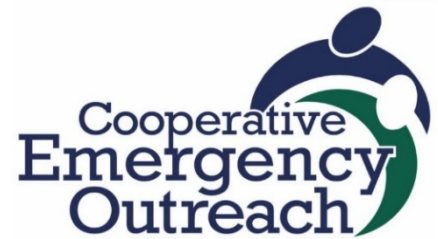


A COOPERATIVE group of congregations assisting members of the community in EMERGENCY situations as part of an OUTREACH ministry to help our neighbors regain self-reliance.

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Spring 2021 Newsletter

CEO 2020 – The Year in Review

When the covid-19 pandemic broke out, CEO temporarily suspended all operations from mid-March to mid-June.

On June 15, 2020, CEO reopened under Phase One operations, which remain in effect:

- Open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-3 p.m.
- Up to 20 clients are assisted each session and may receive help with food, rent, utilities and prescriptions.

By The Numbers:

Family Members Served – 4,703, of which 3,846 (82%) received foodstuffs.

- Value of food given to CEO clients - \$11,070.18.
- CEO clients requesting food donations have increased 10% each year since 2017.

How cash donations provide a 3-day supply of food, based on household size (calculated 3/2018):

• \$29.62 = 1 • \$34.69 = 2 • \$45.32 = 3 • \$53.05 = 4 • \$60.46 = 5 • \$77.54 = 6 • \$79.17 = 7 • \$83.73 = 8

Direct assistance to clients as a percentage of CEO's expenses:

- ◊ **Food** – 16% (approximately \$2,000 per month is spent to supplement donations to the CEO Food Pantry)
- ◊ **Utilities** – 45% ◊ **Rent** – 37% ◊ **Prescriptions** – .3% ◊ **Gasoline Vouchers** – .6% ◊ **Clothing** – .5%

Volunteers – 3,610 hours were donated by an average monthly team of 121 people.

Special Benefactors

Recent large gifts from the **Arkansas Community Foundation** and **St. Paul's Episcopal Church** have enabled CEO to significantly boost financial assistance for clients' rent and utilities payments.

Cub Scouts Pack 60, from St. Joseph Catholic Church collected 50 bags of food and \$160 in cash donations during their February "Scouting for Food" campaign co-sponsored by **Harps Food Store #177** on N. Crossover Rd.

Jean & Tom Jacobsen donated 120 pounds of oranges and 90 pounds of apples on 1/15/2021.



Bret Raymond, CEO of The Pack Shack, donated 10 cases (280 meals) of Pasta Parmesan with tomatoes and spinach to CEO on 12/4/2020.

Thanksgiving Feast items were donated by **Sequoyah United Methodist Church** (30 cloth bags filled with cornbread mix, gravy mix, stuffing mix, and cake or brownie mix) and **Jean & Tom Jacobsen** (90 pounds of apples, 50 pounds of sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and fixings for green bean casseroles).

St. Joseph Catholic School students collected shelf-stable food items in October 2020: 20 crates and 20 bags, enough to fill 2 vans.

Ways You Can Help

- Due to supply chain issues during the pandemic, the NWA Food Bank’s warehouse sometimes experiences delays, often double the time before the pandemic, to obtain items to stock its warehouse. Please **consider hosting a food drive or baby supplies drive** to stock the CEO Food Pantry.
- If you are shopping online, consider using **smile.amazon.com** and selecting Cooperative Emergency Outreach as your charity. CEO will receive a 0.5% donation of each purchase you make.
- CEO donations may be made via **PayPal**. Please go to our website for details.
- **We need volunteers** - Interviewers and other critical positions, such Food Pantry positions, are always needed. Contact us if you are interested in helping. Volunteers are the lifeblood of CEO!
- CEO’s website - **CEOFayetteville.org** - is a great resource for teaching others about CEO.
- CEO’s Facebook page – **Facebook.com/ceofayetteville** - has up-to-date information about us and other resources. Please like our page and share it with your friends.
- Participate in upcoming fundraisers:



Arvest Bank conducts its 11th annual Million Meals campaign from **April 5 through May 29** and has chosen CEO as one of its food partners. Monetary donations may be made by anyone at all Arvest Bank branches.

Thursday, April 8, 2021 – NWA Gives – CEO has a goal of raising \$2,200 during the 12-hour fundraiser, which will provide a month’s worth of funds to purchase foodstuffs to supplement donated food items. Go to www.NWAGives.org on 4/8/2021 for details and to donate. Matching challenge grants can increase your gifts.

CEO Member Congregations & Representatives

(Each member congregation commits to a monthly cash donation and at least one food intake event annually.)

Buckner Baptist	Central United Methodist.....Francis Ross
Eastside Baptist.....James McEntire	Emmanuel Lutheran NWA.....Beth Armstrong
Farmington United Methodist	First Baptist Farmington.....Linda Purselley
First Baptist Fayetteville.....Cathy Williams	First Baptist West Fork
First Christian Fayetteville.....Jackie Stites	First United Presbyterian.....David Clay
Good Shepherd Lutheran.....Cyndi Maddox	Quakers (Fayetteville Friends).....LeaDeana Mullinix
Rolling Hills Baptist.....Patty Severino	St. John’s Lutheran.....Barbara Osing
St. Joseph’s Catholic.....Maxine LeBlanc	St. Paul’s Episcopal.....Sandra Womack
St. Thomas Aquinas.....Anne Marie Candido	Sequoyah United Methodist.....Sandy Johnson
Southside Baptist.....Guy Boydston	Trinity United Methodist.....Buck Watson
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship....Elizabeth Hancock	

President - Joe Dushan (St. Joseph’s Catholic); **Vice President** - Linda Eichmann (Emmanuel Lutheran NWA); **Treasurer** - Robert Allen (First Baptist Fayetteville); **Secretary** – Beth Armstrong (Emmanuel Lutheran NWA)

At-Large Representatives: Margaret Brooner-Wilson (First Christian); Katha Carter (Sequoyah United Methodist); Ann Newman (Central United Methodist); and John Sturgis (Central United Methodist)

Volunteer Coordinators: *Computer* – Katha Carter (Sequoyah United Methodist); *Daily Managers* – Maxine LeBlanc (St. Joseph’s Catholic); *Food Room* – Nancy Bittle (Central United Methodist); *Front Desk* – Barbara Osing (St. John’s Lutheran); *Interviewers* – Joe Dushan (St. Joseph’s Catholic); and *Publicity* – Elizabeth Hale (St. Paul’s Episcopal)