



Year in Review

Fiscal Year 2022-2023

Dear Friend,

Each January, I reflect on the year that has passed, the joys and accomplishments of another year completed. This past year was not without its unique challenges; as a stark reminder of the need we witnessed in 2023, a report from the United States Department of Agriculture showed that people seeking food assistance grew 40%, the fastest increase in need since 2008.

And yet, when I reflect on what your support helped Dare to Care achieve in 2023, I am overcome with gratitude. During a year when we saw the need increase across Kentuckiana, you rose to every challenge to ensure Dare to Care had the resources needed to serve our community. We cannot thank you enough for that.

As we move into the new year, I am deeply invigorated knowing that our community has people like you who are willing to step up for those who face food insecurity in our community. As we continue to serve Kentuckiana, we will do so because of your steadfast support. It will take all of us - donors, volunteers, advocates, and partners - to fill gaps, create change, and ensure that food insecurity is no longer. This is possible when we work together. Thank you again for your commitment to ensuring a hunger-free Kentuckiana.

With gratitude,

Vincent E. James
President & CEO

Mission: To lead our community to feed the hungry and conquer the cycle of need



Dare to Care
Food Bank

Main Warehouse
5803 Fern Valley Road
Louisville, KY 40228

Community Kitchen
1200 S. 28th Street
Louisville, KY 40211

Mailing Address
PO Box 35458
Louisville, KY 40232

You made it possible.

As grocery and transportation costs rose, thousands of our neighbors turned to Dare to Care for help. Your gifts of time, funds, and food ensured we had the resources to serve them.



20.5 million
meals distributed
throughout Kentuckiana



9.2 million
pounds of fresh produce
provided to local families



Nearly 300
partner food pantries,
shelters, and kitchens

- 2,436 volunteers who contributed 12,865 volunteer hours which is a value of \$319,437.
- Operated 74 monthly mobile pantries to reach families living in isolated pockets of need.
- Partnered with 64 School Pantries to reach 25,587 students and their families.
- Partnered with 32 health clinics to offer on-site Prescriptive Pantries for patients experiencing hunger.
- Taught nutrition education and culinary skills to children, adults, and seniors through 34 in-person and virtual Cooking Matters classes.
- Distributed 2,370 Silver Supper meals to 7 senior living community centers around Louisville.



Food Fight

What does it look like when nearly 200 volunteers team up to support 18 of Dare to Care's food pantry partners across Kentuckiana? It's a Food Fight that empowers our community and makes us stronger. Volunteers met throughout the community to organize pantries, paint walls, landscape, and more!



Apple Core Community

In March, Dare to Care launched Apple Core, our cherished monthly donor community! These supporters create a sustainable impact for residents in Kentuckiana and are the core part of our mission. Apple Core members allow Dare to Care to plan, budget, and make decisions based on available resources, ensuring that our neighbors know that they will have healthy food each month.



Summer Meals

Our Community Kitchen operated in overdrive this summer to distribute more than 300,000 meals for our summer meal program. In the summer, children who experience food insecurity do not have school meals to rely on, so Dare to Care steps in to meet that need. This year, we partnered with 48 Kids' Cafes to provide up to three meals a day to children in our community!

Financial Summary

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

As food insecurity increased for our Kentuckiana neighbors throughout the year, your generosity supported immediate response as well as long-term solutions to hunger in Kentuckiana.

Revenues, gains (losses), and other support

Contributions and grants	\$10,784,002
Donations of food and commodities	\$33,870,049
In-kind donations for fundraising	\$59,335
Special events	\$491,899
Other revenues	\$424,656
Income from investments, net	\$378,690
Net realized gains/losses on investments	(\$380,511)
Net unrealized gains on investments	\$1,367,724
Total	\$46,995,844

Expenses

Program services	\$43,275,097
Critical functions to drive impact	\$1,768,985
Fundraising	\$2,208,815
Total	\$47,252,897
Change in net assets	(\$257,053)
Net assets, beginning of year	\$29,521,274
Net assets, end of year	\$29,264,221

**The financial summary includes a combination of funds and the value of food distributed.*

13-County Service Area



Did you know?



Dare to Care's service area includes eight counties in Kentucky and five counties in Southern Indiana. All donations stay within these thirteen counties to provide food and hope for our neighbors experiencing food insecurity.

For the eleventh year in a row, Dare to Care received the highest, 4-star rating from Charity Navigator for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency.

Thank you for trusting us with your generous donations of funds, food, and time.





Bobby Ellis Legacy Society

On Thanksgiving Eve in 1969, nine-year-old Bobby Ellis lost his life from malnutrition in his Louisville home. Our community rallied together and created Dare to Care to ensure that no one in our community lacks the food they need to live an active, healthy life.

Our ongoing mission is to ensure our neighbors have access to nutritious food. You can be a part of that legacy through our Bobby Ellis Legacy Society. Your planned gift can propel the mission to end hunger for every neighbor today and for years to come.

If you would like to speak to someone about planned giving at Dare to Care, please contact Kate Chandler at 502-736-9416 or kate@daretocare.org.

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Your support makes a difference

Your generosity helps children, adults, and seniors who are struggling to make ends meet during these challenging times.

People like Stephanye who we met in August 2023 while she was visiting our Parkland Mobile Pantry Pop-up. She recently had surgery that has left her unable to work for a few months. Her household of four relies on her income and her retired mother's social security benefits.

Stephanye was grateful to see the Pop-up Mobile Pantry in her neighborhood. "I'm glad this is going on because right now, I really have nothing to eat at home." She was particularly grateful for the fresh fruit because it's her sixteen-year-old daughter's favorite, along with pasta.

Thank you for being a part of a collective of neighbors helping neighbors!