

**A nourished  
community where  
everyone can thrive.**



# Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Dear Friend,

As we close a year filled with unprecedented challenges, I'm reflecting on what we've accomplished together. In our service area, one in seven people faces food insecurity, and this year brought obstacles that tested our entire community. It also highlighted our collective strength.

Additional barriers to SNAP benefits, rising food costs, and federal safety net program cuts forced our neighbors to make impossible choices. Do they purchase food? Pay for medicine? Keep the heat on? These are decisions no one should have to make, yet thousands across Kentuckiana faced them daily.

But here's what gives me hope: when the crisis intensified at year's end, this community responded with extraordinary generosity. Donors stepped up with emergency support. Volunteers showed up in record numbers. Partner agencies worked alongside us to ensure our neighbors were nourished.

It takes all of us - working together - to respond to hunger in our communities, and this year proved what's possible when we do. As we move into the new year, we know new challenges may lie ahead, but we will face them the same way we always do: together.

With gratitude,



Vincent E. James  
President & CEO

**Our 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.

We experienced a 48% increase in food insecurity in our service area from last year, largely due to fewer benefits and higher prices for necessities. Your support helped us meet the increased need.



**22.7 million**

meals distributed throughout Kentuckiana



**10.3 million**

pounds of fresh produce provided to local families



**400+**

partner food pantries, shelters, and kitchens

- **3,240** volunteers who contributed **17,580** volunteer hours.
- Operated ~**60** monthly mobile pantries to reach families living in isolated pockets of need.
- Partnered with **57** School Pantries to reach **26,426** 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 **40** in-person and virtual Cooking Matters classes.
- Distributed **3,400** frozen meals to senior community centers around Louisville.



## Meeting Unprecedented Need

When SNAP benefits were disrupted and demand surged to record highs, Dare to Care responded immediately. We doubled our food purchases and distributed 95,000 pounds of additional produce. Working closely with our 400+ partner agencies, we strategically managed resources to ensure no neighbor went without during this critical time.

## Nourished Neighbors

Dare to Care's Nourished Neighbors program continues to grow as a vital lifeline for seniors facing food insecurity. Through 10 partner sites, we prepare and deliver 4,000 nutritious meals each month to support seniors' needs. With generous support from Ford Philanthropy, we expanded meal production and increased frozen meal storage. This investment allows us to reach more seniors reliably, ensuring neighbors can age with dignity and nourishment.



## Clarksville Mobile Pantry

Last June, Dare to Care expanded access to nutritious food with a new Mobile Pantry in Clarksville, Indiana. This program brings fresh groceries directly to neighbors facing transportation barriers or living in food deserts. Food from our warehouse travels into the community on a consistent schedule, where volunteers help distribute groceries to families, ensuring everyone has access to the food they need.



# Financial Summary

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

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

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|--|---------------------|
| Contributions and grants                 | \$12,577,491        |
| Donations of food and commodities        | \$43,106,868        |
| In-kind donations for fundraising        | \$287,984           |
| Special events                           | \$497,497           |
| Other revenues                           | \$582,545           |
| Income from investments, net             | \$431,229           |
| Net realized gains/losses on investments | \$1,976,181         |
| Net unrealized gains on investments      | (\$1,001,164)       |
| <b>Total</b>                             | <b>\$58,458,631</b> |

## Expenses

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Program services                   | \$53,266,286        |
| Critical functions to drive impact | \$2,590,692         |
| Fundraising                        | \$2,445,961         |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>\$58,302,939</b> |

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Change in net assets          | \$155,692    |
| Net assets, beginning of year | \$30,500,501 |
| Net assets, end of year       | \$30,656,193 |

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



## 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 died 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](mailto: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 Sarah, who we met this summer at a partner pantry in Washington County, Indiana. Sarah is a young mother of three daughters, and even with her husband working full-time, the family struggles to cover groceries and everyday bills.

Sarah shared how essential the pantry is for her family, saying, "This is one of the only places we can come. It's very helpful out here." In rural Washington County, resources are limited, and many neighbors rely on others to pick up groceries for them at home.

When asked what she'd tell donors, Sarah said, "It's a really good cause. Thank you."

