individuals served by our partner food pantries each month - including nearly 700 children and 340 seniors

Are you a part of a local business or civic group who would like to volunteer with Project MANNA? Reach out to us to schedule! lmckenzie@teaminc.org



100% of donated funds to Project MANNA go directly towards purchasing healthy foods at wholesale cost. Visit givebutter.com/TEAMDonate to contribute!

MEALS ON WHEELS

As the designated Meals on Wheels service for Ansonia, Derby, Oxford, Seymour and Shelton, TEAM drivers deliver hot, nutritious meals to over 200 homebound seniors each day. Right: Pauline receives her meal from her driver, Tripp. Pauline says she enjoys Tripp's daily visits and conversation more than anything. Interested in being a back-up Meals on Wheels driver? Reach out to info2@teaminc.org.



DIAPER NEED AWARENESS

TEAM was recently recognized by the Town of Seymour for Diaper Need Awareness Week. Last year, TEAM provided 274,745 diapers to 704 children & their families, preventing harmful diseases like diaper rash & UTIs, as well as maternal depression. A diaper is more than just a diaper!



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AND OUR EARLY CHILDHOOD ANNUAL REPORT!





TEAM Toys 4 Kids

THAT'S A WRAP!

TEAM Toys 4 Kids 2024 was a tremendous success with 1,769 children able to experience the joy & magic of the holidays! This is all made possible by the generous donors who collected toys and contributed financially to help us reach all families in need. We placed 121 toy collection boxes across our community, collected 11,236 toys, and 264 individual volunteers helped us run the program from start to finish. Thank you for helping us #MakeMagicHappen!



A family leaves the TEAM Toy Store happy, having found awesome toys, including a bike & tricycle, to surprise their little ones on Christmas morning!



Derby High School National Honor Society students collect toys for TEAM Toys 4 Kids!



D'addario Buick/GMC/Cadillac fills a pick up truck of toys!

COMING SOON

TEAM's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program kicks off in early February.

Households who earn under \$68,000 annually can have their taxes filed for free by TEAM's IRS-certified and trained volunteers. Residents of our region can simply call 211 or visit 211ct.org to schedule an appointment at one of TEAM's three tax prep sites in Derby, Beacon Falls, or Milford.



The VITA program not only saves families hundreds of dollars in tax prep fees, but also guarantees the maximum refund by thoroughly examining all potential tax credits for which one might qualify. Last year, TEAM filed 970 tax returns, returning \$1.8 million to families in our community.

NOW PLAYING

TEAM's Home Heating Assistance (Energy) program is in full swing.

Each winter, TEAM's Home Heating Assistance program helps keep households in our region safe and warm. Funded by the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP), residents of our region can apply to TEAM for a set dollar amount of support to help heat their homes. TEAM will pay approved households' heating vendors directly to ensure the heat stays on and families stay safe during the cold winter months.

TEAM can also conduct full cleaning, testing and tuning of home heating systems to ensure maximum efficiency. Last winter, TEAM supported 5,638 homes.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS
TEAM'S MEN WHO COOK IS BACK!
SATURDAY, MAY 3RD, 2025

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!
LIMITED CHEF SLOTS STILL AVAILABLE!
Contact lmckenzie@teaminc.org with any questions.

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