

Berea Faith Community Outreach, Inc.

2019 Annual Report

Berea Faith Community Outreach, Inc (BFCO) administers 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) 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 assists those needing emergency gas, lodging or food.



From the President - Dave Kobersmith

This picture represents just one of our community partners - Berea College and the CELTS program Hunger Hurts Food Drive - but it also symbolizes the vast number of community volunteers it takes to help those in need. Meeting with individuals and families to assess how we can help; unloading truckloads of food; coordinating food drives; filling grocery bags; sorting & labeling food; fundraising and so much more!

This year your board of directors worked on a variety of projects while keeping watchful eyes on the finances and programs we offer. We were able to rebuild and restart the transient/emergency assistance fund after transitions in leadership. We also explored the possibility of becoming the fiscal sponsor of Room In The Inn-Berea (RITI-Berea). We are still carefully researching this relationship along with the board of directors for RITI-Berea.

Fundraising is always on our minds and we have been successful at securing a grant from the City of Berea for our BUURR program. We explored new avenues for raising awareness and funds through Facebook. Lastly, we signed a Memorandum Of Understanding with the Berea Police Department as they explored hiring a social worker to assist the citizens of Berea.

2019 Board of Directors:

Dave Kobersmith, President
Laura Robie, Vice-President
Martina Leforce, Secretary
Jay Thesing, Treasurer

Rev. Charles Bertrand, Shirley Carlberg, Tony Crachiolo, Mary Kniskern, Peg Morrow, Jackson Napier, Jerry Workman

BFCO continues to be served by our loyal and experienced volunteers with Jerry Workman now in his 18th year as Food Bank Coordinator, Peg Morrow in her 13th year as coordinator for BUURR and Mary Kniskern in her first year as coordinator of Frank Gailey Fund.

2019 Financial Statement

Income

Local cash contributions	\$ 39,699
Interest earned	32
In-kind food donations	<u>787,178</u>
Total Income	\$ 826,909

Expenses

Support to families	\$ 823,729
Administrative	<u>5,484</u>
Total Expense	\$ 829,213

Those Served

	<u># families</u>	<u>\$ amount</u>
BUURR	203	19,162
Food Bank	1139	803,063
Transient Aid	<u>36</u>	<u>1,504</u>
Totals	1,378	\$ 823,729

More than 99% of BFCO's 2019 income went directly to helping those in need.