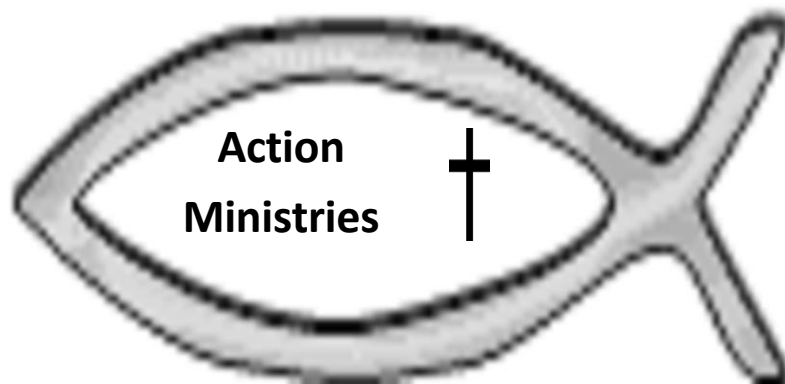


# Annual Report

## 2024



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

# Action Ministries, Inc

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Dick Becker

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Dale Schaber

## Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday

9am – noon

The First and Third Mondays of each month

6-7 PM

# Board of Directors

December 31, 2024

Chairman: Paul Barth

Vice Chairman: Jim Procaccino

Treasurer: Patty Rodgers

Secretary: Sandy Banta

## Other Board Members

Dick Becker

Larry Mains

Marty Meier

Christy Stonis

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."*

December 31, 2024

Dear Friends,

As we wrap up the year, we want to stop for a moment and thank all who have played such a crucial role in providing hope and encouragement to low-income families in our community. This year, we helped 3,223 unique households (up 17%). 1,220 were new to us this year (up 10%). These households accounted for 8,347 unduplicated people (up 17%) who picked up food 13,605 times (up 18%).

The majority of our clients live in Kenton, Campbell, and Boone counties, although many travel from several of the other nearby Kentucky counties. Their average household income is just \$1,232/month.

We also provided 9,563 weekend packs of food for about 300 children in the Kenton County School District. These children, for several individual reasons, are identified by their Family Resource Coordinators as being at risk of hunger on the weekends when they don't have access to their free meals at school. We gave them canned pasta, milk, fruit juice, applesauce, cereal, peanut butter cracker sandwiches, a granola bar, slim Jims, and sometimes another snack item to help tide them over until Monday.

Our financial support has come from

- 5 Businesses
- 7 churches
- 4 foundations
- 3 government bodies
- 4 fellowship groups
- And 124 Individual supporters!

The work of Action Ministries wouldn't be possible without the significant product donations we receive daily from local grocery stores, Northern Kentucky Area Development District and the Freestore/Foodbank.

As it has been since Action Ministries began over thirty years ago, volunteers do all the work – some just once a month, some every day. No one has ever been paid! Many who have contributed are also volunteers and we want them to know how *very* much we appreciate the time they have given. Financial support this year has been strong. We pray that this level of support will continue into 2025. We will do our very best to use the gifts responsibly to serve our community. We truly have been "blessed to be a blessing" and as long as He wants us to work in Latonia we will be here. Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

Sandy Banta  
Secretary

*We have been blessed to be a blessing  
To Northern Kentucky for 30 years*

## Over 30 Years of Service to Northern Kentucky Families and Children

### **2024 Overview of Action Ministries, Inc. December 31, 2024**

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
- Volunteer opportunities monthly for approximately one hundred people

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 1200 families each month. Each receives an average of 100 pounds of groceries. In 2024, we helped families 13,605 times. Our clients come from the five northern Kentucky counties and because of strong community support 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 \$3,981 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.

#### **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 seventy-five volunteers each month to assemble the bags) we are able to make 300 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.

**Our Budget**

Our budget for 2025 is \$191,758 (excluding depreciation). \$135,634 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.

**Support**

Food and grocery donations come to us from several places as listed below. 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.

**Food Drives**

- |                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Boy Scouts                | Piner Elementary School    |
| Caywood Elementary School | Postal Carriers Food Drive |
| Celebration Villa         | Rainbow Girls              |
| Dixie High School         | River Ridge Elementary     |
| First Presbyterian Church | Ryland Elementary          |
| Ft. Wright Elementary     | Scherzinger                |
| Heritage Bank             | Scott High School          |
| Highland Baptist Church   | Taylor Mill Elementary     |
| Lakeside Christian Church | White’s Tower Elementary   |
| Latonia Christian Church  | Wilder Fire Department     |

**Product Donations**

- |                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Flowers Bakery                | Kroger                |
| Catholic Charities            | Last Mile Food Rescue |
| Costco                        | Master Provisions     |
| Duro Bag                      | NKADD                 |
| Ferrero                       | Pepsi                 |
| Cincinnati Freestore/Foodbank | Rumpke                |
| HOPE                          | Saint Vincent dePaul  |
| Kenton County Extension       | Trader Joes           |
| Klosterman’s Bakery           | UDF                   |
|                               | Walmart               |

Funding was provided by seven churches, five businesses, four foundations, three government bodies, four fellowship groups and one hundred, twenty-four individuals.

# Mission Facts, 2024

## Our Clients

- We helped families with food **13,605** times
- We helped **3,223** different households  
They were from the following counties:
  - Kenton 2,289
  - Campbell 388
  - Boone 313
  - Grant 93
  - Pendleton 67
  - Gallatin 11
  - Bracken 3
  - Owen 1
  - N/A 53
- We averaged **1,134** families a month
- Total number of people in these families (unduplicated) **8,347**
- Average Household Income per family - **\$1,232/month**
- Adults in household employment status (5,354):
  - Not indicated 4.2%
  - Disabled 20.1%
  - Employed 18.2%
  - Retired 9.5%
  - Unemployed 48.0%
- Number of weekend food bags (Food for Thought) distributed to students – **9,563**

## Our Expenses

- We spent **\$84,547** on food for our General Program and Food For Thought programs
- Total spending for operation and general expenses was **\$78,225**.
- Our total expenses for the Mission's Programs and for Operating and Property Expenses was **\$162,772**, but NONE of it was for salaries.
- Average food only cost per pick up in the General Program - **\$3.62**
- Cost per pack in the *Food for Thought* program – **\$3.25**

## Outgoing Pounds of Food

- Total number of pounds distributed to our clients – **1,457,590**
  - **1,400,212** pounds were given to clients who came to the Distribution Center
  - **57,378** pounds were distributed in the weekend school program
- Total number of pounds we distributed to other agencies, schools and churches, etc. – **22,751**
- Average pounds of food and grocery items given to each client family - **103** pounds

## 2024 Financial Summary

**ACTION MINISTRIES, INC.**

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CASH CONTRIBUTIONS	184,507
INVESTMENT INCOME	13,489
TOTAL REVENUE (Excluding Donated Food)	<u>197,996</u>
MINISTRY EXPENSES (Food / Grocery)	84,547
OPERATION & GENERAL EXPENSES	78,225
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>162,772</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIT)	<u><u>35,224</u></u>
<b>BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS</b>	
ENDING TOTAL ASSETS	645,951
ENDING TOTAL LIABILITIES	13,158
BEGINNING NET ASSETS	638,200
CHANGES IN ASSETS	(5,407)
ENDING NET ASSETS	<u><u>632,793</u></u>