

COMMUNITY ACTION REPORT



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

TEAM employs over 200 exceptional staff who pour their hearts into the work of TEAM each day. From childcare teachers & assistant teachers, health & nutrition coordinators, & behavioral health specialists who work in our childcare centers, to Meals on Wheels drivers, Family Support Specialists, Financial Specialists, and many more, each staff member is an essential piece to TEAM's success.

We were able to pause our work for a moment in April, come together for trainings & lunch, and reflect on our shared work. Staff pictured here celebrated their 5, 10, and even 45 year work-aversaries with TEAM!

VITA FAST FACTS:

- **1,090 tax returns** prepared for residents in our community earning \$68,000 or below
- Over **\$1.8 million** in refunds
- Approximately **\$327,000** saved in tax preparation fees
- Average Gross Income per filer = **\$36,302**

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA) PROGRAM

TEAM's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program ran from February through April.

Households who earn under \$68,000 annually were eligible to have their 2024 taxes filed for free by TEAM's IRS-certified and trained volunteers. TEAM operated three tax prep sites in Derby, Milford and Beacon Falls, and helped 1,090 households across our region not only gain the maximum refund for which they were eligible, but also save money on a traditional tax preparation service.

TEAM would like to thank our **31 volunteers** who gave **1,489 hours** of their time and expertise to benefit residents from across our region through the tax-filing process!

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 the long-term health and well-being of thousands.

DID YOU KNOW? Our local partner pantries serve a collective average of **2,355 residents** each month!

MAY 2025



Above: The Seymour Lions Club and PKF O'Connor Davies come together to help TEAM sort & load our monthly shipment of fresh foods!

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



Left: Driver Phil delivers a basket to Meals on Wheels recipient, Maryann.

Below: Volunteers spend an afternoon assembling hundreds of gift baskets!



SPRING GIFT BASKETS DELIVERED TO MEALS ON WHEELS CLIENTS

Due to the generosity of dozens of donors & volunteers like you, TEAM was able to create & deliver 250 spring gift baskets to our homebound Meals on Wheels clients. Baskets included word search puzzle books, hand lotions, lip balms, tissue packs, snacks and more! This effort is just one way to send a message of love & support to our beloved greatest generation, who are too often overlooked. TEAM was overwhelmed with gratitude with the amount of community support which came together to make this project possible.

One client sent us a message saying "I want to thank who made this beautiful Easter basket. I am overwhelmed. This is wonderful... You made my day, my Easter, my everything!"



Head Start began in 1965 under President Lyndon B. Johnson

This year marks 60 years of Head Start - the early childhood programming which provides affordable, accessible childcare for families with young children, and support services to ensure the entire family is thriving. Head Start has served nearly 40 million children nationwide since its inception, including over 500 children a year under TEAM.

Prastik (right) recently graduated with a degree in biomedical engineering from Yale University. Prastik attended TEAM's Head Start program beginning in 2004, which supported him and his family during a difficult time. Prastik is proof point that programs like Head Start can make a profound difference to help children & families succeed.



DAY WITHOUT CHILDCARE RALLY

TEAM joins several organizations across the state to advocate for an increased investment in childcare.

Childcare entities across our state provide an essential service - safe, high-quality care for young children so parents can work and families can thrive. Access to childcare slots, especially at affordable rates, in this state are severely limited, causing families to make difficult decisions as they raise their young children. TEAM joins the call for a significant state & federal investment which would expand access to childcare and invest in the future of our children,

while simultaneously supporting the staff who pour their hearts into this work to provide critical early learning experiences for children of all abilities as they learn & grow to prepare for their next educational chapter.



TEAM'S MEN WHO COOK 2025 WAS A MAJOR SUCCESS!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS - April 18, 2026!

Held on May 3, this year's event brought our community together over good food, drinks, music & raffles, all in support of TEAM's programs. We raised \$84,354 from this event, which now goes directly towards our neighbors we serve via programs such as Meals on Wheels, housing & food supports, childcare & diapers, home heating assistance and much more.

We would like to thank our sponsors, attendees, volunteers, staff, and chefs who all came together to make this our most successful fundraiser yet.



Left: Nearly 600 people came together to support TEAM!
Right: Pat & Dan serve up some authentic Philly cheesesteaks!