Hamilton Township
CYO/Bromley
Neighborhood Center
Annual Report – 2025

This report summarizes the programs, events and activities that have taken place at the CYO Bromley Center during 2025. This center has played an essential role in improving the lives of men, women, children and organizations in Hamilton Township.

Office hours of operation– Monday-Friday 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Tom Mladenetz-CYO Executive Director

Patrick Hardiman- Center Director

Asia Williams - Front Desk/ Office & Program Assistant
Tom Valyo- (Part time)-Teen Center Supervisor & Mentor/ Evening Security (Retired Police Officer)
Lisa Lewis, Donna Valyo-(Part time)--Teen Center Mentors
ARC Employee-Building Maintenance--11:30am--5:00pm

1. Food Pantry

The distribution of no cost State & Federally funded and privately donated non-perishable & frozen food to needy, income-eligible families in the Township of Hamilton is provided through this program. Hamilton Township's Department of Public Works provides the manpower to unload the monthly food truck delivery from the Southern Regional Food Distribution Center in Vineland, N.J. both for the CYO Bromley Neighborhood Center & the John O. Wilson Neighborhood Service Center. John Kilcoyne, a dedicated CYO volunteer, is a huge help with the monthly food deliveries and donated foods, sorting and organizing the foods.

We distribute monthly food packages to an average of **80-90** families per month.
A total of **230** families are registered for the food pantry, as compared to 224 last year.
Partially due to the lingering effects from the pandemic, cuts in SNAP benefits, and job related losses, the demand for assistance from the food pantry continues to grow. We were also added as a "satellite site" with Mercer Street Friends Food Bank for a once a month pick up to bring additional food back to our pantry!

Month	Adults		Children	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
January	**139**	135	**61**	59
February	**142**	142	**65**	63
March	**137**	141	**65**	71
April	**136**	140	**72**	75
May	**158**	162	**80**	82
June	**165**	168	**85**	89
July	**172**	170	**91**	90
August	**177**	175	**100**	96
September	**179**	174	**111**	102
October	**249**	240	**110**	104
November	**258**	250	**140**	133
December	**249**	247	**136**	132
Totals	**2,161**	2,144	**1,116**	1096

Distribution days and hours for the Food Pantry are: **Tuesdays & Thursdays & the 3rd Wednesday of each month, 9:30 - 11:30 am & 2:30-3:30 pm.** (If needed, residents can make an appointment to pick up food in the evenings 6:30-8:30 pm from Tom Valyo of the Teen Center). Emergency distribution is made for individuals who may live outside of our area if a referral is made through a social service agency.

The Southern Regional Distribution Center, in Vineland, NJ, is our primary source of food for our food pantry. Additionally, we receive food and monetary donations from local schools, churches, civic organizations and individuals including:

Grace St. Paul Episcopal Church
Nottingham High School
Greenwood Elementary School
Hamilton Township Municipal Building
CWA Local 1042
Mercer County Office of Food Security
William Penn Bank
Brook Sinay
Dr. Brian Lavery
RWJ Barnabas Health
Knights of Columbus 6213
Mike and Mary Jo Novembre
St. Greg's Parish
Tanya Beckman
Keats USA
PSEG
Ellis and Mary Bodine
Stellaware
Philadelphia Insurance Companies
Bianca Jerez
Matt and Nicoletta Rebbeck
Arthur Ford
Wawa
St. Vincent DePaul Church – SVDP Society
Kiwanis Club of Hamilton
Mercer County Education Association
DiPaola Turkey Farm
Larry & Kathy Pinder
Snipes Farm & Education Center
Girls Friendly Society
Mercer Street Friends
Trudy Fahey
Sharon Cowan
Zonta Club
Amy Sokalski
Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of NJ
Friends of Anthony Carabelli
Colliers Engineering

2. Teen Center

Our Teen Center, which opened in the summer of 2005, continues with 9 to 13 yr. old "pre-teens"& 14-17 yr. old teens, who utilize the center's video games, with the Xbox, PS3, Xbox One & PS4 consoles. We also have a pool table, ping pong table, foosball table, basketball shoot game & air hockey table, along with various board games. Our average daily attendance is **20-25 teens**.

The Teen Center is designed to provide local youth with educational, recreational and social activities & has become a "safe haven" for Bromley Neighborhood youth.

3. Computer Access

Hamilton residents have access to our computers from 9:00 am until 3:15 pm. In recent years, the computer room was switched to the lobby as the computer room was converted to a first floor Food Pantry. The area has a computer, a networked printer and continues to be available for both adults and students. Uses include job searches, on-line applications,and career searches, e-mail checks, researching school projects or business topics and word processing.

4. Copy, Fax & Notary Service/Job Postings

Residents continue to use our copier and faxing services free of charge. In addition they are able to get documents notarized at no cost, and view our current list of local job openings.

5. Gateway Head Start

The Center continues to maintain and support the Head Start program which consists of two classrooms with **17**--3 & 4 yr. old children. The program uses our kitchen facilities for daily breakfast and lunches. They also use the rear playground. Gateway continues to utilize the social hall for staff in-service training, local and regional meetings and learning activities. The Gateway Head Start rental payments are made directly to Hamilton Township.

6.Mentoring Program

Toshua Tanner leads the R.O.Y.A.L. Mentoring (**R**eaching **O**ut to our **Y**oung **A**mazing **L**adies).They have weekly Thursday night meetings (during teen center hours) with 8-12 teen and pre-teens girls in weekly attendance. They do crafts and other projects and the program continues to grow. The objective of this program is to help mold young girls into mature, inspired, successful young women. Their group volunteered during our Easter Party, Halloween Party, Thanksgiving Food Giveaway and also our annual Children's Christmas present distribution. The CYO has provided financial assistance toward enhancing this mentoring program.

7. Health Services

In conjunction with the Township Division of Health, the Center hosted COVID 19 and Flu Vaccine Clinics throughout the year for Hamilton Township residents.

8.Social Hall Usage

The Center is open most Saturdays, year round, for rentals including baby showers, birthday parties, anniversaries, meetings, community events, etc. Public Works employees cover the events and are paid through the rental fee. On Sundays, the Tabernacle Chosen Generation Church rents our space and is now in their fourth year for their Sunday morning church service, and once a month on Saturday evenings.

9. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute

Our annual tribute to Dr. King was once again held at Faith Baptist Church on January 13th. Greenwood School Principal Dr. Nicole Dickens – Simon was honored with the Dr. King Spirit of the Community Service Award, and three Hamilton high school students were awarded Spirit of the Community Student Scholarship Awards for $500 each!

10. Summer Free Lunch Program

The Center was again a feeding site for the Summer Food Service Program through the N.J.Department of Agriculture. Mercer Street Friends was our sponsor for this program. Lunch was provided for **30** children from the Bromley neighborhood, Monday – Friday for 39 days. Karson Foods was the vendor that provided the meals. Mercer Street Friends also provided weekend food packs for the children on Fridays.

11. Summer Camp

The Summer Camp ran for 8 weeks from June 23rd to August 15th. A total of 50 campers attended (5 to 10 years old). Daily activities included Arts & Crafts, music, outside play including sprinkler and playground time, free lunch / snack and more. Some special camp events included a Talent Show, Carnival, field trips,and much more!

12. Farm to Family Program

For the sixth straight year, a 16 week Farm to Family Program took place from July 10th to October 23rd. The CYO Bromley Center partnered with RWJ Barnabas and Snipes Farm to distribute fresh fruits and vegetables to 15 families and also provided healthy eating and drinking education. The program addressed food insecurity at a much needed time.

13. Annual Easter Party

The Easter Party was held on Tuesday, April 15th at the Center. 60 area children stopped by for pizza lunch, candy, prizes, and Easter basket, and a visit from the Easter Bunny!

14. CYO Bromley Neighborhood Clean – Up Day / Earth Day

On Saturday, April 5th, the CYO Bromley Center held its 13th annual "Bromley Clean –Up / Earth Day". With the help of volunteers, community residents, & the Hamilton Township Public Works Dept., the following areas were cleaned: the 1700 block of East State St., Adella, Victor, and Rosalia Aves., and Bromley and Farmingdale Parks. Dumpsters were made available by Hamilton Township and many residents were able to clean out their yards and basements. Park benches and tables were painted and flowers planted!

15. Spring Food Festival

The CYO hosted a Spring Food Festival for all Food Pantry clients on Tuesday, May 11th. The festival included a free food truck lunch, additional monthly bag of food, and a $25 food store gift card. 75 Food Pantry members attended. In conjunction with this year's Spring Food Festival we honored "Community Heroes'", Community Members who help us do what we do to provide food to the Pantry members and help keep our shelves stocked year round with food. The 2025 Community Heroes were: John Kilcoyne, Asia Williams, Scotty Smith, Larry and Kathy Pinder, Dave DiBiase, Saint Vincent DePaul Society, Hamilton Township Public Works, Mercer County Education Association, CWA Local 1042, and Southern Regional Food Distribution Center.

16. Halloween Parade and Party

The 13th annual CYO Halloween party was held on October 29th. 60 local children attended a pizza, costume, and dance party, with plenty of treats and fun!

17. ThanksgivingLunch/ Turkey Giveaway

For the 24th year we held a Thanksgiving Lunch and Turkey Giveaway. 90 pantry members attended the lunch and were given a turkey and sides to go, along with a $25 food store gift card and 25 pounds of additional food! The event was held on Tuesday, November 25th from 11:00am - 1:00 pm. This event continues to be one of our largest yearly events!

18. Fall Food Festival

The CYO provided a Food Festival to all Food Pantry clients on Tuesday, October14th. The festival included free lunch from a food truck, an additional monthly box of food, and a food store gift card. 60 Food Pantry clients attended.

19. Children's Christmas Celebration

The 23rd annual Children's Christmas Celebration was held on Wednesday, December 10th from 5:30pm – 7:00 pm at the Bromley Center. Pizza and drinks were provided along with candy canes and Christmas desserts in a great Holiday setting with favorite Christmas songs playing, and a very festive and energetic crowd was thrilled to attend. Before leaving each child received a present from and picture with Santa! Over 75 income-eligible children & parents attended! Toys were donated by Dr. Brian Lavery's office and Girls Friendly Society.

20. WIC -Women, Infant, and Children Program

WIC is a public health nutrition program that provides food, nutrition education and community support for eligible women who are pregnant and post – partum with infants and children up to five years old. The Center opened its doors to Hamilton WIC in 2022 and they hold part time meetings throughout the year. This program is well run by Children's Home Society.

21. Community Garden at Bromley Park

The 12 bed Community Garden continues to be cared and nurtured at Bromley Park! Twelve families from CYO Bromley Food Pantry are responsible for these beds year round to plant, grow, garden, and care for them. This is all possible through a joint partnership with CYO Bromley Center, Hamilton Township, Snipes Farms, RWJ Barnabas, and Sharbell Development coming together to help better the Bromley Community through this garden! Education and Planting Days are scheduled 2-3 times a year for the gardeners!

22. Grants

The CYO received grants totaling $22,000 plus an additional $10,000 CDBG funds from Hamilton Township. As a result, the CYO was able to provide enhanced programming and improvements for our Center and pantry!

23. New Year's Lunch

New to the programming was a Food Pantry Member New Year's lunch! This event took place on Wednesday, January 8th from 11am – 1pm. Over 50 pantry members attended for lunch, socialization, entertainment, and took home an extra box of food and a $25 food store gift card!

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