

# Berea Faith Community Outreach, Inc.

## 2020 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)** provided partial assistance with rent and utility bills. Those in need are eligible for assistance once a year.

**Berea Food Bank** provided those in need with a week worth of groceries, in proportion to family size. Families or individuals may receive assistance up to 12 times during a year. We also provided food beyond our building by providing ready-to-eat food for a homeless organization and providing produce for affordable housing communities in Berea. This has been a year to create new ways to meet our community's needs!

**Frank Gailey Transient/Emergency Assistance Fund** assisted those needing emergency gas, lodging or food. Due to the lack of a coordinator, this program was suspended in November 2020.



### From the President - Dave Kobersmith

This year has been defined by the pandemic and changing of the guard. Our beloved Peg Morrow died just after resigning as the head of BUURR and the board of directors. Jerry Workman resigned as the head of the food bank. Therefore, at our socially distant March meeting (now we meet by Zoom) Tony Crachiolo agreed to head up both of these programs and lead us in setting COVID operating guidelines for all our operations. This was a substantial change in the way we operate, but well received. In response to the growing needs of our community during the pandemic we have acted to expand our services and increase Food Bank and BUURR assistance.

- BUURR assistance was doubled and continued coordinating with partner agencies
- Food bank clients were given twice as much food and we doubled how often they received food
- We are now an approved Feeding America partner and receive commodity foods
- We allow proxy pick-ups and established a modest delivery service
- We supply fresh produce weekly to over 90 families residing in affordable housing apartments
- We partnered with a homeless aid group in Berea to supply ready-to-eat food monthly

Our community and community partners have stepped up by volunteering and donating to help those in need in Berea. Thank you all!

## 2020 Board of Directors:

Dave Kobersmith, President	Mary Kniskern
Shirley Carlberg, Vice-President	Peg Morrow
Jessica Burton, Secretary	Jackson Napier
Jay Thesing, Treasurer	John Poulette
Tony Crachiolo, Coordinator Food Bank and BUURR	Jerry Workman
Rev. Charles Bertrand	Barry Lukoff

## 2020 Financial Statement

### Income

Local cash contributions	\$ 115,494
Interest earned	52
In-kind food donations	<u>78,000</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 193,546</b>

### Expenses

Support to families	\$ 116,453
Administrative	<u>12,253</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 128,706</b>

### Those Served

	<u># families</u>	<u>\$ amount</u>
BUURR	93	15,827
Food Bank	3298	98,255
Transient Aid	<u>58</u>	<u>2,353</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3,449</b>	<b>\$ 116,435</b>

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More than 90% of BFCO's 2020 income went directly to helping those in need.



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