

# Year in Review

## Fiscal Year 2020-2021



Dear friends,

As we reflect on what your support helped Dare to Care achieve in 2021, I am overcome with gratitude. During a time of continued challenges due to the pandemic, supply chain disruptions, and more, you rose to every challenge to ensure Dare to Care had the resources needed to serve our community.

Food is a basic right. We have an obligation to feed those who need it today and make strides so our neighbors are not hungry tomorrow. It's because of your generosity that Dare to Care was able to distribute food for 21.7 million meals in the past year.

As we move forward, I am deeply invigorated and enthusiastic about the opportunities that are likely to come up for us to give back to the people who face food insecurity, as well as to foster deepening relationships with the diverse network of donors, advocates, volunteers and community partners we already have. It will take all of us pulling in the same direction: policies aimed at reducing food insecurity and the inequities that make it so, our non-profit partners filling gaps where they exist, and supporters like you, donating, volunteering, and doing our part to ensure food insecurity is no longer. This is possible. Food is abundant to nourish every one of us.

Thank you again for your commitment to ensuring a hunger-free Kentuckiana.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent E. James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Vincent E. James  
President & CEO



**Dare to Care**  
Food Bank

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

**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 the pandemic continued, thousands of our neighbors turned to the Dare to Care network for help. Your gifts of time, funds, and food ensured we had the resources to serve them.*



**21.7 million**

meals distributed  
throughout Kentuckiana



**8.1 million**

pounds of fresh produce  
provided to local families



**300**

partner food pantries,  
shelters, and kitchens

- Operated **74** monthly mobile pantries to reach families living in isolated pockets of need.
- Prepared **276,385** nutritious meals at our Community Kitchen and delivered them to **43** Kids Cafe sites.
- Partnered with **65** School Pantries to reach **23,374** students and their families.
- Provided nutritious food through senior initiatives, mobile pantries for seniors, and the Commodities Supplemental Food Program.
- Partnered with **28** health clinics to offer on-site, Prescriptive Pantries for patients experiencing hunger.
- Taught nutrition education and culinary skills to children, adults, and seniors through **27** in-person and virtual Cooking Matters classes.
- Expanded the Zero Hunger Mobile Market in partnership with Kroger to provide a grocery store on wheels to **75** sites each month.



## Reimagining food distribution

Through drive-thru distributions, pre-packed food boxes, and adjusted program models, we ensured local families had access to food in a safe way. Our new Community Kitchen in partnership with the Novak Family Foundation allowed us to provide thousands of nutritious meals each week and pilot new programs. With increased capacity, we prepared and packaged meals for children, seniors, and families, all while reducing food waste. Our kitchen team also celebrated a big milestone -- serving their 2 millionth meal since the Community Kitchen began!



## Equipping our partners

The pandemic exacerbated resource gaps for many of our partner agencies. With support from Feeding America, we made a \$264,000 investment to strengthen our network. We awarded capacity-building grants for freezers, coolers, shelving, and other capital expenditures to better equip our partners in meeting increased food needs.



## Strengthening volunteerism

It's now even easier and safer for volunteers to help. We introduced a new online portal, partnered with Anthem to provide matching dollars for volunteerism, and expanded volunteer opportunities to include more programs. The result: 1,198 volunteers contributing 22,004 hours of service!

# Financial Summary *July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021*

*It will take years for families to recover from the effects of the pandemic. Your generosity supported immediate response as well as long-term solutions to hunger in Kentuckiana.*

## Revenues, gains (losses), and other support

Contributions and grants	12,742,222
Donations of food and commodities	37,227,545
Special events	243,363
Other revenues	740,055
Income from investments, net	155,115
Net realized gains on investments	224,751
Net unrealized gains on investments	1,101,469
Total	\$ 52,434,520

## Expenses

Program services	43,181,074
Critical functions to drive impact	878,481
Fundraising	1,601,794
Total	\$ 45,661,349

Change in net assets	\$ 6,773,171
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 26,246,508
Net assets, end of year	\$ 33,019,679

*\*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 ninth 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.





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## Guiding the future

Board and staff embarked on a strategic planning process to guide the future of the food bank. Our recently launched strategic plan incorporates five goals to build upon Dare to Care's strong legacy:

1. **Provide** healthy food and programs that meet the needs of the people and partners with whom we serve
2. **Leverage** food and programs to address root causes of hunger
3. **Engage** the community in the fight against hunger
4. **Develop** resources and capacity to drive our mission
5. **Maintain and grow** a diverse culture that inspires belonging, passion, and excellence.

Under the leadership of Vincent James, Dare to Care's new President & CEO, we look forward to working with you to achieve these goals in the years ahead. You can learn more about our efforts and how you can help by visiting [daretocare.org](http://daretocare.org).



## Your support makes a difference



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

"I'm living paycheck to paycheck right now. Without the food bank, we'd probably go hungry for a week between paychecks." - Tony

Thank you for your continued support!