

STARVE POVERTY.

HIGHLIGHTS

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FOOD STORAGE CONTAINER PROJECT

A DREAM REALIZED—THANKS TO YOU!

After a year of hope and a year of hard work, we're thrilled to share some exciting news: our Food Storage Container project is complete—and fully operational!

Thanks to your generous support, we've nearly doubled our food storage capacity, including major upgrades to our refrigerator and freezer space. This expansion is already making a difference, allowing us to continue meeting the growing needs of our community—especially as we respond to a 44% increase in neighbors seeking Food Assistance.

This milestone was made possible by a remarkable community effort. Volunteers donated their time and talents, and donors like you provided the materials and funding needed to bring this project to life.

From all of us—thank you. Because of your kindness and generosity *"you are making a difference."*



WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Whether you're looking to volunteer your time, donate food or supplies, offer financial support or simply learn more about how we're breaking the chains of poverty—we'd love to connect with you.

Scan the QR code to visit our website - www.starvepoverty.org

Call us at 609-249-5392 or Visit us at 99 Route 72, Barnegat, NJ 08005

Together, we can bring hope, healing, and hands-on help—one project, one person at a time.



UNLOADING SUPPLIES FOR DISASTER RELIEF IN WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA



FIGHTING POVERTY

EASTERN KENTUCKY

As part of our ongoing commitment to combat poverty in Kentucky, we are excited to share that Ron Fraser recently met with the Honorable Jeff Noble, Breathitt County Judge, to discuss critical efforts in the region.

Together with Judge Noble, we are working to strengthen the partnership between Starve Poverty and the Federal Government, with the shared goal of tackling the challenges faced by those in Eastern Kentucky. The decline in coal mining has left many families struggling, and we're committed to finding

sustainable solutions that uplift and empower the community.

Additionally, we are focused on providing practical support to those affected by the recent flooding in Kentucky. Many have lost their homes and are in dire need of assistance. We are actively exploring ways to offer both immediate and long-term relief, ensuring that no one faces these challenges alone.

Thank you for your continued support. By partnering with us *"you are making a difference"* in Eastern Kentucky.

Our next mission trip is scheduled for April 2026.



DID YOU KNOW?

Since 2020, we have been sending teams of volunteers to Appalachian Kentucky coal country to carry out larger, much-needed home repair projects. It is a week-long trip that leaves everyone feeling more blessed than when they arrived!

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DISASTER RELIEF
WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

FLOOD DAMAGE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

In late 2024, Hurricane Helene devastated the Spruce Pine area of North Carolina, bringing more than 15 inches of rain and causing widespread flooding, property damage, and heartbreaking loss of life. In response, **Starve Poverty** partnered with **Central Baptist Church** and **Little Switzerland Disaster Relief** to provide immediate aid to those affected by the hurricane.

Thanks to the swift and generous support of our donor community, we were able to deliver a trailer load of relief supplies to the region in late June 2025.

Your kindness made this possible, and we are deeply grateful for the quick action that helped make this relief effort a reality.

But our work isn't finished yet. We are planning a work trip to assist with home repairs for some of the victims. If you are able to join us, we encourage you to stay tuned to our social media channels for more details and sign-up information.

Together, we can continue to help rebuild lives and restore hope in Spruce Pine and beyond.

Thank you for standing with us—and with those in need—during this critical time.



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SPI BECOMES A PRODUCE HUB

FULFILL FOOD BANK

For many food pantries in our area, fresh produce has traditionally been a rare sight. With only one delivery a month from Fulfill (the Food Bank), pantry patrons often go without fresh fruits and vegetables for much of the month. While certain long-lasting items like potatoes and carrots can stretch a bit further, many families have limited access to fresh produce in their diets. Larger food pantries, such as the one at SPI travel to Fulfill in Neptune, NJ for a food pickup on the weeks that Fulfill does not deliver.

In response to this challenge, Fulfill has launched a pilot program to create a Produce Hub at our SPI facility. By positioning us as a midpoint between deliveries, Fulfill is now sending a truck to SPI on the weeks they do not deliver directly. Local food pantries are then able to pick up fresh produce at our location and take it back to their communities.

This has been a game-changer for the smaller pantries, allowing them to offer fresher, healthier options to their patrons. We're thrilled to report that the program is working so well that Fulfill has extended it for another three months!

An added benefit has been the opportunity to collaborate more closely with the other food pantries in our area. We've been able to share ideas, explore new ways to work together, and strengthen our collective impact.

We are grateful for the opportunity to serve as a hub for positive change and look forward to continuing to support our community with fresh, nutritious food.



DID YOU KNOW?

Food insecurity may not consistently dominate the headlines, but it remains a deeply felt concern and growing challenge across the country.

An estimated 47 million people, including 14 million children, live in food-insecure households—the highest numbers since 2014

Approximately 13.5% of U.S. households—about 18 million households—experienced food insecurity at some point during the last couple of years.

ABOUT US

Since 1995, Starve Poverty has been dedicated to breaking the chains of poverty by mobilizing teams to deliver humanitarian aid, education, medical care, social support, and spiritual encouragement to communities across the U.S. and around the world.

Starve Poverty is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit corporation, registered with the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey. All your donations are tax-deductible.



THREE PALLETS OF FRESH PRODUCE DELIVERED MONTHLY FROM OUR PARTNERS AT FULFILL

HUNGER FOUNDATION PROVIDES SUPPORT

HUNGER FOUNDATION OF SOUTHERN OCEAN

We are incredibly grateful to the Hunger Foundation of Southern Ocean for their generous gift of **\$5,000**. This support not only strengthens our mission but also reflects the deep trust and confidence they have in our work.

The Hunger Foundation raises vital funds through community events, such as the Beach Haven Chowder Cook-Off, and donates the proceeds to local food pantries like ours. This marks the second year that they have chosen to support Starve Poverty, and we are honored to continue this partnership.

To show our appreciation, some of our dedicated volunteers will be helping at the Chowder Cook-Off again this year, just as we did last year. It's a wonderful opportunity to engage with the community, support a fantastic event, and further our shared mission of alleviating hunger.

Thank you once again to the Hunger Foundation for their continued generosity and commitment to making a difference.

HUNGER FOUNDATION DELIVERS 5K CHECK



SPI EXPANDS FOOD PANTRY SERVICE

A GROWING COMMITMENT TO OUR NEIGHBORS!

We are excited to share the wonderful news that our Food Pantry service is now reaching even more members of our community. In response to feedback from neighbors who were unable to visit during traditional hours due to work or other commitments, we introduced a new Tuesday evening service from 4 PM to 7 PM starting in June.

In just six short weeks, we've witnessed a heartwarming increase in neighbors coming to us for assistance, and we are thrilled to be able to offer this extended service. However, what fills us with even more joy is the incredible support we've received, including the completion of our new Food Storage Container and the growing team of volunteers who have come forward to help make this possible.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of our community, and we are deeply grateful to all those who have donated their time, energy, and resources. Your support allows us to continue growing this essential service and making a real impact.

If you'd like to be part of this mission—whether through a donation or by volunteering with us on Tuesday evenings—we invite you to reach out. Together, we can ensure that no neighbor has to go without the support they need.



FOOD PANTRY HOURS:

Tuesday: 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Wednesday: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Thursday: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

To learn more about volunteer opportunities or ways to contribute, please call 609-249-5392 ext. 105

PROVING GROUND VBS HAUL



TINY HANDS, BIG HEARTS!

PGC KIDS FILL THE PANTRY WITH LOVE!

This summer, the kids at Proving Ground Church (PGC) in Lakehurst, NJ, turned their Vacation Bible School into a full-blown food-fueled mission—and wow, did they deliver (literally)!

In a friendly competition full of laughter, teamwork, and a whole lot of heart, these young heroes gathered food for our community pantry. And the final tally? An incredible **641 pounds of food—enough to whip up 493 meals for our neighbors in need!**

Thanks to their big hearts and even bigger energy, Starve Poverty and our community pantry are bursting with gratitude—and canned goods!

Bravo to the children, the church, and everyone who helped make this joyful generosity possible. The world feels a little brighter (and a lot fuller) thanks to you!

STARVE POVERTY

UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT
04

BEACH HAVEN CHOWDER COOK OFF

TAYLOR AVENUE, BEACH HAVEN, NJ

NOV
TBD

THANKSGIVING OUTREACH

99 HIGHWAY 72, BARNEGAT TWP, NJ

APR
2026

KENTUCKY MISSION TRIP

APPALACHIAN, KENTUCKY



ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR SPI

We're thrilled to welcome Lauri Smith as Administrative Support for Ron and the SPI team.

With her passion for our mission and expertise in project design and organization, Lauri will help manage schedules, coordinate communications, and provide essential support.

STARVE POVERTY INTERNATIONAL'S MISSION / VISION

The Vision of Starve Poverty International is to "Break the Chains of Poverty" by deploying people into specific communities to help meet humanitarian, educational, medical, social, and spiritual needs; targeting teams toward specific projects that benefit poverty-stricken individuals or groups in the United States or abroad.

SPI is funded entirely by donations and grants — we don't sell anything!

The diversity of nutritious foods, urgent home repairs, and disaster relief we provide is made possible by the generous support of our allies — both through time and donations.

Together, we can 'Starve out Poverty.' We thank you - *we could not do it without you.*

Please Join us in our mission—below are some of the ways you can contribute and help us provide critical resources to our neighbors in need:

- ☐ **\$25** your one-time generous gift can help provide a holiday meal for 1 family.
- ☐ **\$50** your one-time generous gift can help provide 25 meals for families and children in need.
- ☐ **\$100** your one-time generous gift can help provide 50 meals for families and children in need.
- ☐ **\$250** your one-time generous gift can help provide disaster relief supplies for 5 families in need.
- ☐ **\$500** your one-time generous gift can help provide skilled craftsmen to perform essential home safety repairs and support disaster relief efforts.

WAYS TO DONATE

Click on link below or use your web browser to navigate to:

[https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/donate-to-change-lives-2309,](https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/donate-to-change-lives-2309)

or scan the QR Code.



We also accept *checks payable to:

Starve Poverty International
Mailed to:
 6 Norwick Dr.
 Forked River, NJ 08731.

*In the memo, please include a preference for your

Other ways you can power SPI's mission:

Volunteer: Your time and skills can make an impact too!

Share: SPI's mission with your friends, family, colleagues and on your social media. Your advocacy can amplify our impact!

Please also consider becoming a monthly or yearly donor, every little bit helps, and we are so grateful for any and all support. If you would like to get involved , please reach out via email at info@starvepoverty.org.

"You are making a difference" one life at a time!