

Berea Faith Community Outreach, Inc.

2024 Annual Report

Berea Faith Community Outreach, Inc (BFCO) administered three aid programs to meet the housing, nutritional, and other material needs of at-risk individuals and families from southern Madison County, with financial and in-kind support from local churches, businesses, individuals and Berea College.

Bereans United for Utility & Rent Relief (BUURR) offered enhanced annual utility/rent assistance while offering clients a robust referral service.

Berea Food Bank clients receive a week's worth of nutritionally balanced groceries in proportion to family size up to once a month. We work beyond our building by providing groceries to five homeless feeding organizations, our ReachOut Initiative delivers food to two affordable housing communities in Berea, and our student feminine hygiene product initiative is ongoing. We also continue to partner with the Berea Police Department providing Emergency Food and to support low-income home gardening programs including our own garden. Additionally, this year we supplied groceries for New Opportunity School for women sessions and Family/Youth Resource Centers at Berea Community School. We continue special access relationships with social workers, medical professionals, and clergy to provide aid to those in need.

Frank Gailey Transient/Emergency Assistance Fund assisted those needing emergency gas, lodging or food. We partner with the Berea Police Department's Community Resources Coordinator to offer emergency assistance to those in need.



Honored with the Presidential Volunteer Award outreach.



Preparing Holiday Baskets, a volunteer inspired

From the President - Dave Kobersmith

2024 is the Year of the Volunteer! Did you know Berea Faith Community Outreach and its three programs are 100% volunteer led? This year five of our long serving volunteers were awarded the President's Gold Lifetime Achievement Volunteer Service Award. These women have given so much to so many and we are honored by their service to the food bank. They received the highest award in this program(true?). Tony Crachiolo said before presenting the awards at our annual volunteer luncheon, "These are the folks who trained me when I came on as a volunteer almost a decade ago. I could not have taken over the Executive Director position without their leadership!"

We are grateful to all our volunteers, but I can't say enough about all the work that Tony does to keep our two biggest programs thriving so they can help those in need feel welcomed, appreciated, and cared for with dignity. Thank you, Tony, for your leadership that guides in caring for others!

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2024 Financial Statement

Income

Local cash contributions	\$ 108,866
Interest earned	60
In-kind food donations	<u>206,006</u>
Total Income	\$ 308,933

Expenses

Support to families	\$ 306,602
Administrative	<u>11,821</u>
Total Expense	\$ 318,423

Those Served

	<u># families</u>	<u>\$ amount</u>
BUURR	336	54,923
Food Bank	2,838	242,523
Transient Aid	<u>40</u>	<u>3,156</u>
Totals	3214	\$ 306,602

More than 96% of BFCO's 2024 expenditures went directly to helping those in need.



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