

2021 IMPACT REPORT



Dear ACO Friends,

This was a year of transition as we moved back into a world still impacted by the pandemic but with a renewed spirit for a safer and healthier year. While we moved through the year carefully to ensure the safety of our staff, volunteers and clients, we picked up the pace.

The impact of COVID-19 was still felt by the faces we saw in our offices each day. We saw an increase all year in the number of hungry families in line at the ACO Food Pantry each week. More so than in 2020. And, the number of applications for financial assistance continued to rise throughout 2021. What our numbers have told us is that there is still a great need for assistance and many of our neighbors are still facing crises. Without ACO, many Collin County families would be homeless, their children would be hungry, and they would have nowhere to turn for support and guidance to improve their education, find gainful employment, and have a caring hand to guide them to financial stability.

Without our donors, volunteers, and trained professional staff, these hundreds of families would have nowhere to turn for help. I am so grateful for our community and the support that ACO continues to receive. We will continue our mission, thanks to your kind and giving hearts and your helping hands.

Many thanks,

Marjorie Vaneskahian Burr, ACO CEO

Marjorie Vaneskahian Burr Chief Executive Officer





CLIENT SERVICES

INCOME SUPPORT INCLUDES:

FOOD, CLOTHING, RENT/MORTGAGE, UTILITIES ASSISTANCE, MEDICAL VISITS, AND PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE. BELOW ARE THE FOOD PANTRY PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OUTCOMES



COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY

2,004 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED 13,727 INDIVIDUALS 1.3 MILLION LBS OF FOOD

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

1,386 HOUSEHOLDS SERVED IN BRANCH* *Branch is an unincorporated community nine miles east of Allen

KIDS SUMMER FOOD

37,746 LBS OF FOOD SERVED TO 1,398 CHILDREN



HOLIDAY FOOD PROGRAMS

633 FAMILIES SERVED 53,040 LBS OF FOOD





In addition to the services offered through Income Support, with generous help from the community, ACO is able to provide seasonal special programs for economically disadvantaged children and help them get ready to start school.



Thank You for your support! 🚊 back to school bash

FILL THE BUS: SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE

HUNDREDS OF CARING COMMUNITY MEMBERS DONATED BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES COLLECTED AT 17 LOCATIONS. THANK YOU TO ALLEN ISD FOR THIS ONGOING PARTNERSHIP.



BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

883 CHILDREN IN ALLEN AND BRANCH RECEIVED NEW BACKPACKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT OUR DRIVE THROUGH DISTRIBUTION.



ACO NORTH POLE TOY DISTRIBUTION 2,207 CHILDREN FROM COLLIN COUNTY RECEIVED TOYS FROM ACO.



EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

GED PREPARATION CLASSES - EDUCATION ASSISTANCE - ACCESS TO A COMPUTER LAB

FINANCIAL COACHING - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - RESUMÉ BUILDING

INTERVIEW SKILLS COACHING - EMPLOYMENT REFERRALS

55 UNIQUE HOUSEHOLDS SERVED







TOTAL CLIENT SERVICES IMPACT

14,601 INDIVIDUALS SERVED



VALUE OF ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES

FOR CLOTHING, HOUSEHOLD & FURNISHINGS

\$4,369,865

PROCEEDS FROM SALES SUPPORT ACO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES



RESALE SHOP

April 15th - December Sales \$481,735



ACO BOUTIQUE

January - December Sales \$305,598



VOLUNTEERS

29,126Total Volunteer Hours8,401Total Number of Volunteers

Thank you to all of our volunteers, they are vital to our organization. Without the volunteers, the ability for ACO to have such an impact on our neighbors would not exist.







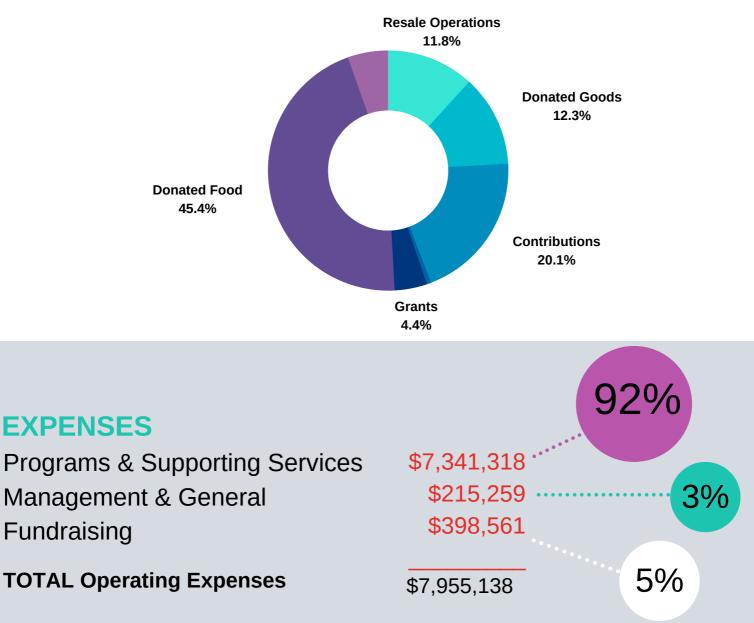
FINANCIALS

REVENUE & SUPPORT

Contributions & Other Support Grants (GOV./Corp./Foundation) Special Events Donated Food (non-cash) Donated Goods (non-cash) Resale Stores Sales & Reclaim Miscellaneous \$1,690,415 \$366,359 \$48,599 \$3,815,593 \$1,033,898 \$990,081 \$458,941

TOTAL Revenue & Support

\$8,403,886



MAJOR SUPPORTERS

AISD Transportation Dept. Allen Economic Development Corp. Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce Allen Philharmonic Orchestra Allen Police Department Allen Retired Teachers Association Allen Senior Recreation Center Allen Sports Association Andrews Distributing **AT&T** Pioneers Balfour **Boy Scouts** Boss Fight Entertainment Brooks Eye Associates - Plano Catalyst Health Network Chase Bank Christ Church of Plano Church 1132 City of Allen **City Point Church** Clancy's Coffee & Tea **Club Pilates Allen Collin College Comerica Bank Communities Foundation** Community Waste Disposal Cottonwood Creek Baptist Church Crawford & Company **Credit Builders Alliance** Credit Union of Texas Creekwood Methodist Church **CSG Forte Payment Processing** CUTX Event Center (City of Allen) **Dallas Sidekicks Dawson Private Wealth** Elke's Market Café

Fair Texas Title Fathom Realty **First Christian Church** First United Bank - McKinney First United Methodist Church Goodness Steak Seasoning Grace Church - Lucas (Grace Evangelical Free Greenville Oaks Church Hempkins Insurance Heritage Ranch Country Club - Fairview Homerun Alley Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints **Kiwanis Club of Allen** Keller Williams Allen Kelly's At The Village Restaurant Kids R Kids Allen Libertv Mutual Local Good Center/ Chase Oaks Church Love Life Foundation - McKinney Lovejoy High School - Lucas Lucas Farmers Market Marriott Hotel/Convention Center **McKinney ISD** Microsoft Minnie's Food Pantry My Community Credit Union National Charity League- Allen National Charity League - Lovejoy New Heritage Church New View Roofing North Texas Food Bank **Rotary Club of Allen** Rotary Club of Allen, Sunrise ServPro Allen Silver Thai Cuisine

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MAJOR SUPPORTERS

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Star Creek Neighborhood **Texas Health Athlete Complex** Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Allen **Texas Health Resources** The Goddard School Thrive Dental & Orthodontics (Allen, Frisco, Sachse, Richardson, McKinney) **Thrivent** Toyota **Treasured Vessels Tru Hilton Hotel Two Rows Grill** UPS Veterans Of Foreign Wars Watters Creek at Montgomery Farm Willow Springs Middle School - Lucas Wilson Realty Women Breaking Chains Young Men's Service League - Allen Young Men's Service League - Lovejoy Young's Men Service League - Cardinal Chapter

OUR MISSION

ACO has been serving its neighbors and friends facing financial crisis in Allen and the surrounding communities in Collin County, Texas, since 1985. ACO provides free comprehensive human services to help families avoid hunger and homelessness and gain financial security. ACO offers Income Support including food, clothing, utility and housing assistance, medical visits and prescriptions assistance; and Education and Employment Services including GED classes, college assistance, financial coaching, and career counseling.

MISSION: To help our neighbors to prevent hunger and homelessness while working toward financial stability.

VISION: To create a community free of poverty one neighbor at a time.

BOARD MEMBERS

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EXECUTIVE TEAM

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