



Kershaw Area Resource Exchange

2021 Annual Report



Board of Directors

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- Aaron Dunn** – White Oak Manor, Admission Coordinator
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- Mike Hilton** – Haile Gold Mine, Accountant (retired)
- Nora Miller** – Home Health Care Provider (not pictured)
- Andrea Robbins** – Williams Fabrication, Office Manager
- Joan Young** – KARE, Client Services Volunteer

Department Heads

- Angie Neal**, Executive Director
- Jane Neisler**, Food Pantry Manager
- Kathy Hosea**, Client Services Manager
- Danielle Preussner**, Store Manager



2021 Contributors

Funding Partners

Aflac Foundation
Arras Foundation
United Way of Lancaster County
United Way of Kershaw County
Springs Close Foundation
Stevens Foundation
Sisters of Charity
Duke Energy Carolinas

Donors

\$250-\$500

CL-Thaxton
S&K Funnel Cakes
Liberty Hill Presbyterian Church
Thorn Hill Baptist Church
Hanging Rock UMC
Sheltered
David Stainbeck
Mike and Teresa Hilton
William Brewer

\$500-\$1000

Democratic Party
Reggie and Mary Taylor
Robert & Doris Huggins

\$1,000+

Nutramax Family Foundation
William Boan
David & Vanessa Nolen
Beaver Creek Presbyterian Church
First Baptist Church
Kershaw Presbyterian Church
Kershaw Second Baptist
Oakhurst Baptist Church
Our Lady of Grace
Salem United Methodist Church
Team Church

Thank You!



KARE Programs

Crisis Financial Assistance

KARE's goal is to provide our clients with the resources necessary to reach financial stability for working families. KARE's Crisis Financial Assistance program is here to help clients that are living pay check to pay check or experiencing a short-term unexpected crisis and is in danger of losing their basic needs, such as, power, heat, water, and shelter. Our Counselors work closely with each client to help stop the cut off's and/or evictions while helping them establish a working budget that is right for their income.

Food Pantry

Low-income families or families dealing with a short-term crisis receive well-balanced, nutritional groceries to supplement their food expenses and to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Qualified clients can receive these supplemental food orders on a monthly basis. Our food orders consists of shelf stable foods such as canned vegetables, meats, soups, fruits and pastas as well as frozen assorted meats, fresh produce, and personal hygiene products as available. These food orders range between 150 – 180 pounds for food each order.

Duke Energy Weatherization Program

Duke Energy Carolinas offers low-income homeowners, that are also customers of the Duke Energy Carolinas, an energy efficiency program where the clients energy usages are measured for services offered by this program. These services range from recycling an old refrigerator for an energy efficient model to installing insulation and repairing or replacing an ALL Electric HVAC system. While DEC covers a majority of the cost of these services, homeowners do have to be prepared to pay a portion of the costs not covered by the DEC program.

Home Repairs

KARE partners with other local non-profit agencies to provide low-income seniors or disabled homeowners with minor home repair services that address safety concerns in the clients homes. These concerns would consist of roof repairs, handicap ramps, minor floor repairs, minor electrical repairs, etc.

KARE's Thrift Store

KARE's Thrift Store offers a wide variety of clothing and household items for sale at a nominal price. Inventory is donated from community members and costs are kept very low. The sale of these items go back into our programs that help the community.

Resource Referrals and Collaborations

KARE partners with many local agencies to provide other resources that are available and that can help our neighbors with stability in many situations. Some of our current partners include: United Way of Lancaster and Kershaw Counties, SC Works, Agape Hospice Care, GRASP in Great Falls, SC Thrive, United Way of Kershaw's Mobile Nutrition Center, HOPE in Lancaster, YouthServe, YouthBuild, I58, and more. KARE is continually searching for other partners that fill the gaps needed to help our clients reach their potential and achieve their financial stability.

Program Stats

\$33,644.36 financial assistance provided to
118 households

13 homes repaired
144 clients received financial counseling

188 referrals to partner agencies for additional support

144 Duke Weatherization clients

2884 households received
500,998 lbs of food

\$125,632
in sales at the store

4072 households received

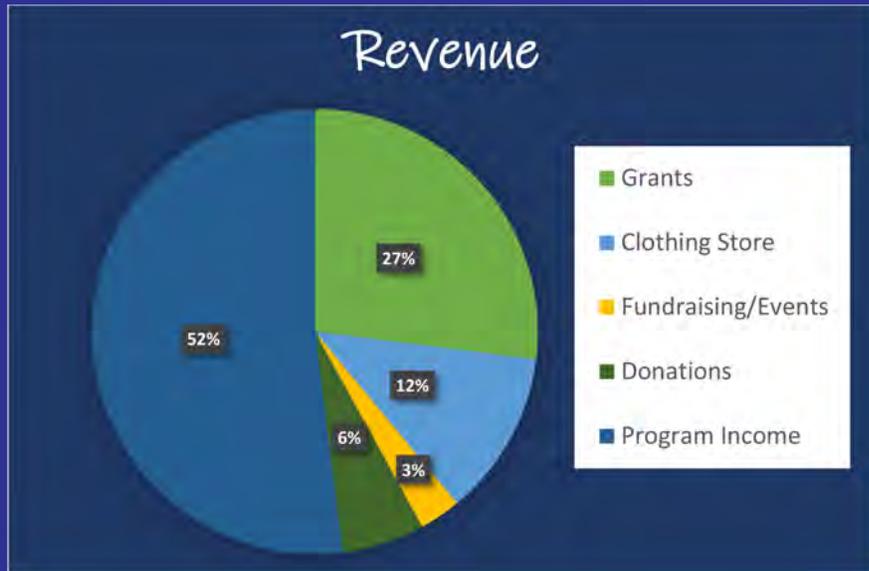
73,831 lbs of food
(through UWKC mobile pantry distribution)

20%
increase from 2020

Total Assistance Provided in 2021

\$1,521,375

Financials



In 2021, KARE was honored by the SC Secretary of State's office and named as an Angel Agency. To be selected as an Angel, the charity must have devoted 80 percent or more of its total expenditures to charitable programs; must have been in existence for three or more years; must make good use of volunteer services; must receive minimal funding from grants; must have a significant presence in South Carolina; and the charity must be in compliance with the South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act.

Volunteers

Since our beginning in 1982, the heart of KARE has been the devotion of our steadfast volunteers. Day in and day out, our volunteers show up to greet clients, sort donations, fill food orders, counsel clients, help customers and so much more. Last year, we had **80** volunteers who served **7,263 hours** - the equivalent of **\$207,000** in salary dollars.



Our Mission

“Helping neighbors in need with practical support through crisis assistance, hunger relief, and resource referrals.”

Our mission is always at the forefront of our minds, but we tend to be overachievers sometimes! We're never content to just meet the current needs...we strive to continue to find new ways to help our clients. We are constantly looking for new partnerships to broaden our reach. Here are just a few of our community partners:

HOPE in Lancaster
Carolina Community Action
I-58
Youth Serve
Agape Care of SC
SC Works
Welvista
SC Thrive

Lancaster County Council on Aging
Helping Hands Mobile Nutrition Center
GRASP
UWKC Mobile Nutrition Center
Santee Wateree Mental Health
Duke Energy Carolinas
Town of Kershaw