



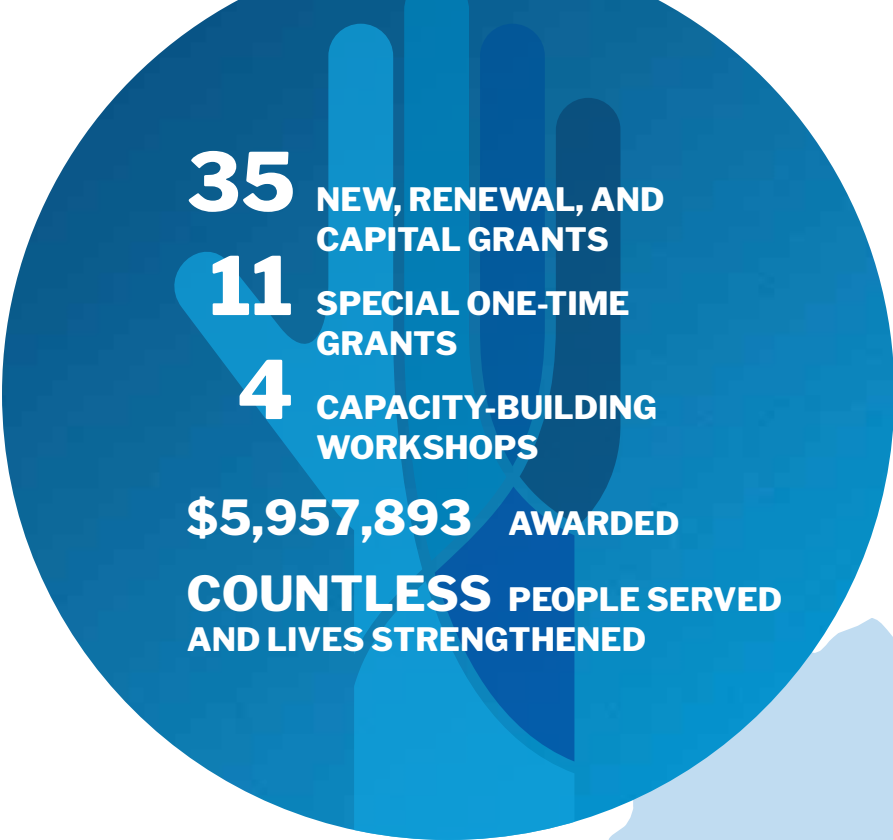
**The Healthcare
Foundation of NJ**
founded by the Jewish community



2025 IMPACT REPORT

SAFEGUARDING COMPASSIONATE CARE • STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY



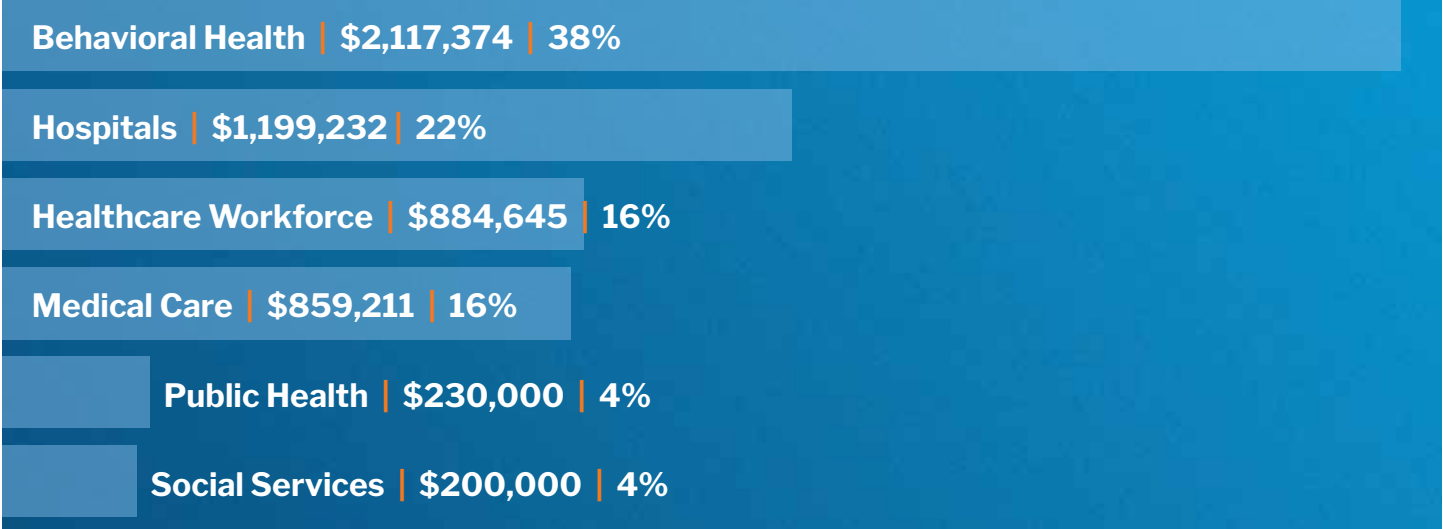


2025 GIVING STATISTICS

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2025 GRANTS BY FOCUS AREA



Fortifying Nonprofit Organizations in Uncertain Times

As many nonprofit organizations began facing significant challenges to their funding streams in 2025, HFNJ's leadership focused on how we can best support our community partners.

This report details our efforts to focus on a fundamental question: *In a time of great need, how can we use our limited dollars to have the greatest impact?*

We started this process by clarifying the focus of our grantmaking. After careful consideration, our Board of Trustees approved modifications to tighten our focus on healthcare and behavioral health projects. As the only foundation in our community dedicated to healthcare, we saw a critical need to support these core healthcare services with our limited funding in the coming years.

Meeting the needs of the time also meant challenging ourselves to use our grant dollars in the ways most needed by our community partners. Our board rose to meet the challenge by approving a \$1.5 million initiative to provide core operating support grants for up to 15 of our partners to be awarded in 2026. These grants will provide much-needed stabilization for organizations as they navigate changing funding streams and adapt to continue serving their communities.

We also sought ways to help organizations beyond our regular grantmaking – investing not only in programs, but in the people who make healing possible. In 2025 we hosted more than 100 staff members of local nonprofit organizations for a series of capacity-building training sessions to help them navigate today's increasingly complex landscape.

Underlying all our work throughout 2025 was the Foundation's unshakeable belief in the centrality of humanism in medicine. In times of stress and strain, when staff cuts loom and tensions rise, healthcare organizations must remain true to their mission of person-centered, caring public service. As detailed in this report, throughout 2025 we increased our investment in healthcare workforce development, maintained a focus on supporting the behavioral health needs of clients and staff at our grantee organizations, and worked closely with area hospitals to ensure the highest caliber of care remains available to those in need.

Looking ahead to 2026 and beyond, we recognize our community's health depends on strong nonprofit organizations who are well prepared to weather any challenge that may come their way. In 2025, we took steps to ensure they will be.

In good health,

Amy Schechner
Board Chair

Michael Schmidt
Executive Director / CEO



INVESTING FOR THE LONG TERM

*Sustaining the impact of a healer,
an institution, and a system change*

HFNJ has always sought to seed innovative new projects and initiatives, which would then be sustained into the future.

The three examples below demonstrate how HFNJ funding has been used to promote efforts that will make a difference for years into the future: creating a new staff position; strengthening a critical organization; and driving a systemic change to healthcare in our region.

“Your investment has enabled us to build critical mental health infrastructure, provide transformative staff training, and offer more inclusive, supportive experiences... Children’s camp experiences were profoundly shaped by the support systems your grant helped make possible.”

– NJY Camps



A HEALER

At NJY Camps, Heather Klein helps campers feel at home while supporting staff

From 2022 to 2025, HFNJ provided NJY Camps three grants totaling \$313,750 to seed the new position of HFNJ Community Care Coordinator. Recognizing that the increasing challenges in mental, emotional, and social health (MESH) faced by young people require more work than could be done in just the summer camp season, NJY Camps sought to provide year-round programming and support for campers, families, and staff.

To fill the new position the camp hired Heather Klein, MSW. Klein brought with her nearly two decades of hands-on

experience working in camp environments and expertise in mental health. From the first year of the project, Klein became an indelible part of the camp community. To facilitate smoother transitions over the summer, she met with campers and their families even before camp began. Klein became a friendly and trusted face whom campers knew they could rely on for one-on-one support. She was instrumental in normalizing conversations around mental health and fostering a more open and proactive culture within the NJY Camps community. In recognition of the importance of Klein's work, the role will continue to be sustained beyond HFNJ's funding.





“We have gained enormous insights, recommendations, and support to review and revamp our counseling program. The support has charged us to become a better agency.”

– Family Service League

AN INSTITUTION

Serving the community for 140 years, Family Service League adapts to present times

From 2022-2025, HFNJ provided three grants totaling \$231,614 to Family Service League (FSL) in Bloomfield to support their provision of affordable and accessible clinical mental healthcare to the community. FSL serves a vulnerable population in great need of quality mental healthcare. As Essex County’s designated rape crisis center, in 2024 approximately 58% of FSL’s clients identified as survivors of sexual violence, and 26% as survivors of domestic violence. At the same time, nearly 80% of clients are classified as having low or very low income. As a mission-driven organization that turned no client away because of a lack of ability to pay, the organization faced persistent revenue shortfalls.

HFNJ’s grants provided key financial backing to help the organization support their team and strengthen their capacity to

continue to serve the community. Through HFNJ’s funding, FSL was able to provide comprehensive individual and group counseling services, as well as clinical supervision to staff and volunteers. Given the highly emotionally charged nature of their counseling, attending to the mental health and professional development of their own staff is also a critical component of their work. Moreover, FSL has an instrumental role in training the next generation of counselors, providing internships to students in counseling programs at local universities.

Over the three years of grant funding by HFNJ, approximately 350 members of the community have received compassionate counseling through this project, over the course of more than 4,000 therapy sessions. Critically, during this time FSL also focused on building its financial capacity; becoming eligible to bill Medicaid, revamping its payment structure, and focusing on fundraising for longer-term sustainability.

A SYSTEM

Advancing perinatal health support for moms in Essex County

NJ ranks 29th nationally for maternal deaths and has one of the widest racial disparities for maternal/infant mortality. The gap is particularly acute in Essex County, which has some of the worst outcomes in the state regarding pre-term birth rates, lack of first-trimester prenatal care, and fetal/infant mortality.

That is why HFNJ has invested significant funds to help close gaps in perinatal care in the greater Newark area. HFNJ provided \$305,000 over two grants to Postpartum Support International and \$258,549 over two grants to support the Visiting Nurse Association. Together, their projects are helping to reshape the face of maternal care offered to expectant and new moms.

Through its grant project, Postpartum Support International has convened the NJ Mind the Gap Coalition. Concentrating on Greater Newark, the Coalition consists of 27 labor and delivery providers, birth workers and community-based groups. They come together to develop and deploy training for clinicians on how to prevent untreated perinatal mental health crises.

HFNJ's grant to the Visiting Nurse Association of Central NJ has helped establish the Essex County Doula Learning Collaborative. Through the Learning Collaborative, VNA provided training and certification to 13 doulas. Evidence shows doulas reduce birth complications, help improve mental health, and help mothers and parents have a positive birthing experience. The Collaborative includes monthly educational group sessions to help participants launch sustainable individual practices.



Both ongoing projects are helping to close key gaps in perinatal care – creating resources that are available, culturally-competent, and ready to make a difference in the lives of new mothers and their families.

One mother who was born and raised in East Orange shared why Postpartum Support International's project is critical:

“In Newark, far too many mothers struggle with postpartum depression and anxiety, yet access to perinatal mental healthcare is very limited, expensive, or simply unavailable... When we prioritize a mother's mental health, we create a healthier future.”

BOLSTERING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

For the past three years, behavioral health has increasingly been a key focus area of HFNJ's grantmaking. In 2025 this trend continued, with behavioral health projects representing 38% of the total grant funds awarded.

In 2025, there were hopeful signs the "behavioral health crisis" that blossomed in the depths of the pandemic may be improving. This was due in no small part to the concern of funders like HFNJ and the heroic work of front-line healthcare and community organizations who responded to this need. The national benchmark CDC Youth Risk Behavioral Survey showed that fewer teens expressed persistent sadness or hopelessness, poor mental health, or suicidal ideation in the 2023 data compared to 2021. However, the rates remain well above those of a decade earlier, and the great need for sustained and consistent funding in the area persists.

\$ 2,117,374

invested in 2025 in
17 behavioral health
projects

\$ 1,398,439

invested since 2024
in the Jewish adolescent
behavioral health
initiative



Youth Mental Health First Aid certification provided through Congregation B'Nai Jeshurun



Teens sharing concerns at the Rabbinical College of America

STRENGTHENING Behavioral Health Support for Jewish Youth

Several grants awarded in 2025 were renewal grants stemming from the Foundation's 2024 initiative in response to an unprecedented rise in antisemitism and the need to strengthen the behavioral health supports available to adolescents in the Jewish community of Greater MetroWest, NJ. Between the initial first-year grants and second-year renewal grants, a total of \$1,398,439 has been awarded through this special initiative over the past two years.

Grants awarded in 2025 include:

- **Moving Traditions:** \$85,000, MetroWest CIT/TA Wellness and Inclusion Training Program (Year 2)
- **Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy:** \$153,500, Engage Minds, Inspire Hearts, Empower Well-being (Year 2)
- **The Greater MetroWest NJ Day School Initiative:** \$40,650, Greater MetroWest Day School Mental Health Partnership (Year 2)
- **Rabbinical College:** \$175,000, RCA Office of Emotional Wellness (Year 2)
- **Jewish Educational Center:** \$150,000, Thrive Together: A Community Based Social Emotional Learning Initiative (Year 2)



SUPPORTING Therapeutic Opportunities for Newark Youth

Young people in Newark face significant barriers in accessing the behavioral healthcare they need. That is why HFNJ provided two grants in 2025 to support organizations that provide high-quality mental healthcare directly to Newark youth.

- **A \$95,000 grant to Brothers Building A Better Nation (BBABN)** expanded their Intensive In-Community Therapy Program. Targeted in Newark's Lower Broadway neighborhood, and specializing in the often unmet therapeutic needs of boys and young men, BBABN will provide culturally-responsive, community-based therapeutic care to at least 100 clients annually.
- **A \$ 189,945 grant to the Boys & Girls Club of Newark (BGCN)** supports its READY Family Wellness Program. The READY program promotes physical, emotional, and social well-being for Newark youth and families. BGCN employs a tiered support approach to help youth develop coping skills, mitigate crises, and foster a healthier, more resilient community.



Pictured left: Brothers Building A Better Nation

Pictured below: Boys & Girls Club of Newark



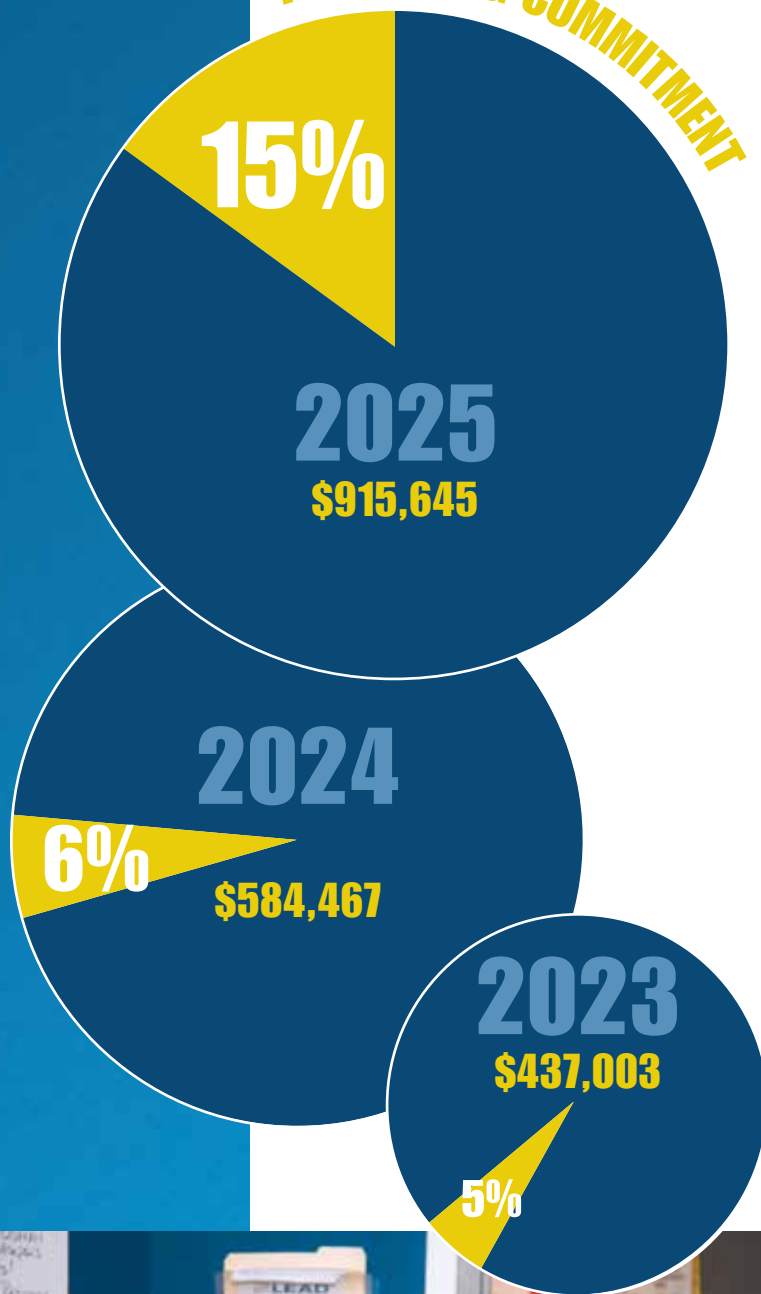
Convening of the Jewish Behavioral Health grantees

HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Healthcare delivery in 2025 is an increasingly complex team effort. Each team is made up of highly specialized role-players, requiring the qualifications and certifications necessary to play their part in delivering care. When there are gaps between the need for certain professionals and the number of individuals in the local workforce with the skills and qualifications necessary, patient care suffers. Unfortunately, those gaps have been growing and are only projected to widen in coming years.

The Healthcare Foundation of NJ supported several projects in 2025 to address this issue and to bolster the much-needed pipeline of individuals entering the healthcare workforce in the greater Newark, NJ area. The projects we supported touched upon many different professions within the healthcare field: from doulas to emergency EMS techs to patient navigators, certified medical assistants, phlebotomists, and even optometrists-in-training.

A GROWING COMMITMENT



ANTICIPATING Gaps in Care

- New Jersey will have a deficit of 18,000 healthcare workers by 2028 (Mercer).
- The U.S. is projected to face a severe shortage of nearly 700,000 physicians, registered nurses and licensed practical nurses by 2037 (Health Resources and Services Administration).
- A recent market scan showed hundreds of unfilled positions across the state for licensed social workers, psychiatrists, and certified alcohol and drug counselors (New Jersey Association of Mental Health and Addiction Agencies).



INVESTMENTS in Healthcare Workforce Development

VNA of Central NJ	\$134,082
Newark EMS Corps.....	\$150,000
STRIVE International.....	\$130,000
Helen Keller International ...	\$115,000
Seton Hall / NJCRI	\$180,563
Jewish Vocational Services ..	\$175,000
Pathways to Trust	\$31,000



Newark Opportunity
Youth Network

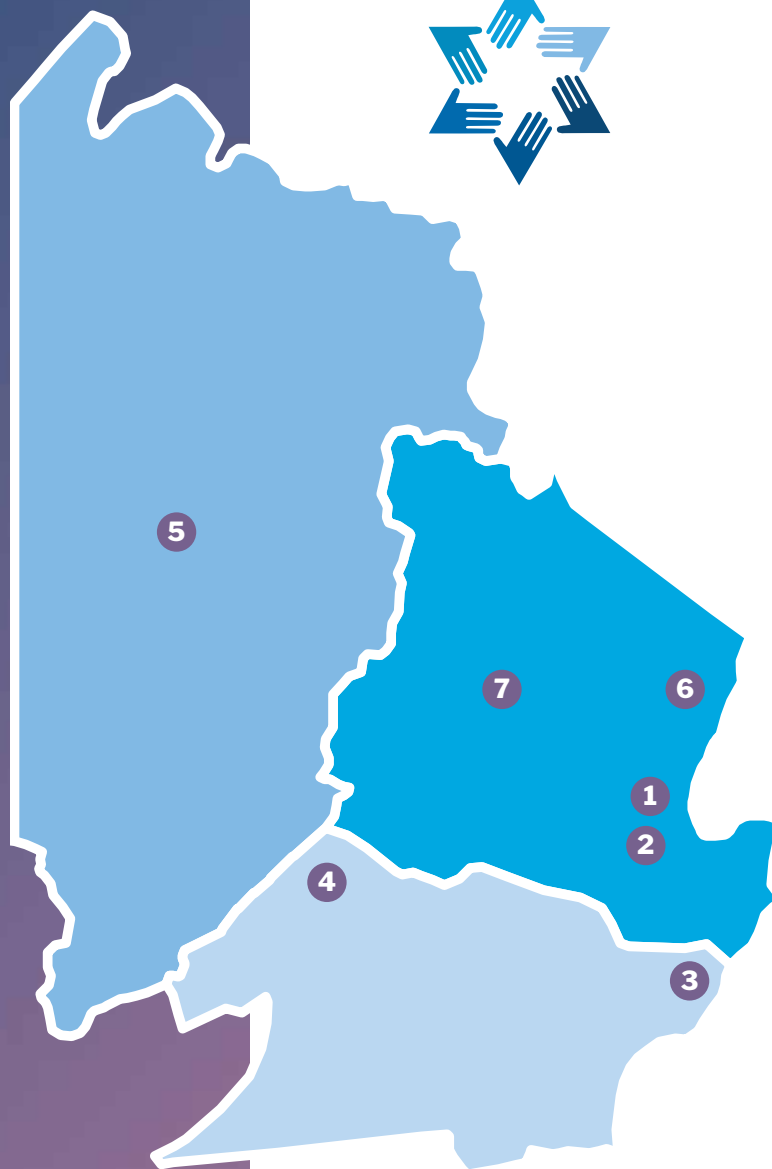


STRIVE International

ENSURING HUMANISM IN HOSPITAL CARE

When people think of healthcare, they think of hospitals – and rightly so. Hospitals are anchor institutions for the delivery of healthcare in our communities. They serve as key hubs providing emergency care, outpatient visits, and programs that address social determinants of health all in one place.

HFNJ continues to make sustained investments in our area’s medical centers. As has been our vision since the beginning of The Healthcare Foundation of NJ, we ensure the principles of humanism in medicine infuse every grant project – so that these large, complex organizations never lose sight of the human touch that is so vital to quality care.



RECENT MAJOR GRANTS TO LOCAL HOSPITALS

1 University Hospital	\$621,132	2025
2 Newark Beth Israel Medical Center	\$578,100	2025
3 Trinitas Medical Center	\$1,250,000	2024
4 Overlook Medical Center	\$1,000,000	2024
5 Morristown Medical Center	\$500,000	2022
6 Clara Maass Medical Center	\$1,001,767	2022
7 Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center ...	\$1,000,000	2019

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center

HFNJ provided “the Beth” a \$578,100 grant in 2025 to help it achieve designation as a Comprehensive Stroke Center (CSC) by early 2028. CSC’s are able to treat more complex stroke cases leading to reduced mortality, decreased disability, and improved functional independence for stroke patients.

In 2025 a five-year, \$5,000,000 grant to NBIMC for an ambitious renovation of its Emergency Services Pavillion was completed. Representing the largest-ever grant in HFNJ’s history, this renovation has created an improved patient experience for the tens of thousands of patients each year who utilize NBIMC for emergency care.



University Hospital

HFNJ awarded a \$621,132 grant to support a major renovation of clinical care spaces for the Hospital’s Liver Center. The new center will bring all aspects of hepatology and liver transplantation into one large, modern space. Located within the Hospital’s Ambulatory Care Center, it allows for better care coordination and improved patient outcomes.

Overlook Medical Center

2025 was the second year of a three-year, \$1,000,000 grant to Overlook Medical Center to fund the creation of the HFNJ Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Center. Directly addressing the youth behavioral health crisis, this assessment center will act as the first line of defense for children who are in a mental health crisis. It will provide stabilizing mental healthcare, reduce the wait time for critical assessment services, and assist in referrals to appropriate ongoing levels of care.

Trinitas Medical Center

In 2024, HFNJ provided a \$1,250,000 grant to Trinitas Medical Center to fund the creation of a new state-of-the-art cardiac catheterization laboratory. The lab will perform between 800 and 1,000 procedures each year to ensure residents from Greater Newark and Elizabeth have convenient access to a full compendium of lifesaving cardiac care.



STRENGTHENING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

HFNJ invested in a series of capacity building training sessions to support our community partner organizations. Topics ranging from fund development to metrics and evaluation for these sessions came directly from community feedback. We contracted with expert consultants to design and lead tailor-made educational sessions in each of the most commonly-cited topic areas. Participants left each session better able to reach their goals and navigate today's increasingly complex landscape for funding and program delivery.

2025 CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS

4
workshops
held

117
individuals
trained

DOZENS
of nonprofits
bolstered





January 29, 2025
Building Individual Supporters for Your Mission with Allison Trimarco



April 2, 2025
Building Individual Supporters for Your Mission Part II with Allison Trimarco



June 4, 2025
Mission Made Visible: Nonprofit Marketing and Communications Strategy with Rachel Dukeman



October 22, 2025
Evaluation Essentials for Nonprofits with Elena Tamanas Ragusa

GRANTS AWARDED IN 2025



Beat to Breathe CPR



Family Connections



Breakthrough T1D



Helen Keller International



Ironbound Community Corporation

American Friends of Soroka Medical Center

\$50,000

Emergency Grant to American Friends of Soroka Medical Center

Beat to Breathe CPR

\$2,700

Community Oriented CPR and First Aid Training

Boys & Girls Clubs of Newark

\$189,945

READY Family Wellness Center

Breakthrough T1D

\$50,000

Early Detection: Expanding Screening Access in Newark's Vulnerable Communities (Year 2)

Brothers Building A Better Nation

\$95,000

Intensive in Community Therapy Program

Casa for Children of Essex County

\$50,000

Investing in Resilience: Embedding Trauma-Informed Advocacy for Systemic, Long-Term Impact (Year 3)

Center for Family Services

\$150,000

Baby's Best Start (Year 3)

Community Hope

\$101,243

Assistant Program Coordinator for Hope for Veterans (Year 2)

Diabetes Foundation

\$14,013

Diabetes Care for All in Greater Newark

Family Connections

\$141,582

Pride+ (Year 4)

Foundation for University Hospital
\$621,132

University Hospital's Advanced Liver Disease and Transplant Center of Excellence

Greater Life
\$100,000

Family Resource Center LifeLine to Health for Youth and Families of Newark, NJ (Year 3)

Greater MetroWest NJ Day School Initiative
\$40,650

Greater MetroWest Day School Mental Health Partnership (Year 2)

Helen Keller International
\$115,000

Helen Keller International's Empowering Futures Through Vision in Greater Newark

Hope Lives Here
\$15,655

School Based Mental Health Services at Cicely L. Tyson Community Elementary School

Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association
\$126,461

All Hearts Collaborative (Year 2)

Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges
\$350

Interfaith Food Pantry of the Oranges 2025 Holiday Donation

Ironbound Community Corporation
\$100,000

ICC Development Department Capacity-Building (Year 2)



Center for Family Services
Babies Best Start (Year 3)
\$150,000

Housed at the East Orange Family Success Center, the Center for Family Services' Baby's Best Start program helps moms and dads strengthen their parenting skills. Staff lead in-person sessions cover topics focused on infant health/development and the family unit. The program is designed to increase parent knowledge, strengthen parent-child bonds, support positive parenting practices, ensure child safety, and provide community connections and resources to help families thrive. In the first two years of HFNJ's support, 71 families completed the program, with an additional 60 families expected to complete it in the third year.



**Hypertrophic
Cardiomyopathy Association
All Hearts Collaborative (Year 2)
\$126,461**

Through the project, the Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Association convened in the South Ward of Newark the All Hearts Collaborative – an initiative to reduce disparities in genetic heart disease in Newark. The Collaborative provides members of the public with resources, education, and referral pathways. It also works with local healthcare professionals to provide clinical education on cardiac care. During the first year of the project, the team built enthusiastic partnerships with organizations in Newark’s South Ward; developed culturally-relevant outreach materials; and began providing cardiovascular education and resources at community events, houses of worship, and schools.



JCC of Central New Jersey



Project Meducate

JCC of Central New Jersey

\$78,180

Holistic Disability Support – Building Capacity to Meet Demand (Year 3)

Jewish Educational Center

\$150,000

Thrive Together: A Community Based Social Emotional Learning Initiative (Year 2)

Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled of MetroWest

\$137,474

Life | Home | Tech (Year 2)

Jewish Vocational Service of MetroWest

\$175,000

Healthcare Employment Pathways (Year 2)

Joseph Kushner Hebrew Academy (JKHA)

\$153,500

Engage Minds, Inspire Hearts, Empower Well-being (Year 2)

Mental Health Association in New Jersey

\$28,878

A Focus on Mental Health Awareness and Suicide Prevention in Essex County.

Montclair Ambulance Unit

\$190,000

Increasing Emergency Services Capacity by Remounting Ambulance #25

Moving Traditions

\$85,000

MetroWest CIT/TA Wellness and Inclusion Training Program (Year 2)

Newark Beth Israel Medical Center
\$578,100

Erasing Barriers to High-Quality Comprehensive Stroke Care in Greater Newark

New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund

\$130,000

Health Care for All Education and Outreach Project (Year 2)

Newark Opportunity Youth Network
\$150,000

Newark EMS Corps

Partnerships for People
\$20,000

Telehealth Services for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities

Pathways Corp
\$31,000

Time to Listen to Sickle Cell and Connective Tissue Disease

Postpartum Support International
\$152,500

Mind the Gap – Advancing Perinatal Mental Health in New Jersey (Year 2)

Project Meducate
\$5,000

Project Meducate: Free basic health screenings and preventive educational seminars for underserved populations of New Jersey.

Rabbinical College of America
\$175,000

RCA Office of Emotional Wellness (Year 2)

Seton Hall University
\$180,563

Collaboration between Seton Hall University's College of Nursing Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program and NJCRI



Jewish Service for the Developmentally Disabled of MetroWest



New Jersey Citizen Action Education Fund



WNET / NJ Spotlight News
Continuing to educate the community on mental health issues within NJ Spotlight News healthcare reporting (Year 3)
\$100,000

In the face of increasing funding challenges in 2025 to public and nonprofit news outlets, HFNJ was able to award a \$100,000 grant to WNET/NJ Spotlight News to sustain its mental health reporting beat. Led by reporter Bobby Brier, this innovative beat is the first and only journalism position in the state dedicated to covering the ongoing mental health crisis, providing critical information for policymakers and the public that may otherwise not receive coverage. In an era when attention spans wane and the media may lurch from one hot topic to the next, HFNJ's consistent support for the mental health beat has helped ensure mental health remains part of the public consciousness and conversation in New Jersey.



YCS Foundation

STRIVE International
\$130,000

STRIVE North Jersey Career Path Program

The Bridge
\$201,075

Irvington Student Substance Use Prevention Program (Year 3)

Turning Point Community Services
\$150,000

Clinical + Supportive Services Division Sustainability (Year 2)

Vision to Learn
\$50,000

Increasing Vision Care Access for New Jersey Students (Year 2)

Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey
\$134,082

VNACJ Community Doula Learning Collaborative Essex County (Year 2)

WNET Org
\$100,000

Continuing to strengthen our mental health beat within NJ Spotlight News healthcare reporting (Year 3)

Wynona's House Child Advocacy Center
\$118,699

Prevention By Design (Year 3)

YCS Foundation
\$154,273

YCS Autism Evaluation, Training & Workforce Development



The Bridge



Vision to Learn



Zufall Health Center

Youth Development Clinic of Newark
\$34,935

Continued Care for Clients Impacted by the Closure of Main St. Counseling

Zufall Health Center
\$151,003

Expanding Access to Healthcare and Supportive Services for Low-Income Essex County Seniors



Wynona's House
Prevention By Design (Year 3)
\$118,699

Wynona's House is the Essex County Child Advocacy Center. In this child-friendly space, a multi-disciplinary team coordinates responses to allegations of child sexual and severe physical abuse. For three years, HFNJ has supported Wynona's House's groundbreaking Prevention by Design program. Moving from a reactive to a proactive approach to combatting child abuse, community-based coalitions have been established in Essex County towns (Newark, The Oranges, Caldwell, and Irvington). These towns will be the focus of workshops and resources to help address child abuse at its roots.

Balance Sheet

as of December 31, 2025 and 2024

Assets	as of 12/31/25	as of 12/31/24
Cash and equivalents	\$ 346,711	\$ 1,048,638
Securities and investments	\$ 227,835,752	\$ 206,082,365
Receivables for investments sold	\$ -	\$ 2,591
Interest, dividends and other receivables	\$ 2,172	\$ 4,138
Prepaid expenses	\$ 223,443	\$ 214,399
Total Current Assets	\$228,408,078	\$ 207,352
Other assets	\$ 50,800	\$ 88,344
Total Assets	<u>\$228,458,878</u>	<u>\$ 207,440,475</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 337,725	\$ 367,978
Grants payable, current portion	\$ 6,385,650	\$ 7,572,601
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 6,723,375	\$ 7,940,579
Other liabilities	\$ 50,800	\$ 88,344
Deferred tax liability	\$ 1,219,650	\$ 927,604
Net Assets	\$220,465,053	\$ 198,483,948
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$228,458,878</u>	<u>\$ 207,440,475</u>



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SALUTING LISA BLOCK

Lisa Block's 22-year-tenure as a Senior Program Officer at The Healthcare Foundation of NJ ended in 2025.

A lot has changed in the greater Newark area since 2003 when Lisa started, but one thing has not changed: Lisa's compassionate and dedicated approach to working with each and every grantee. Lisa worked hard not to just review organizations' requests for funding from HFNJ, but to build connections and explore other ways to support and strengthen their organizations for the long-term. Lisa's dedication and compassionate approach reflected HFNJ's values and true commitment to humanism in medicine. We salute Lisa for all the lives she has touched over the past two decades through her work at The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey. In all, Lisa worked on 745 grant requests, helping to ultimately distribute over \$58 million in critical funding to nonprofits serving our community.



A Legacy of Caring

Since it was established in 1996, The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey has been dedicated to continuing Newark Beth Israel Medical Center's health and caring mission through philanthropy. Guided by the vision of HFNJ Founding Chairman, Lester Z. Lieberman, Chairman of "The Beth" from 1988 to 1996 – and by a deep respect for the values and traditions of the Jewish people and their principles of tzedakah (charity and righteousness) and tikkun olam (repairing the world) – the Foundation seeks to eliminate inequities in healthcare and engage in partnerships that foster healthy, caring communities.

A Mission of Change

The mission of The Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey is to improve the health and well-being of vulnerable, underserved populations in greater Newark and/or the Greater MetroWest NJ Jewish community; elevate the quality of community healthcare; reduce disparities in access; and promote the infusion of compassion and humanism into our healthcare system.

The Foundation seeks to seed new initiatives, expand existing healthcare programs, and promote healthcare education and awareness to positively impact the wellness of its targeted communities.

Grant Guidelines

To be considered for support, a proposal must be health-related and address the health/wellness of vulnerable populations of Newark and its environs and the Greater MetroWest Jewish community. Grants are made only to private non-profit organizations that have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code and that are not private foundations. The Foundation does not make grants to individuals or government agencies.

All applications are screened, researched, and evaluated by HFNJ staff to determine eligibility, conformity to grant guidelines and anti-hate statement, and relevance to the Foundation's mission and current priorities. If there is sufficient interest in a proposal, a telephone conference will be initiated by a Foundation program officer, and a grant presentation or site visit may be scheduled. The Foundation's Board of Trustees makes the final decisions on funding requests through its Grant Evaluation Committee and Board approval process. Proposals are approved quarterly in March, June, September, and December. Special One-time requests are reviewed on a rolling basis. For application deadlines, detailed guidelines, and further instructions, please visit our website, www.hfnj.org.

THANK YOU TO OUR TRUSTEES

We thank the members of HFNJ's all-volunteer board for their dedication, time, and commitment throughout 2025. A warm welcome to Jeffrey Kigner, who joined the Board of Trustees in 2025.





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