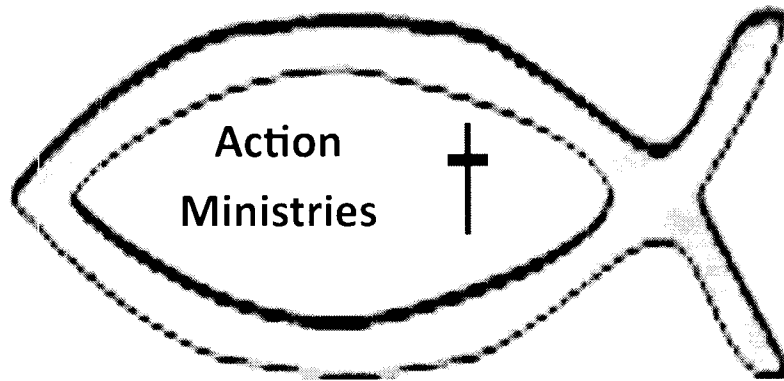


Annual Report

2015



We Are Blessed to be a Blessing

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Executive Director

Tom Dorman

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday

9am – noon

The first Monday of each month

6:30pm to 8:00pm

The third Monday of each month

6:00pm to 7:30pm

Board of Directors

2015

Chairman: Larry Mains
Vice Chairman: Jim Procaccino
Secretary: Sandy Banta
Treasurer: Jennifer Ratterman

Other Board Members

Paul Barth
Dick Becker
Denny Bush
Barb Dorman
Jim Dorman
Tom Dorman
John Murphy
Jim Procaccino
Dale Schaber
Chuck Vaughn

We have no paid staff. Everyone working at Action Ministries is a volunteer!
In a month, approximately 125 people, participate in some way

Mission Statement

Action Ministries exists to share the love of Jesus Christ by providing groceries, hope and encouragement to low income families

Letter from the Executive Director

Action Ministries has been blessed this year with foods donated by Amazon, Walmart, Kroger, Meijer, PepsiCo, NFI (Safeway), Dornino's & Club Chef. We are also still getting pizzas from St. Vincent DePaul.

The amount of food we received from these different agencies has created an issue regarding space in the warehouse. With the number of families we are now serving (some months have been over 1,000 families), it has taken additional time to serve these families and has created a need for additional volunteers to be available to sort and label the donated food coming in. We still serve 3 senior citizen locations, The Colony, Aldersgate and Hathaway Court. Plus, we continue to serve the at-risk children in the Kenton County School System. That program has increased to 200 students each week. With all the extra work we have now, it has opened up possibilities for different groups (churches, schools, youth groups, boy scouts, girl scouts, senior citizen groups) who are looking for community service time. We also received food this year from various organizations and individual collections (school food drives, Postal Carrier Food Drive, Retired Airline Workers, etc). These collections helped make it possible to purchase fewer food items.

The food from the Government Commodity program has remained about the same, but with the number of families we are serving, we usually run out by the end of the first or second week after we receive the food. We can only order one time per month and have to wait until the next month to distribute government commodities again.

In April 2015, Jim Procaccino accepted the position of Vice Chairman of the Board. We were also pleased to welcome two new members to the Board of Directors in 2015. Dale Schaber joined in February and Paul Barth in November. It is working out well with our Daily Directors covering the day-by-day administration needs of the mission:

Dick Becker	Monday
Jim Procaccino	Tuesday & Thursday
Dale Schaber	Wednesday
Paul Barth	Friday

Denny Bush and Larry Mains continue to be Warehouse Managers and oversee the operations of the warehouse and daily food pickups.

We thank you for your continued support and may God richly bless you in the coming year.

Tom Dorman
Executive Director

Food For Thought

Food For Thought is our program aimed at providing weekend food for those children in our community who do not have reliable access to food on the weekends. These are the children who depend on their free and reduced lunches at school during the week but whose parents, for a variety of reasons, are unable to provide for them on the weekends. Programs similar to ours are being run all over the country, including in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky by the Cincinnati Freestore/Foodbank. It's unfortunate, but the schools are seeing the need for these programs continue to rise each year

Action Ministries' role is to secure funding, purchase and distribute the bags. The Family Resource Coordinators at the schools identify the children and discretely deliver the bags to them each Friday.

We were pleased to be able to begin the 2015/16 school year by providing bags for 200 students each week in the following schools. In calendar 2015, we made and distributed 6210 bags.

Beechgrove Elementary	Caywood Elementary
Dixie High School	Ft. Wright Elementary
Kenton Elementary	Piner Elementary
River Ridge Elementary	Ryland Elementary
Scott High School	Simon Kenton High School
Summit View Elementary	Summit View Middle School
Taylor Mill Elementary	Turkey Foot Middle School
Twenhofel Middle School	White's Tower Elementary
Woodland Middle School	

In August, 2015, because of logistical issues, we were no longer able to actually pack the bags at our warehouse in Latonia. Instead, we were able to partner with the Cincinnati Freestore/Foodbank in a new way and buy their Power Packs to distribute to our schools in Kenton County. In many ways, this proved to be a good decision: most importantly, because their cost was \$4 per bag as compared to \$4.50 per bag that we had been spending to do the bags ourselves. Therefore, at the beginning of the 2015/16 school year, we were able to offer 200 per week to the schools. These are the same bags being distributed in greater Cincinnati by the Freestore. The bags contain 15 items including Chef Boyardee entrees, fruit-vegetable blend drinks, fortified snack bars and sunflower seeds.

Our funding comes from individual contributors and grants. Our contributors in 2015 were:

- Bradford Lodge #123 F&AM
- Butler Foundation
- R.C. Durr Foundation
- Good Faith Lodge #95 F&AM
- Kentucky Colonels Good Works Grant
- Twisted Cruzers Riding Club
- And several individuals

Feedback from the schools continues to be very positive and Action Ministries is committed to continuing this program as long as it is needed and we are able to fund it. Following are stories we received from the Family Resource Coordinators about the ***Food For Thought*** bags “in action.”

The Food for Thought program continues to impact lives in Kenton County...

- *From a Kenton County High School teacher regarding a student who receives a FFT bag each Friday – A student comes every Friday to get his food bag. He said he is so appreciative of the goodies to get him through the weekend. He also said he has never had someone care so much about him and his well-being!*
- *At a Kenton County Middle School, there were a brother and sister who reported financial issues at home and they were added to the FFT list. When I checked in with the sister she told me her mom cried when they came home and opened the bags because she was so thankful and relieved.*
- *I work in a Kenton County Elementary School and I have several students who receive an FFT bag each week. Two different sets of siblings are on the list due to being removed from their homes. They have been placed with non-custodial parents or other relatives. When a budget suddenly needs to provide for two or more extra mouths, it can be difficult to make sure everyone has enough. The FFT program continues to provide security to our students by knowing they will not go home to a hungry house each weekend.*
- *We have a grandma raising 5 of her grandkids. Two of them go to school here. They get a food bag every week because she is on a totally fixed (and small) income. She has told me repeatedly how much she appreciates and needs the bags. At the beginning of school I wasn't sure if they would need them again. The 5th grader stopped me in the hallway and asked me if he could still get the “little brown bag of food” each week because he really needs them. I told him “yes, of course.”*
- *I am giving out 51 bags each week. (35 from Action Ministries and 16 from a local church.) I have a 5th grade boy and his 3rd grade sister taking home a weekly bag. Their mom and dad have been in and out of prison for many years. The children were placed in the care of their aunt and uncle. The week before Christmas break mom died from an over dose. The 5th grade boy came in to see me before break and shared, “ I am going to save my treat bag until after the funeral.” He shared it's fun to open the bag and see what's inside! I hugged him... it was as though he knew he needed something to look forward to and for comfort after the funeral. The thought of his little food bag being his comfort made me so sad and yet blessed that the FRC/Action Ministries/local church can provide these children food for the weekend. I have 39 students that have been identified*

as McKinney Vento (homeless) each have a sad story, but each gets a Food for Thought bag every week!

As you can see there are many, many children in Kenton County who are beyond blessed by the Food for Thought Program. We are so thankful to the funders, the volunteers and the coordinators of this amazing program. These bags of food provide a sense of security to students knowing someone is looking out for them and always there to help. Thank you for the huge part you play in that!

-The Kenton County Family Resource and Youth Service Center Coordinators

We are thankful that we have been blessed to be able to provide this service to some of the most vulnerable children in our community. Thank you very much for participating with us in this effort and making it possible. We have truly been "blessed to be a blessing."

Sandy Banta
Coordinator of *Food For Thought*

February, 2016

Mission Facts, 2015

Our Clients

- We helped families with food 10,810 times (up from 10,464)
- We helped 2512 different households (down from 2592)
- We averaged 901 families a month (up from 872)
- Total number of people in these families (unduplicated): 6847 (down from 6923)
- Average Household Income per family - \$887/month (up from \$859)

Our Expenses

- We spent \$36,611 on food for our General Program (down from \$50,145)
- We spent \$23,629 on food for the *Food For Thought* Program (up from \$22,702)
- Total spending for all food, Ensure, bags, gift certificates, etc. \$61,025 (down from \$74,280)
- Our total expenses for the Mission's Programs and for Operating and Property Expenses was \$110,777, but NONE of it was for salaries. (down from \$122,626)
- Average food only cost per pick up in the General Program - \$3.39 (down from \$4.79)
- Average food only cost per pack in the *Food For Thought* program - \$3.80 (down from \$4.07)

Outgoing Pounds of Food

- Total number of pounds distributed to our clients - 990,210 (up from 909,816)
- Total number of pounds we distributed to other agencies, schools and churches, etc. - 236,820 (up from 187,041)
- Average pounds of food and grocery items given to each client family - 91.4 (up from 86)

Bottom Line

- Total expenses for 2016 - \$110,777 (down from \$122,626)
- Total income for 2016 - \$116,731 (down from \$128,431)

**Action Ministries, Inc.
2015 Income/Expense
Summary**

INCOME

Contributions	\$ 77,250
Memorials	\$ 1,805
Food For Thought	\$ 25,716
Donated not deposited	\$ 2,576
EFSP (FEMA)	\$ 9,000
Fundraisers	\$ -
Sale/Unusable Donated Items	\$ -
Other Income	\$ 50
Interest Income	\$ 334
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 116,731

EXPENSES

Ministry Expenses

Food and Ensure	\$ 36,611
Kroger Gift Certificates	\$ -
Food For Thought	\$ 23,629
Miscellaneous (Bags, etc.)	\$ 785
Total Ministry Expenses	\$ 61,025

Operating Expenses

Building Debt Reduction	\$ 10,875
Duke Power	\$ 9,390
Telephone	\$ 2,307
Water	\$ 337
Sanitation	\$ 651
Waste Disposal	\$ 2,399
Office Supplies/Postage	\$ 2,363
E&O Insurance	\$ 840
Annual Report Fee	\$ 15
Misc Warehouse Expenses	\$ -
State Food Distribution License	\$ 200
Advertising/Promotion	\$ 7
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 29,384

Property Expenses

Building

Building Maintenance	\$	281
Floor & general cleaning	\$	1,693
Insurance	\$	3,859
Lawn care/snow removal	\$	-
Pest Control	\$	810
Total Building Expenses	\$	6,642

Equipment

Truck

Vehicle Truck Maintenance	\$	3,491
Vehicle Gas and oil	\$	4,195
Insurance	\$	1,742
Registration	\$	40
Total Truck Expenses	\$	9,466

Other Equipment

Forklift Maintenance/propane	\$	622
Freezer #1 Maintenance	\$	-
Reach-in Freezer	\$	3,339
Walk-in Freezer	\$	238
Scale Maintenance	\$	-
Lawn Mower(s)	\$	-
Computers/Grey Carts/Copier/Printer/Scanner/Coffee Maker	\$	-
Total Other Equip. Expenses	\$	4,199

Total Property Expenses **\$ 20,308**

Fundraising Expenses

Misc. Expenses	\$	-
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Total Fundraising Expenses

Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	60
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Total Miscellaneous **\$ 60**

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 110,777**

NET INCOME (LOSS) **\$ 5,954**