

MAKE A CONTRIBUTION IN 2023!



As we finish 2023, please consider investing in the future of our state through a [donation to NJ Together](#). Our parent network, Metro IAF, has pledged to match recurring donations, doubling your gift!

We have made tremendous strides this year, including:

- **Clean Water:** Helping 10,000 more children (23,000 in total) get access to clean, safe, drinking water in school.
- **School Repairs:** Working to ensure that the tens of millions of funding we secured for the Jersey City Schools is used to make critically needed basic physical repairs like fixing roofs, installing new lighting, doors and windows.
- **Fines and Fees:** Enabling thousands of returning citizens across Hudson and Essex counties to resolve crippling debt and legal obligations before they are released to have a better chance at reestablishing themselves once they return home.
- **Housing:** [Helping to secure a critical tax incentive](#) that will ensure 35% of the housing at Bayfront can actually be affordable for poor and working class families. We also secured funding for a feasibility study of geothermal energy which could dramatically reduce the site's carbon footprint and residents' utility bills.
- **Essex County:** Founding a new chapter, Essex Together.
- **Morris County:** [Successfully supported CoHome](#) when it was under attack from a small band of opponents. We are now meeting with State officials to explore how to expand CoHome type residents for families with adult children who need and deserve a humane and supportive residential option.

Your support will help us to accomplish so much more in 2024, including:

- **Housing:** Helping tenants hold landlords accountable, continuing the work to ensure 2,800+ affordable homes are built at Bayfront, and that they are as affordable and environmentally friendly as possible through the use of green energy subsidies. The Metro IAF Nehemiah Housing Team is working with Essex Together leaders from the Newark-based Returning Citizen's group, as well from Montclair, to present affordable housing responses to requests for proposals in both municipalities.
- **Criminal Justice:** Organizing returning citizens to build on our victories and help everyone have a fair chance after they return home.
- **Mental Health:** Ensuring that real mental health crisis response is finally available in Jersey City and beyond.
- **Education:** Ensuring that other physical needs in schools are addressed through proper use of federal subsidies and other resources, and exploring and addressing serious academic needs throughout the state.
- **Green Energy:** Helping congregations, schools, homeowners, and others take advantage of subsidies to improve their heating and cooling, save money, and reduce their carbon footprint.
- **Leadership Development:** Training leaders so they can act on the issues they care about and want to change.

To be a part of this progress, please [make a recurring donation](#), which will be matched, or [make a one-time contribution](#). You will be able to direct your donation to support our work overall, or to any of our local chapters in Jersey City, Essex County or Morris County.

Thank you for your continuing partnership in organizing to make our communities and the whole state better for everyone!