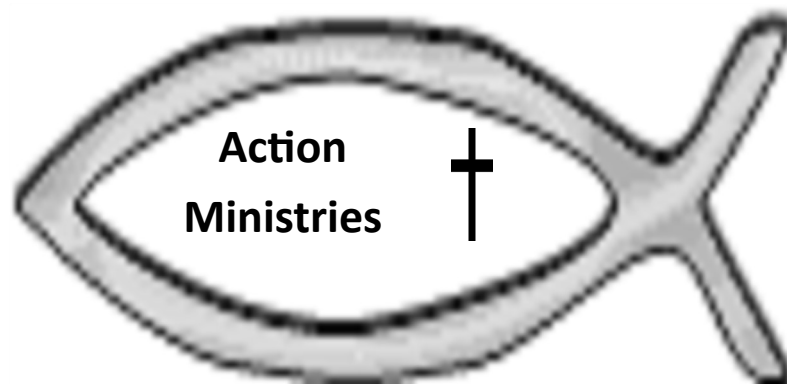


Annual Report

2021



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

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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, 2021

Chairman: Paul Barth

Vice Chairman: Jim Procaccino

Secretary/Acting Treasurer: 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". I John 3:18
Our mission: "to share the love of Jesus Christ by providing groceries, hope and encouragement to low-income families."

April 1, 2022

Dear Friends,

Almost every day someone will say "when we get back to normal..." But, if you think about it, in many ways, our lives are STILL normal. Everyday, the sun rises and sets as we expect it to. The leaves change color when they're supposed to and we all believe that the leaves and flowers will return soon. Many of us planted bulbs, confident that tulips and daffodils would brighten our yards – and they did!. Isn't it wonderful to KNOW that in the midst of so much chaos and uncertainty that we can count on our Father to truly be in charge of this world and maintain the rhythm of nature.

We've felt His presence, too, at Action Ministries. Product donations have remained steady, contributions have remained strong, and we've had enough volunteers to do the work. Often, it seemed that we might not have enough, but each time we got what we needed: another company would begin sending us product donations, we would get an unexpected contribution, the perfect volunteer would step forward to help us.

This past year, we've distributed groceries 5,576 times to 1,473 unique households in the five northern Kentucky counties. This included 1,326 children and 606 seniors. 368 of our clients were new to us in 2021. We averaged 465 households served each month. Their average incomes were \$985. We also provided about 200 children each weekend with bags of food to supplement the food available to them at home.

We thank you all for your 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 very free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

In His service,

The Board of Action Ministries

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Beginning our 28th Year of Service to Northern Kentucky Families and Children

2021 Overview of Action Ministries, Inc. December 31, 2021

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
- A weekend backpack program (*Food For Thought*) for the Kenton School District
- Sharing products with about fifty 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 five hundred families each month. Each receives at least 150 pounds of groceries. In 2021, we helped families 5,576 times. Our clients come from the five northern Kentucky counties, although we will serve anyone who comes, regardless of where they live. Because of monetary donations by nine local churches, and 140 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. Through the Freestore/Foodbank, partnerships have been made with Amazon, Ferrara (Kellogg), Kroger's, UDF, Walgreens, Aldi, and Walmart stores. Additionally, we pick up at Master Provisions. 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 \$4086 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 eighty 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 Kentucky Colonels, the Butler Foundation, the Durr Foundation and two Masonic Lodges.

Sharing

Because we are often blessed with very large quantities of a donated product, we have a network of agencies in our area that we can share, and sometimes trade, with. Last year, we shared with fifty other agencies, churches, and schools.

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

Our budget for 2022 is \$109,600 (excluding depreciation). \$58,000 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, 2021

Our Clients

- We helped families with food **5,576** times
- We helped **1473** different households
They were from the following counties:
 - Kenton 1236
 - Boone 82
 - Campbell 69
 - Grant 43
 - Pendleton 25
 - Gallatin 5
 - Bracken 1
 - Homeless 9
 - Out of NKADD area 2
- We averaged **465** families a month
- Total number of people in these families (unduplicated) **3,820**
- Average Household Income per family - **\$985/month**
- Number of weekend food bags (*Food for Thought*) distributed to students – **6367**

Our Expenses

- We spent **\$16,489** on food for our General Program
- We spent **\$19,237** on food for the *Food for Thought* Program
- Total spending for all food, Ensure, bags, gift certificates, etc. **\$37,979**
- Our total expenses for the Mission's Programs and for Operating and Property Expenses was **\$106,904** (without donated inventory or depreciation), but NONE of it was for salaries.
- Average food only cost per pick up in the General Program - **\$2.96**
- Cost per pack in the *Food for Thought* program – **\$3.02**

Outgoing Pounds of Food

- Total number of pounds distributed to our clients – **751,029**
 - 721,996 pounds were given to clients who came to the Distribution Center
 - 29,033 pounds were delivered to about 100 clients who live in Senior Homes
- Additional pounds distributed in weekend school program – *Food for Thought* – **38,983**
- Total number of pounds we distributed to other agencies, schools and churches, etc. – **177,468**
- Average pounds of food and grocery items given to each client family - 155 pounds

2021 Return Summary

ACTION MINISTRIES, INC.

61-1330212

FORM 990:

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS	172,377.
NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS	759,411.
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	931,788.
INVESTMENT INCOME	970.
TOTAL REVENUE	932,758.
PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	850,170.
MANAGEMENT & GENERAL EXPENSES	8,169.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	0.
TOTAL EXPENSES	858,339.
EXCESS <DEFICIT>	74,419.
BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS	
ENDING TOTAL ASSETS	926,880.
ENDING TOTAL LIABILITIES	62,298.
BEGINNING NET ASSETS	790,163.
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS	74,419.
ENDING NET ASSETS	864,582.