How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

– Anne Frank
Dear Friends of CRS

Caring Hearts. This was the theme of the 33rd Annual Charity Ball held on April 2, 2022. We gathered together at the historic Shipyard Event Center in Lorain in support of CRS and our mission to diminish the effects of poverty in Avon and Avon Lake. Our guests were treated to a beautiful sunset over Lake Erie and an incredible night of celebrating our donors, sponsors, guests and volunteers.

Caring Hearts was chosen as the theme this year because when looking back over the last two years, what stands out is how our community came together to care for its neighbors who were struggling. We received an outpouring of support through food drives, monetary donations, people that volunteered to help in the food pantry, and so many people who just dropped off food or checks because they wanted to make a difference in their local community.

In 2021 CRS served hundreds of families who needed food or financial assistance. Addressing food insecurity through our on-site food pantry remains our biggest program distributing over 95,000 pounds of food in 2021. We also provided financial assistance 214 times to prevent a utility disconnection, 131 times to prevent eviction or homelessness and 401 times to help with a car repair or provide a fuel card. We helped send 213 students to school with all the supplies that they needed and 314 children were provided Christmas gifts, pajamas and coats through Santa’s Workshop. Financial assistance in 2021 totaled over $192,000.

2021 was a successful year for CRS as we accomplished many organizational goals as well. The CRS Board of Directors completed a new Strategic Plan which will help guide us to achieve updated strategic goals. The staff participated in Motivational Interviewing training; an evidence-based conversational approach to help people discover their own interests and commitment to making positive life changes. We also redesigned our Client Personal Development Programs and hired a new staff member to help connect our clients with programs and opportunities that will help them move forward in life.

We couldn’t have done any of this without the generous support that we receive from countless friends and benefactors. We are blessed to have the support of many individuals and corporations who contribute through various fundraising efforts, along with outstanding community partners such as The Alyce J. and Ann J. Metka Foundation, The City of Avon, The City of Avon Lake, Avon Lake Regional Water, Community Foundation of Lorain County, Community West Foundation, the Hooks for Hunger Committee, Kimble Recycling & Waste Disposal, Meijer Inc., The Salvation Army, The Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio and the United Way of Greater Lorain County/United Community Assistance Network (UCAN).

We are grateful for the opportunity to work together with so many caring and dedicated groups and individuals. On behalf of everyone at CRS, we extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Pam Ohradzansky
Executive Director

Katie Virtue
Board President
## 2021 Financials

### Revenue
$734,309

- Corp/Org/Church: $80,463 (11%)
- Grants: $138,703 (19%)
- Other: $16,375 (2%)
- General: $129,289 (18%)
- Fundraising: $96,066 (13%)
- In-Kind: $273,413 (37%)

### Expenses
$673,589

- Direct Aid: $579,856 (86%)
- Management: $56,742 (8%)
- Fundraising: $36,991 (6%)
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- Grants: $138,703 (19%)
- Other: $16,375 (2%)
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Volunteer:

an individual that freely gives his or her time, labor or talents on behalf of others without being motivated by financial or material gain.

What this definition doesn’t say, is how organizations like CRS depend on their volunteers. CRS wouldn’t be able to survive without our volunteers and every single one of them makes a difference! Our regular volunteers answer our phones, pack food bags, process food donations, deliver groceries, help keep the office clean and the pantry organized, and so much more! We also have amazing special projects volunteers! They help process large food drives, ring the Salvation Army Kettle Bell and serve on the Charity Ball Committee. In 2021, 229 people volunteered over 2,500 hours to CRS and they made a real difference in the lives of the people we serve!
The Assistance in Units of Service:

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Per CRS Service Guidelines for Financial Assistance, most services are available on a limited basis, including automotive, medical, utility, rent, and grocery cards.

Clients may receive pantry assistance as needed. Seasonal gifts and school supplies are primarily donor-driven and available based on supply.

Overall, we assisted the residents of Avon and Avon Lake a total of 5,951x through our various programs.

The Assistance in Units of Service: 5,951x

Total amount spent for all financial assistance: $192,402

2021 Statistical Recap

- 395 families
- 466 children
- 123 seniors
- 461 adults
- 1,050 individuals

1 full time staff
6 part time staff
More than 200 volunteers

314 children were given Christmas gifts, pajamas and coats through Santa’s Workshop.

213 kids received backpacks, school supplies and clothing gift certificates through our Back-to-School Readiness program.

5,951 families were assisted through our various programs.
Client Personal Development

Connecting clients with the community, opportunity and lasting success.

At CRS we believe that we are uniquely positioned to help our clients make lasting life changes to move forward with their personal goals. With this in mind, we are excited to announce our redesigned and enhanced Client Personal Development Programs to encourage and support self-sufficiency. We’ve created a referral system to programs including the opportunity for scholarships and/or payment of fees. Program options include topics such as financial literacy, health & wellness, education and job training, as well as opportunities for students such as job training classes or even participation in educational or extra-curricular summer camps. We’ve hired a new staff member whose main job is to connect our clients with programs and opportunities that will help them move forward and achieve life goals. Here are some of the opportunities we’ve connected our clients with:

- State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA) classes
- Commercial Driver’s License classes
- Subscriptions to Hey Money financial advisors for budgeting and savings help
- Family memberships in collaboration with the French Creek YMCA
- Personalized life coaching
- Science camp
- Sports camps

Imagine moving to a community like Avon or Avon Lake because you want to live in a safe place with good schools, but you can only afford your basic living expenses. It might mean that your kids cannot participate in some of the activities that their classmates participate in, activities that could be life changing for them. At CRS we are committed to helping our families in lasting, meaningful ways that go beyond assistance with rent and utilities.
Thank You

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