

Berea Faith Community Outreach, Inc.

2023 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 a low-income community 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 two low-income home gardening programs including starting our own garden. Additionally, this year we supplied groceries for New Opportunity School for women sessions and Family/Youth Resource Centers at local schools. 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 partnered with the Berea Police Department's Community Resources Coordinator to offer emergency assistance to those in need.



Food Bank stocked up!



CELTS Better Together 5K Fundraiser for BFCO

From the President - Dave Kobersmith

In 2016 we had to stop the Frank Gailey Transient Emergency/Assistance fund program for lack of leadership. Thanks to the work of Mark Kniskern, we now have a thriving partnership with the Berea Police Department through their Community Resource Coordinator, Zinnia Hensley.

Zinnia recently shared some of the impacts of this partnership.

- A family of 4 traveling along I-75 had their car break down at midnight and were set up in a hotel until the car repair shops opened.
- Officers bought food for children at the Police Dept. so they had something to eat.
- Taking care of the needs of a severely autistic child as he stayed the weekend at the Dept. of Community Based Services office because no one would take him in.

These types of incidents and more were commonly paid for by the officers themselves or the needs went unmet. Now the Frank Gailey Transient Emergency/Assistance fund helps those in need in partnership with the Berea Police Dept. Thank you for your support of all of our programs! You make a difference in the lives of many.

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2023 Financial Statement

Income

Local cash contributions	\$ 103,909
Interest earned	53
In-kind food donations	<u>136,081</u>
Total Income	\$ 240,043

Expenses

Support to families	\$ 210,489
Administrative	<u>10,941</u>
Total Expense	\$ 221,430

Those Served

	<u># families</u>	<u>\$ amount</u>
BUURR	235	39,162
Food Bank	2,929	168,021
Transient Aid	<u>48</u>	<u>3,306</u>
Totals	3213	\$ 210,489

More than 95% of BFCO's 2023 expenditures went directly to helping those in need.



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