



Our Mission

The mission of Community Outreach in Action, Inc., is to improve and enhance the lives of our citizens by providing them with life essential items, a degree of hope, and good spirit.

**IMPACT
REPORT**

2021

Janice Dixon - President & CEO

Letter From Our President

Dear Community Outreach in Action Friends,

What a year it has been. While the need for nutritious food and other important resources has swelled as a result of the global pandemic, so has our community's response. Watching neighbors come together to carry out our mission fills my heart with so much hope for the future.

We see the impact of this challenging year every day as we serve our clients at Community Outreach in Action. In February of 2020, 1,200 people visited our food pantry or received food deliveries; twelve months later, that number had ballooned to more than 6,400. I am constantly in awe of the commitment of our volunteers and supporters. They have allowed us to boost our services and help our community through these unprecedented times.

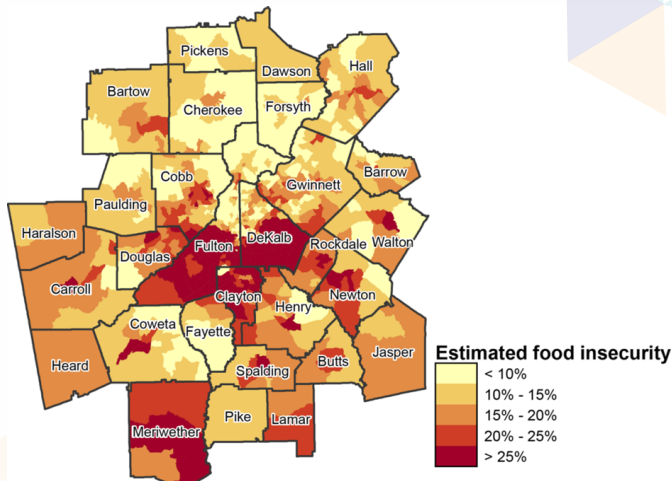
This year has made it even more clear that Community Outreach in Action needs a new, larger space. We are thrilled to be in the final stretch of our facility expansion. At 2,400 square feet, the facility expansion will be double the size of the current location, enabling us to serve many more people in need. We could not have gotten this far without you, our wonderful supporters. We're also grateful to the foundations, state and city government, and businesses who have been a part of this endeavor. And now, we're looking to the community to help us cross the finish line. Our supporters make our core values come to life – thank you for all you do.

With gratitude,

Janice Dixon
President & CEO



Food Insecurity in Clayton County



This tract level estimates of food insecurity shows (>25 percent) food insecurity rates

Getting Food to Families No Matter What

The COVID-19 pandemic presented us with new operational challenges, but this didn't stop Community Outreach in Action and our volunteers from getting food to our neighbors in need. From an expanded home delivery program to a COVID-safe pick-up drive thru, we transformed our programs with one important goal in mind: get food to families no matter what

67%
Increase
in
visits

1,934
total visits
and
deliveries

363,000
Pounds
of food
distributed

Drive-Thru Mobile Food Pantry



"I am a grandmother raising my grandchildren and I would be really hurting if it were not for Community Outreach in Action."

Kids Zone Food Pantry

Our Kids Zone Food Pantry for kid's program makes sure that low-income students have access to brain-powering meals, allowing them to focus on learning and living during these unfamiliar times.



**1,346 bags distributed
equaling 3,147 meals for kids**

438

**low income kids
served monthly**



The goal of our kid's program is to provide students with healthy easy to prepare food at times when other resources are not available, such as after school, weekends, and school vacations.

Community Outreach in Action Facts



\$ 1 provides 4 meals

13,581 individuals served
in 2021 through COIA programs



One in Seven Children
in our service area will go to bed hungry tonight

One in Eight
in our service area are
food insecure.



Facility Expansion

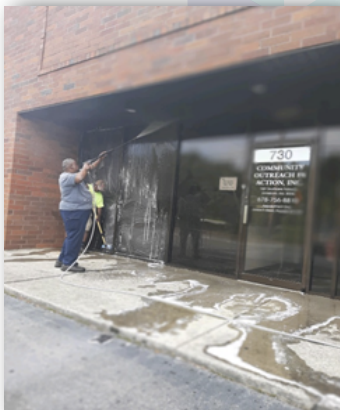
We're Proud of What We've Accomplished

Drawing from the organizational motto to “lending a hand up to others,” Community Outreach in Action, Inc. has found that the scale of poverty is almost endless.

But the organization has also discovered an unwavering willingness to donate food supplies for those who need it most. Food donations stream into the facility, which are then redistributed to the more than 1,200 low-income residents in south metro Atlanta monthly. All total, more than 12 truckloads of products enter and then leave our facility every month.

As a result, we have outgrown our current location and we are planning a major expansion with the opening of our client choice grocery store in 2022.

For the past year, Community Outreach in Action has solicited donations privately for this project — **now it's coming to fruition.**



Why I Give

We have people in our community who have to decide between different basic needs. There are people out there who need help and the food pantry is there to support them. With this new expansion, I'm hopeful to be able to help even more people who need assistance.

Debbie Martin, Campaign Committee Member and Donor



Door to Door Food Box Deliveries

We have expanded our Home Delivery Program from only seniors and homebound neighbors to anyone who feels safer receiving food through delivery or people who do not have a car. Our community has stepped up immensely. We have seen our highest number of volunteer delivery drivers and volunteer packers!



120 deliveries a
month made to
households in need!

Why I Volunteer

I'm able to give back to my community and I'm able to help people with a really important need which is food. My daughter joins me on food runs and for her it's been eye opening and educational. It's not families you see on TV. They're in our neighborhoods, they're blocks from our houses.

– Tyehesha Alexander, Home Delivery Driver Volunteer



Our Volunteers

2021 Annual Thanksgiving Community Giveaway



131
volunteers, 51
are new for
2021

24,340
volunteer
hours for 2021

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Help Feed Our Hungry Neighbors

Families and children are relying on Community Outreach in Action, Inc. now more than ever. We work with relentlessly in the community to make sure kids and families have the food they need. Your donation will help us to meet the urgent need in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. Every \$1 helps to provide enough 10 meals to those in need.

Ways to Donate



Please make checks payable to
Community Outreach in Action, Inc.

Our mailing address:

PO Box 351

Jonesboro, Georgia 30236

Or

Visit our website at:

www.communityoutreachinaction.org

Donate Today

Support our Vision

Families and children are relying on Community Outreach in Action, Inc. now more than ever. We work with relentlessly in the community to make sure kids and families have the food they need.

Your help today will allow us to continue our work with Food Banks around the US to ensure every kid gets three meals a day.