

Report to the 206th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine
Trinity Jubilee Center, Lewiston
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The Trinity Jubilee Center is the social service hub for Lewiston- Auburn. Each year the Center serves over 4,000 people from three dozen countries and the Center's support creates lasting positive impacts on participants' health and economic stability.

The Trinity Jubilee Center opened in 1991 as a soup kitchen offering a simple meal a few days per week. Programs have grown exponentially as food recipients asked for support addressing the causes of their hunger. Today five programs operate simultaneously.

- The Soup Kitchen serves healthy hot lunches and prepares two dozen meals for delivery to homebound senior citizens daily. Requests for food continue to increase: the Soup Kitchen served over 39,000 meals in the past year. The Center's Food Rescue Project picks up daily donations of leftover food from local stores and cafeterias.
- The Food Pantry and Diaper Bank provides fresh produce, frozen meat, milk, and nonperishable food. 150-200 households receive food each week, most of them elderly, disabled, or single parents. The Center operates the only "diaper bank" in Androscoggin County and distributed over 60,000 diapers in the past year.
- The Day Shelter provides daytime shelter to homeless men, women, and children, offering a bathroom, continental breakfast, power strips for charging phones, a microwave station, and coloring books for kids. Over 600 people utilized the shelter last year.
- The Resource Center includes the Free Clinic, staffed by a doctor and pre-med students; use of the Center's phone, mailing address, and printer; referrals for mental health case management; visits from partner agency outreach teams; and assistance with paperwork. The Resource Center also distributes supplies, including socks and underwear; winter coats, boots, hats, gloves, and blankets; and toiletries such as deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, and conditioner. Over 1,000 people were served last year.
- The Immigrant Integration Program serves immigrants from over 40 countries, providing assistance with resume-writing, job applications, and immigration forms in English, French, Portuguese, and Somali. The Program helps an average of 100 people find jobs each year.

These five programs run simultaneously in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Maine. This approach is unique: through a "one-stop-shop" design this comprehensive network of programs efficiently helps each participant overcome their obstacles to safety, health, and financial stability.

The Center continues to operate out of rented space in the undercroft of Lewiston's Trinity Episcopal Church, which has become more and more cramped over the decades, as programs expand. In December 2024 the Center broke ground on a new facility at 123 Bates Street in Lewiston, which will offer nearly 4 times as much space. All programs can expand. The kitchen gains a walk-in fridge and freezer, food pantry distributions move indoors, the office gains more workstations for employment assistance, and the Free Clinic expands to include two medical exam rooms and rooms for mental health and substance misuse services. The Day Shelter will now include shower and laundry facilities. A generous UTO grant has been received to launch a new staff position managing daily access to showers and laundry. Grand opening of the new facility is expected in January 2026.