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"When you give to Dare to Care, you can be sure your donation will be turned into fresh, healthy food right to their door. We finance our efforts through a combination of food donations, cash contributions and grants for our services from the community and government. But if you’re interested in learning more about the food bank, we would love to have you come visit!"

That’s the Dare to Care spirit in action! Thank you, New Albany Salvation Army, for your help and guidance as we provide food for so many people in need.
Longtime partner doubles their caring efforts

Renee Bryant, Executive Director of Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries, remembers an elderly gentleman who needed help recently.

“He was a veteran with a disabled daughter, and he’d just been laid off. While he came for help with a bill, we told him we could give him a week’s supply of food, too.”

The senior was stunned. He felt like he would be taking advantage somehow, so Renee took the time to talk him into accepting the food. “He was in tears when he left,” Renee recalls. He didn’t expect to receive so much kindness.

A Dare to Care partner for 32 years, Renee’s team has been providing food for more than 30 years as many people since the pandemic began.

“We’re serving more families, bigger families and families we haven’t seen before,” Renee shares. “Some folks were already in an unstable situation, and others have lost jobs due to COVID-19.”

“Dare to Care is providing double the amount of food, and it’s helping significantly. We have prepacked boxes ready to go. We add perishables—frozen meats, eggs, cheese, milk, produce—and bring the food to families waiting in our parking lot.”

With your help, this treasured Dare to Care partner is reaching neighbors in need with food to sustain them and kindness to reassure them. Our thanks go out to you, Renee, and everyone at Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries!

Welcome to the new Dare to Care Community Kitchen

They say the kitchen is the heart of the home. It’s where folks pour all their love into cooking food that comforts and nourishes their families. So much care and thoughtfulness have gone into creating our new Community Kitchen, we think it’s destined to become the heart of Kentuckiana!

With the generous support of the Novak Family Foundation, Yamn Brandts and friends like you, this new facility opened this summer. Your continued partnership will help us:

• Cook more hot meals for seniors who aren’t able to prepare food themselves.

From the front lines
You help ease the crisis, one neighbor at a time

Since day one of the pandemic, Dare to Care and our partners—including friends like you—have been right there on the front lines. Meeting urgent needs. Providing healthy food. Offering hope to vulnerable neighbors like Tasha, a cancer patient. She’s completely exhausted by her treatment and has another surgery scheduled. Going outside would put her fragile health in real danger. When she called us to order a food box, she added, “I’ll see if I can get someone to come pick it up.” We told her there was no need, we could bring it right to her. She could almost hear her jaw drop. “Would you really?” she asked. “It’s not out of your way?”

Because friends like you give so generously, we’re able to reach even the most vulnerable in our community.

Molly, who lives in her van. “I haven’t had food in three days,” she told us when she called. Disconnected from the world, she’s been afraid to leave her vehicle. She doesn’t have any family or friends to rely on for information, let alone food.

Thanks to supporters like you, we could provide Molly with a box full of easy-to-open, nonperishable items, along with some fresh produce. She is so thankful that she reached out and found people who care.

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My August Gift

YES, Brian, I want to help provide food for neighbors facing tremendous need across Kentuckiana.

□ $10 □ $25 □ $50 □ $75 □ $100 □ $150 □ $250 □ $500 □ $1000

□ I commit to a monthly gift of $ ________.

□ My first gift is enclosed.

□ I’ve enclosed my employer’s matching gift form, thereby increasing my support.

NAME

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Please make your check payable to: Dare to Care Food Bank
PO Box 203169, Louisville, KY 40220-3169; 502-965-3801

Give online at daretocare.org

Please change my gift on my credit card:
□ VISA □ MC □ AMEX □ DISC

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