



Circle of Concern
FOOD PANTRY
Feeding Families is Just the Beginning

2021 ANNUAL REPORT

A New Normal (For Now)

There are times to forge ahead and there are times to maintain. At Circle of Concern, 2021 was a year to maintain, hone and sustain our food pantry and other critical programs. On the heels of 2020, and with public health conditions still varying, we kept safety and solid service to our client families at the top of our priority list.

The effort that was brand new and untried in 2020 was robust and working like clockwork in 2021. Curbside service in the pantry delivered bagged groceries into vehicles, thanks to the work of small, dedicated teams of volunteers who braved heat, cold, rain and snow day in and day out. Guest Relations volunteers kept client contact clicking, connecting existing and new clients with our full cadre of programs. Donors' generous contributions of food flowed smoothly into our warehouse and flowed smoothly out again to clients. Client Service Managers worked the phones to provide emergency financial assistance, facilitate summer camp applications, identify additional resources and so much more.



Support from our friends in the community was robust, as well. Our donors generously sustained their giving, which made abundant food and program support possible. We used social media and other outreach to amplify our stories and needs to our neighbors and increased our audience in the community.

Two new projects offered particular hope and color to our efforts, to the delight of our clients, our volunteers and our community. Funds from the Chiron Foundation funded a collaboration with a local mental health provider to provide counseling sessions to our clients.

And a trusty team of volunteers planted and maintained a garden at our facility that produced nearly 1,000 pounds of colorful fruits and vegetables for the families we serve.

At the close of the year – a year marked by vigorous program delivery and generous support from Circle's friends – the conversation turned into plans for the year to come. With hope that we could return to our beloved client-choice pantry and reopen the building to our clients and a full roster of volunteers, we said goodbye to 2021 with plans to forge ahead into 2022.

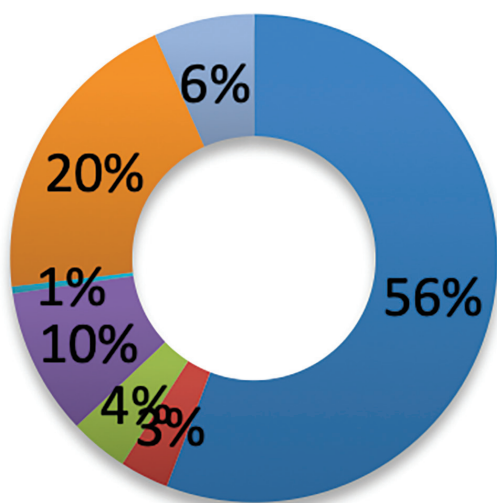
FINANCIAL DATA

January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021

Summary of Financial Data

2021 REVENUE & SUPPORT

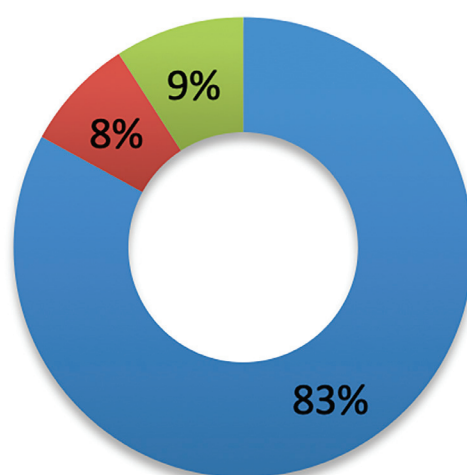
Individuals	\$1,782,186
Businesses	\$103,902
Churches, Community	\$123,791
Foundations	\$310,807
Special Events	\$14,900
In-Kind Food, etc.	\$645,228
Other	\$212,104
	\$3,192,918



Total Net Assets
End-Of-Year:
\$5,702,586

2021 EXPENSES

Program	\$1,674,120
Management & General	\$159,990
Fundraising	\$183,754
	\$2,017,864



"In our opinion, the 2021 financial statements referred to above [within the 2021 audit] present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as of December 31, 2021, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America."

Armanino, LLP
St. Louis, Missouri
June 9, 2022

Mission Statement

Our mission is to feed the hungry and provide assistance to low-income families living in our community.



Circle of Concern Programs & Outcomes

Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry that provides fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, eggs and frozen meats along with a wide selection of nonperishable foods. Curbside service assures safe distribution until we return to Client Choice, in-person shopping.

- 3,052 people (unduplicated) were fed in the food pantry in 2021, from 1,035 families (unduplicated), and
- 959 Kid Bag gift cards fed more than 1,500 children through the summer.

Emergency Financial Assistance

Funds to help prevent an eviction or utility shut-off or to help with other critical short-term needs of established clients. Additional funds helped alleviate challenges resulting from Covid 19 losses.

- 269 families received Emergency Financial Assistance for rent and utilities.

Scholarships for Youth and Adults

Competitive scholarships for college- and trade-bound young people plus adult client scholarships to build earning potential through job certification, college courses, retraining or GED testing.

- 25 young people received college scholarships to set them on an educational path, and
- 13 adult clients received scholarships for job certifications and other programs to improve their income potential.

Birthday Club

Personalized gift bags or “towers” along with cake mixes, hats, candles and more to celebrate young children of clients.

- 346 children felt extra special on their special day, thanks to Birthday Club.

Camperships

Summer enrichment through sports teams, Scouts, music lessons and more for children of clients.

- 97 campers learned, played and grew from summer enrichment opportunities.

Back-To-School Supplies

New backpacks, notebooks, markers, calculators and more equip children of clients to succeed in school. Gift cards allowed for safer shopping by families.

- 497 children from ages 5 through 18 were stocked for school through our Back to School program.

Holiday Programs

Thanksgiving Boxes and grocery gift cards gave families turkey and trimmings, while Holiday Family Adoption gift cards, sponsored by community friends, warmed the season.

- 622 tables were topped with Thanksgiving favorites, and
- 652 families – 2,040 individuals – experienced a warm holiday season via Holiday Adoption.

Board of Directors (as of December 2021)

Michael Bauer, *President*

Dolores Rodenberg, *Vice President*

BJ Hillermann, *Treasurer*

Allison Love, *Secretary*

Lana Biondo

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Thomas Chibnall

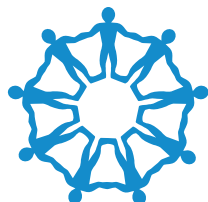
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