

Annual Report

2023



***We Have Been Blessed to be a Blessing
To Northern Kentucky Families
for 30 years***

Action Ministries, Inc

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Monday through Friday

9am – noon

The First and Third Mondays of each month

6-7 PM

Board of Directors

December 31, 2023

Chairman: Paul Barth

Vice Chairman: Jim Procaccino

Treasurer: Patty Rodgers

Secretary: Sandy Banta

Other Board Members

Dick Becker

Larry Mains

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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
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March 1, 2024

Dear Friends,

2023 was a challenging year for Action Ministries. We were asked to help more families and children than ever before. We served 2748 unique households (up 31%), with 11,490 pickups (up 42%). This accounted for 7152 total people (up 30%) and 1106 families were new to us (up 40%). The average pickups per month rose to 958 (up 42%), and unfortunately the average household incomes for our families only rose 6% to \$1,120. No wonder so many needed to ask for help! The same picture was true of the weekend program for our schoolchildren. During calendar 2023, we distributed 8904 bags – a 49% increase over the number needed in 2022. It's obvious why our expenses, just like everyone else's, have gone up this past year.

That's where our friends came in and we're so very thankful for their support. We think it's important to list who joined in helping provide for this work:

- Ten churches, including Banklick Christian, Florence Christian, Grassy Creek Christian, Lakeside Christian, Lakeside Presbyterian, Latonia Baptist, Runyan Memorial, Saint Mark United Church of Christ, Saint Barbara, and Taylor Mill Pentecostal
- Seven Foundations and agencies, including AMP Foundation, Butler Foundation, Central Indiana Community Foundation, Durr Foundation, FEMA, Kentucky Colonels, and Kroger Community Rewards
- Seven fraternal and social groups, including American Airlines Vanguards, American Legion Post 203, Bradford Lodge, Good Faith Lodge #95, Kenton Hills Social Club, KY Alpha Kappa, and Retired Kenton County Teachers
- AND, 105 INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS!

Our income actually increased by 20% over the year before – not enough to cover the increase in all expenses – not just food, but for utilities, insurance, and gasoline, etc. – but enough to know that God still has work for us to do in Northern Kentucky and He is still sending the families to us for help as well as providing the resources to help them.

We know there is a tough year ahead of us, but we're trusting in Him to lead us to make the right decisions for the future of Action Ministries and the impact it can have on the lives we touch.

In His service,

Sandy Banta
Secretary

Beginning our 30^h Year of Service to Northern Kentucky Families and Children

2023 Overview of Action Ministries, Inc. December 31, 2023

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 1000 families each month. Each receives at least 100 pounds of groceries. In 2023, we helped families 11,490 times. Our clients come from the five northern Kentucky counties. Because of monetary donations by ten 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, cereal, and fruit juice. 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 District (NKADD) to all our qualifying clients. For example, a family of three making less than \$2,694 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 260 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.

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, 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.

Support

Food and grocery donations come to us from Aldi, Amazon, Ferrara, The Freestore/Foodbank, Kroger, Master Provisions, Pepsi, 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, and grocery items.

In 2023, ten churches, seven foundations and agencies, seven fraternal and social groups and one hundred five individual contributors have financially made it possible for us to purchase food we needed and pay the expenses of running the Mission.

Our Budget

Our budget for 2024 is \$172,339 (excluding depreciation). \$120,427 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, 2023

Our Clients

- We helped families with food **11,490** times
- We helped **2748** different households
They were from the following counties:
 - Kenton 2,063
 - Campbell 290
 - Boone 217
 - Grant 87
 - Pendleton 57
 - Gallatin 6
 - Bracken 4
 - Owen 3
 - N/A 21
- We averaged **958** families a month
- Total number of people in these families (unduplicated) **7,152**
- Average Household Income per family - **\$1,120/month**
- Number of weekend food bags (Food for Thought) distributed to students – **8,904**

Our Expenses

- We spent **\$135,354** on food for our General Program and Food For Thought programs
- Total spending for operation and general expenses was **\$62,141**.
- Our total expenses for the Mission's Programs and for Operating and Property Expenses was **\$197,495**, but **NONE** of it was for salaries.
- Average food only cost per pick up in the General Program - **\$8.54**
- Cost per pack in the Food for Thought program – **\$4.18**

Outgoing Pounds of Food

- Total number of pounds distributed to our clients – **1,149,122**
1,122,886 pounds were given to clients who came to the Distribution Center
26,236 pounds were delivered to about 100 clients who live in Senior Homes
- Additional pounds distributed in weekend school program – Food for Thought – **53,424**
- Total number of pounds we distributed to other agencies, schools and churches, etc. – **151,906**
- Average pounds of food and grocery items given to each client family - **106** pounds

2023 Financial Summary	
ACTION MINISTRIES, INC.	61-1330212
CASH CONTRIBUTIONS	152,798
INVESTMENT INCOME	10,784
TOTAL REVENUE (Excluding Donated Food)	163,582
MINISTRY EXPENSES (Food / Grocery)	135,354
OPERATION & GENERAL EXPENSES	62,141
TOTAL EXPENSES	197,495
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	(33,913)
BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS	
ENDING TOTAL ASSETS	660,887
ENDING TOTAL LIABILITIES	22,687
BEGINNING NET ASSETS	838,075
CHANGES IN ASSETS	(199,875)
ENDING NET ASSETS	638,200

ACTION MINISTRIES, INC.
2024 Profit and Loss Budget

	Jan-Dec 24
Income	
40000 · Contributions	
40100 · Contributions - General	\$ 100,000
40200 · Amazon Smile	\$ -
Total 40000 · Contributions	<u>\$ 100,000</u>
40500 · Grants	
40501 · FEMA	\$ -
40502 · Other Grants	\$ 30,000
Total 40500 · Grants	<u>\$ 30,000</u>
53000 · Interest Income	
53001 · Interest Income General Account	\$ 50
53050 · Interest Income - CD's	\$ 6,900
53200 · Interest Income - Savings Acct	\$ 130
Total 53000 · Interest Income	<u>\$ 7,080</u>
59500 · Donated Items	
59510 · Donated Food	\$ 10,000
Total 59500 · Donated Items	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Total Income	<u>\$ 147,080</u>
Expense	
61000 · Ministry	
61100 · Food	\$ 65,050
61105 · Seniors	\$ 3,426
61110 · Ensure	\$ 1,783
61120 · Diapers	\$ -
61125 · Feminine Products	\$ -
61500 · Food For Thought	\$ 45,968
61900 · Supplies	\$ 4,201
Total 61000 · Ministry	<u>\$ 120,427</u>
62000 · Administrative Expense	
62201 · Computer Expense	\$ 768
62210 · Website Expense	\$ -
62300 · E&O / Prof Liability Insurance	\$ 941
62500 · Office Supplies	\$ 905
62900 · Volunteer Appreciation	\$ 207
62905 · Annual Report Fee	\$ 26
Total 62000 · Administrative Expense	<u>\$ 2,846</u>
63000 · Operation	
63150 · Building	\$ 0
63160 · Mortgage Interest	\$ 785
63200 · Gas & Electric	\$ 14,560
63300 · Telephone	\$ 1,620
63350 · County Tax - 911 Annual Fee	\$ 261
63400 · Water	\$ 324
63450 · Sanitation	\$ 860
63500 · Waste Collection	\$ 3,771
63700 · Supplies	\$ 600
63900 · Miscellaneous	\$ 700
Total 63000 · Operation	<u>\$ 23,482</u>

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2024 Profit and Loss Budget

	Jan-Dec 24
64000 · Building Expenses	
64050 · Building	\$ 857
64100 · Building Insurance	\$ 5,903
64200 · Cleaning	\$ 1,402
64300 · Building Maintenance	\$ 2,000
64600 · Lawn Care	\$ 322
64605 · Lawn Mower	\$ 353
64850 · Pest Control	\$ 1,151
Total 64000 · Building Expenses	\$ 11,988
65000 · Vehicle Expense	
65100 · Truck Maintenance	\$ 2,923
65200 · Vehicle Gas	\$ 5,000
65300 · Auto Insurance	\$ 1,998
Total 65000 · Vehicle Expense	\$ 9,921
66000 · Equipment	
66100 · Forklift Maintenance	\$ 705
66200 · Propane	\$ 313
66501 · Walk-in Freezer #1	\$ 384
66502 · Walk-in Freezer #2	\$ 384
66507 · Reach-in Freezer	\$ 1,104
66702 · Reach-in Refrigerator	\$ 384
66703 · Walk-in Refrigerator	\$ 384
66850 · Other Warehouse Equipment	\$ 18
Total 66000 · Equipment	\$ 3,675
69700 · Depreciation	\$ 11,071
Total Expense	\$ 183,410
Net Income	\$ (36,330)