

## From the President ---

Our latest endeavors have been to update our bylaws and work on the issue of homelessness in Berea. The discussions around the issue of the homeless have included many members of our community and local government. The issue is complex and we realize the need to partner with many in the community to determine the need and a solution. I have been pleased with the discussion and actions of a dedicated group of Bereans work on starting a program called "Room In The Inn Berea." They offered shelter for the first time on December 24, 2018 and plan to begin sheltering those in need on a regular basis soon.

Dave Kobersmith



Mayor Connelly and Jerry Workman hard at work organizing donations. Thanks to the city for all it's support of our programs.

### 2018 Board of Directors:

Dave Kobersmith,	President
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## BFCO

### Berea Faith Community Outreach, Inc.

With financial and in-kind support from local churches, businesses, individuals and Berea College programs, **BFCO** administers three aid programs to meet the housing, nutritional, and other material needs of at-risk individuals and families from southern Madison County.

**Bereans United for Utility & Rent Relief (BUURR)** provides partial assistance with rent and utility bills. Those in need are eligible for assistance once a year.

**The Berea Food Bank** provides those in need with groceries for several days, in proportion to family size. Families or individuals may receive assistance up to three times in a six month period.

**The Frank Gailey Transient/Emergency Assistance Fund** has been renamed and new policies developed by our board. The new coordinators ready to start the program will be assisting those needing gas, lodging or food.



One of the many AmeriCorps volunteers.

# Berea Faith Community Outreach, Inc. □□□ Annual Report 2018



Offices for Berea Food Bank & Bereans United for Utility & Rent Relief

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## Partners & Appreciation

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**Berea College CELTS & Rotary Club** sponsor annual community-wide food drives! The out pouring of practical assistance and reminders of the work our Food Bank does for the community are essential.

**The many banks and credit unions** of Berea support us financially and with a battle of the banks.

**City of Berea** - Berea Faith Community Outreach is grateful for all the ways the city partners with us to support those in need!

**Americorps volunteer says** "Today I had the opportunity to volunteer at the Berea Food Bank. I was impressed by how many people the food bank is able to help. I am glad I could help out." Kara Erslan

"This has been a great experience. It has really opened my eyes to what a great food bank is here in Berea. I want to return to help out." Alexis Preston

**\*\* Note from one helped in the past \*\***

"Blessings from someone who used to live by the grace of food banks." Anonymous

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**BFCO continues to be served by our loyal and experienced volunteers with Jerry Workman now in his 17<sup>th</sup> year as Food Bank Coordinator and Peg Morrow in her 12<sup>th</sup> year as coordinator for BUURR.**



Food Bank volunteers Judy, Peggy & Tanya . Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers, we couldn't do it without you!

### Where did the food come from?

- ◇ Community individuals and families
- ◇ Community food drives
- ◇ Churches
- ◇ God's Pantry
- ◇ Schools and Family Resource Centers
- ◇ Local groceries and food organizations
- ◇ Farmers Markets, farms and gardeners
- ◇ Local organizations and businesses

### Where did the \$\$\$ come from?

- ◇ Individual Gifts
- ◇ Community Events:
  - Flyers and envelopes attached to 'Hunger Hurts Drive' bags
  - Community Thanksgiving Eve service
  - Local School Food Drives
- ◇ Churches – annual or specific offerings
- ◇ Local businesses

### Where did the support come from?

- ◇ Volunteers
- ◇ City of Berea – facilities & volunteers
- ◇ Local Schools
- ◇ Berea College

## 2018 Financial Statement

### Income

Local cash contributions	\$ 37,103
Interest earned	29
In-kind food donations	<u>609,012</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 646,144</b>

### Expenses

Support to families	\$ 644,999
Administrative	<u>5,419</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 650,418</b>

	# families	\$ amount
BUURR	203	22,414
Food Bank	980	620,466
Transient Aid	<u>41</u>	<u>2,119</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,237</b>	<b>\$ 644,999</b>

More than 99% of BFCO's 2018 income went directly to helping those in need.

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One of our many successful food drives.  
Thank you Berea Rotary!