



Year in Review

Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Dear Friend,

Each year, I reflect on the progress we've made and the challenges we've faced in our mission to end hunger. This year feels especially meaningful as Dare to Care has updated the foundational language that guides our work. We've adopted a new mission, vision, and values—statements that capture the essence of our work today and our goals for tomorrow.

Our vision, *A nourished community where everyone can thrive*, reminds us that our work goes beyond meals to fostering healthier lives. Our mission, *Working together to provide pathways to end hunger in our community*, emphasizes collaboration and innovation in addressing food insecurity.

At the heart of these is our commitment to Belonging, Innovation, Respect, and Safety—values that shape every decision, interaction, and program.

This evolution reflects our dedication to creating lasting solutions and addressing the challenges ahead. Together, with donors, volunteers, and partners like you, we are building a future where everyone has the nourishment they need to thrive.

Thank you for your support.

With gratitude,

Vincent E. James
President & CEO

Mission: working together to provide pathways to end hunger in our community



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

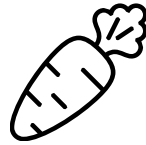
You made it possible.

13% of neighbors face food insecurity - a 33% increase from last year due to fewer benefits and higher prices for basic necessities. Your support helps us meet the increased need.



22.2 million

meals distributed throughout Kentuckiana



9.6 million

pounds of fresh produce provided to local families



Nearly 300

partner food pantries, shelters, and kitchens

- **2,897** volunteers who contributed **17,021** volunteer hours.
- Operated **64** monthly mobile pantries to reach families living in isolated pockets of need.
- Partnered with **57** School Pantries to reach **26,292** 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 **5,000** Silver Supper meals to senior living community centers around Louisville.



Elevating Neighbor Voices

We are prioritizing community input to shape our programs and advocacy efforts. Throughout 2024, we collected more than 2,500 surveys from neighbors and hosted focus groups with 53 participants across our service area. These efforts provided valuable insights into food access challenges and ensure our services align with neighbors' needs and experiences. By listening and learning, we are strengthening our impact in the fight against hunger.



Choice Model Pantry Network

Last year, Dare to Care began transitioning partner pantries to a choice model, empowering neighbors to select foods that meet their needs. This approach reduces stigma and increases satisfaction. With plans to expand across the partner network, Dare to Care aims for all pantries to offer choice by 2026.



Medically Tailored Meals

Dare to Care's Medically Tailored Meals (MTM) Program delivers meals for specific medical needs to healthcare-referred neighbors. Launched last year, the pilot provided 8,500 meals to 85 individuals managing gestational diabetes through DoorDash deliveries. In partnership with the University of Kentucky, Dare to Care plans to expand the program.

Financial Summary

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

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	\$11,543,008
Donations of food and commodities	\$40,037,469
In-kind donations for fundraising	\$457,533
Special events	\$541,666
Other revenues	\$691,187
Income from investments, net	\$539,045
Net realized gains/losses on investments	\$298,525
Net unrealized gains on investments	\$936,615
Total	\$55,045,048

Expenses

Program services	\$48,931,116
Critical functions to drive impact	\$2,458,646
Fundraising	\$2,419,006
Total	\$53,808,768

Change in net assets	\$1,236,280
Net assets, beginning of year	\$29,264,221
Net assets, end of year	\$30,500,501

**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 twelfth 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 estate gift can propel our 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 Nancy, whom we met in November 2024 at the Bobby Ellis Memorial Pop-Up Pantry in the Parkland neighborhood. Nancy, who is retired, lives with her sister. Their household depends on social security benefits.

Nancy shared how grateful she is for the pantry's offerings, saying, "Ohh, it's just been a tremendous help because it's just me and my senior sister, and she's on a fixed income as well, so you know I get out to go to the pantry, and I go and share with her." She was especially thankful for the onions and potatoes and added, "If I don't have to buy groceries, it helps my food budget so I can then pay my bills."

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

