

# Annual Report

## 2022



***We Have Been Blessed to be a Blessing  
To Northern Kentucky Families  
for over 25 years***

# Action Ministries, Inc

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## **Daily Directors**

Dick Becker

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## **Hours of Operation**

Monday through Friday

9am – noon

The First and Third Mondays of each month

6-7 PM

# Board of Directors

December 31, 2022

Chairman: Paul Barth

Vice Chairman: Jim Procaccino

Treasurer: Patty Rodgers

Secretary: Sandy Banta

## Other Board Members

Dick Becker

Larry Mains

Brenda Simpson

We have no paid staff. Everyone working at Action Ministries is a volunteer!

Each month, approximately 100 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***



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*"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18*  
*Our mission: "to share the love of Jesus Christ by providing groceries, hope and encouragement to low-income families."*

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December 31, 2022

Dear Friends,

2022 was a year of transition for us. We began the year slowly (considering the number of client visits), but ended by seeing 145% of the number we had seen in 2021. We also saw a significant increase in the number of large families (4 or more members).

As the need has increased prices for the items we buy have risen and product donations have stopped from Amazon because they moved their food shipping out of Northern Kentucky. In past years, they contributed significantly to what we were able to give our clients. Our donated food has decreased by 30% since 2021. More than ever, we are relying on financial donations to cover the cost of buying food. Cost per pickup in 2022 was about \$8.00, in 2021 it was \$3.36. And, of course, we continue to have the overhead for Action Ministries. While we have no salaries, we do have insurance, utilities, gasoline for the truck, and building and truck maintenance. And for us, just like for you, all these expenses have risen in the past six or eight months.

Despite all this, we're convinced that God's Hand is on Action Ministries. We have received several significant donations from unexpected sources and we trust that He will continue to provide for us as long as He believes we are needed in this community. We are especially thankful for our base of regular contributors and for our many, many faithful volunteers. At last count, we believe we have 86 people working with us in some capacity each month. Some have been with us for over 20 years! If you'd like to join us, please call or stop in and see where your skills and availability could fit in.

We thank you for your interest and support this past year. We hope you will continue to care about those in our community who need this little extra help each month. We take your support very seriously and will do our best to deserve it. Please, feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

In His service,

*Sandy Banta*

Sandy Banta, Secretary

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## *Beginning our 29<sup>th</sup> Year of Service to Northern Kentucky Families and Children*

### **2022 Overview of Action Ministries, Inc. December 31, 2022**

In 1994, the mayor of Ryland Heights asked Tom Dorman to distribute government commodities to local residents, making use of space at Ryland Heights Elementary School. From that very modest beginning, Action Ministries is now a 501(c)(3) non-profit, faith-based food pantry with a significant presence in Northern Kentucky.

Our programs include:

- Distribution of food daily through our location in Latonia, Kentucky
- Distribution of government commodities (TEFAP)
- A weekend backpack program (*Food For Thought*) for the Kenton School District
- Sharing products with about twenty-five other agencies, churches, and schools
- Volunteer opportunities monthly for well over one hundred people and numerous community groups

All of Action Ministries' work is accomplished by a team of about one hundred volunteers. No one is compensated in any way. Our mission is "to share the love of Jesus Christ by providing groceries, hope and encouragement to low-income families" and, while we require no religious test for our help, we hope that our motivation is clear to those we serve.

#### **Core Program**

Our warehouse/office in Latonia is open Monday through Friday from 9-noon and two Monday evenings each month. We are serving about seven hundred families each month. Each receives at least 125 pounds of groceries. In 2022, we helped families 8,116 times. Our clients come from the five northern Kentucky counties. Because of monetary donations by eight local churches, and 100 individuals and groups, government commodities, and product donations from area businesses we are able to give generously to each family we serve. Our bags typically include some combination of meats, produce, dairy products, bread, pizza, canned fruit and vegetables, packaged goods, paper goods, cereal, fruit juice, and household/personal care items. Food and grocery donations come to us from Aldi, Amazon, Ferrara, The Freestore/Foodbank, Kroger, Master Provisions, Rumpke, St. Vincent DePaul, Trader Joes, UDF, Walgreens and Walmart. NKADD (Northern Kentucky Area Development District) provides us with the greatest part of our meat and quite a bit of our dry goods. All these sources allow us to distribute a very significant amount of food, grocery items and household supplies. With careful management, the food we provide could feed a family of three for a week.

#### **Government Commodities**

We distribute the government commodities provided by Northern Kentucky Area Development (NKADD) to all our qualifying clients. For example, a family of four making less than \$3,007 a month will qualify. Although items in the commodities will vary from month to month, they are included in the list above.

#### **Special Deliveries for Seniors**

Three local churches deliver groceries each month to about one hundred of the residents at The Colony, Hathaway Court and Arcadia who are unable to drive to Action Ministries to pick up groceries. While we cannot take everything we have at the Mission to them because of logistics, we try to take the most useful items and supplement them with a few personal care items which cannot be purchased with food stamps.

### **Food For Thought**

Our weekend backpack program, *Food For Thought*, is offered to the Family Resource Centers in the Kenton County School District. Some children within our community rely on their free and reduced lunches at school as their main source of nourishment for the day. On the weekends, for a variety of reasons, they do not have a reliable food source in their homes. The program gives them food on Friday afternoon to feed them over the weekend. With the generous support from Lakeside Christian Church (2 cans of Chef Boyardee/bag and fifty volunteers each month to assemble the bags) we are able to make 240 bags available each week for distribution to the kids who need them (K-12). Financial support for *Food For Thought* comes from several individuals and from many local businesses and foundations. This year, we had grants from the Butler Family Foundation, the Durr Foundation.

### **Volunteering**

Volunteers are absolutely essential to our operation. We have a core of about one hundred people who volunteer with us each month, working in the warehouse, driving the truck, interviewing, and serving the clients, managing the operation, taking care of necessary building repairs and maintenance, and managing the business affairs of the Mission. The Mission has also become an outlet for some of our older people who want to remain connected and provide useful and meaningful service.

### **Our Budget**

In 2022, we received grants from FEMA, The Durr Foundation, The Butler Family Foundation and the Kentucky Public Protection Cabinet. Our budget for 2023 is \$160,245 (excluding depreciation). \$98,128 will be spent for food for the General and *Food For Thought* programs; the balance for administrative and operational expenses. No money is being spent for salaries.

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# Mission Facts, 2022

## Our Clients

- We helped families with food **8,116** times
- We helped **2098** different households  
They were from the following counties:
  - Kenton 1676
  - Campbell 161
  - Boone 138
  - Gallatin 52
  - Pendleton 44
  - Grant 4
  - Bracken 3
  - Homeless 8
  - Out of NKADD area 3
- We averaged **676** families a month
- Total number of people in these families (unduplicated) **5,504**
- Average Household Income per family - **\$1,058/month**
- Number of weekend food bags (*Food for Thought*) distributed to students – 5,965

## Our Expenses

- We spent **\$52,338** on food for our General Program
- We spent **\$28,353** on food for the *Food for Thought* Program
- Total spending for all food, diapers, feminine products, toiletry items for seniors, and bags - **\$94,215**
- Our total expenses for the Mission's Programs and for Operating and Property Expenses was **\$148,950** (without depreciation), but **NONE** of it was for salaries.
- Average food only cost per pick up in the General Program - **\$8.12**
- Cost per pack in the *Food for Thought* program – **\$4.75**

## Outgoing Pounds of Food

- Total number of pounds distributed to our clients – **914,643**
  - **893,774** pounds were given to clients who came to the Distribution Center
  - **20,869** pounds were delivered to about 100 clients who live in Senior Homes
- Additional pounds distributed in weekend school program – *Food for Thought* – **35,790**
- Total number of pounds we distributed to other agencies, schools and churches, etc. – **77,367**
- Average pounds of food and grocery items given to each client family - **125** pounds

## 2022 Return Summary

**ACTION MINISTRIES, INC.** 61-1330212

### FORM 990:

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS	133,228
NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS	594,734
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	727,962
INVESTMENT INCOME	1,390
TOTAL REVENUE	729,352
PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	744,653
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL EXPENSES	11,204
TOTAL EXPENSES	755,857
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	(26,505)
BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS	
ENDING TOTAL ASSETS	874,330
ENDING TOTAL LIABILITIES	36,355
BEGINNING NET ASSETS	864,580
CHANGES IN ASSETS	(26,505)
ENDING NET ASSETS	838,075