

Berea Faith Community Outreach, Inc.

2021 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. In 2022, we will continue upon this path.

Berea Food Bank Clients receive a week's worth of nutritionally balanced groceries in proportion to family size monthly. We also provided food beyond our building by providing ready-to-eat food for two homeless organizations and through the ReachOut Initiative we deliver groceries to 100 low-income families in Berea. New this year are the Berea Police Department Emergency Food Box, the Student Feminine Hygiene Product Initiatives and a low-income home gardening program. In 2022 we will continue grow our services!

Frank Gailey Transient/Emergency Assistance Fund assists those needing emergency gas, lodging or food. In December of this year, we partnered with the Berea Police Department's Community Resources Coordinator to offer emergency assistance to those in need.



From the President - Dave Kobersmith

Gratitude is the word that comes to mind to describe 2021.

I am thankful for the team that we have to do the all-volunteer work of Berea Faith Community Outreach and its programs. The board of directors that I have the privilege of working with to guide our organization. Also the teams of volunteers at the food bank and rent and utility relief programs are some of the best.

I am grateful for how we have been able to partner with the Berea Police Department to be able to give emergency assistance to those in need of gas, food or short-term lodging through the Frank Gailey Fund. This program has had its ups and downs over the past few years. We are hopeful that this will be the right fit for us as we move forward.

I give thanks for the direction Tony gives to the Berea Food Bank and Bereans United for Utility and Rent Relief. Under his guidance we have been able to add numerous programs (see above) and increase the number of families served. The single largest change I have seen over my 7+ years on the board is the nutritional value of the food and amount of food we are able to provide. All of this has been made possible by a shift in our business model from one of primarily receiving donations of food to one of receiving donations of money with which to purchase food from God's Pantry at a very reduced cost. This year alone we have provided over 94,700 meals!

Lastly, I can't say how much I appreciate all of our donors. Your support of our new business model is what makes it possible for us to provide more nutritionally balanced food selections to our clients, give aid to those who have hit hard times and can't pay their rent or utility bill, and assist those in emergency need of gas, food or short-term lodging. Thank you.

2021 Board of Directors:

Dave Kobersmith, President
Shirley Carlberg, Vice-President
Jessica Burton, Secretary
Jay Thesing, Treasurer
Tony Crachiolo, Coordinator Food Bank and BUURR

Mary Kniskern, Coordinator Gailey Fund
Dale Barlow, Donations
Rev. Charles Bertrand
Jerry Workman, Ambassador
Barry Lukoff

2021 Financial Statement

Income

Local cash contributions	\$ 94,376
Interest earned	68
In-kind food donations	<u>120,270</u>
Total Income	\$ 214,714

Expenses

Support to families	\$ 187,765
Administrative	<u>13,657</u>
Total Expense	\$ 201,422

Those Served

	<u># families</u>	<u>\$ amount</u>
BUURR	93	45,815
Food Bank	1,241	141,537
Transient Aid	<u>9</u>	<u>413</u>
Totals	1,456	\$ 187,765

More than 93% of BFCO's 2021 income went directly to helping those in need.



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