

CHANGING LIVES,  
IMPACTING COMMUNITY

# 2023-2024 Annual Report




*We are grateful for your continued commitment to our mission.*

# Bucks County Poverty Snapshot



**Our mission is to reduce poverty and partner with our community to promote economic self-sufficiency.**

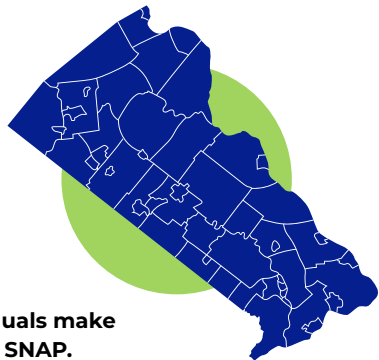
## POVERTY IN BUCKS COUNTY

 **5.7% (36,821)**

of Bucks County residents live in poverty.

 **56,570**

of residents are food insecure. More than half of these individuals make too much money to qualify for SNAP.



**Community Needs Assessment findings highlighted affordable housing as the number one concern among residents.**

According to a PhillyBurbs article in July of 2024, Bucks County is one of the 10 highest housing wages needed counties for a two-bedroom Fair Market Rental (FMR) value in PA. A wage of \$33.40 an hour would be needed to make the FMR of \$1,737 per month affordable. Renters in the state earn an average of about \$20.11 an hour.

**From a recent National Low Income Housing Coalition report:**

“Although most indicators show that the economy is strong, the lowest-income renters continue to confront significant challenges finding and maintaining access to safe and affordable rental housing,” the report says. “Insufficient wages, rising rents, and an inadequate housing safety net all contribute to the problem.”

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## Dear Friends of BCOC,

As I reflect on this past year, I am both humbled and proud of the impact we have made together. The Bucks County Opportunity Council (BCOC) launched a new strategic plan that will guide us as we continue to fight for the well-being of our community. Our reach grew significantly with many achievements, including hitting record numbers in key areas. We proudly opened the Central Bucks Opportunity Center, a hub that will serve our Doylestown community and beyond for years to come. A second Pathways Home, dedicated to serving women with children who are working on goals to increase economic mobility and stabilize housing, also helped to expand our services and footprint in the county.

While we celebrate these accomplishments, we are aware of the ongoing challenges we face. Rising costs and an increasing demand for services have stretched our resources. However, through collaboration with our partners and strategic use of multiple funding sources, we have maximized our ability to serve as many people as possible. At the heart of our work are the people in this community, and they continue to inspire us every day.

Looking ahead, our new strategic plan lays out five objectives that will shape our future work:

1. Refine and enhance BCOC's model for breaking the cycle of generational poverty. We will grow our Economic Self-Sufficiency program through partnerships with educational institutions and community organizations.
2. Focus on upstream strategies to prevent future crises and homelessness. We will increase efforts to prevent first-time homelessness, a critical step in breaking the poverty cycle.
3. Improve health equity across Bucks County. As the county's lead food agency, we will deepen our partnerships with healthcare providers to address health disparities in marginalized communities.
4. Revitalize BCOC's infrastructure for enhanced agency outcomes. We will modernize our systems to improve service delivery and better support our community's needs.
5. Strengthen the financial landscape with intentional, strategic commitments. By diversifying our funding sources, we will increase our capacity to support and empower the people of Bucks County.

None of this work would be possible without the dedication of our incredible staff, board members, volunteers, donors, and partners. Your unwavering commitment to BCOC's mission is the reason we continue to make a difference in the lives of so many.

As we look forward to celebrating our 60th anniversary in 2025, I am excited for the future and confident that, together, we will continue to drive meaningful change for our community.

Thank you for your support.

Warm regards,

**Erin Lukoss**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



# Taking Pride in What We Do



## Core Values and Guiding Principles

BCOC follows one simple guiding principle, which is that people living in poverty are problem solvers and that with the right supports, self-sufficiency is possible for everyone.

The staff operate using our core values of having a caring attitude, being collaborative, using creativity, being fearless, and always maintaining professionalism. Our core values are inherent in all aspects of our policies and procedures.

## IMPACT STATISTICS

 **57,738** people impacted across Bucks County

 **10,303** households received direct financial assistance

 **26,300+** people were directly benefited

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

BCOC has five major program areas:

### Housing

- Street outreach, rental and move-in assistance, and utility shut-off prevention

### Food

- Distributes food directly to families through a network of over 75 food pantries and distribution sites

### Weatherization

- Assists families in reducing their energy costs

### Volunteer Income Tax Preparation (VITA)

- Provides free income tax preparation assistance

### Economic Self-Sufficiency (ES) Program

- Assists individuals and families to leave poverty permanently through case management, education, and employment

# Food Program



## The Lead Food Agency for Families in Need in Bucks County


Our program works to eliminate food insecurity in Bucks County and improve health equity. The network includes over 70 pantries/partners, hosts four weekly fresh produce distributions, and operates one emergency pantry for patrons of the HELP Center in Lower Bucks County.

We are also distributing food through senior food box delivery and several school district outreach programs. Support comes from public and private funds, food drives, gleaning from local grocery stores, farms, and more.

### STATISTICS

 **3,300,000 lbs.** of food this year

 **400,000 lbs.** increase in food from last year to this year

 **31,685** people impacted



### PARTNERS

#### Fresh Connect

- United Way of Bucks County
- Philabundance
- Rolling Harvest Food Rescue
- St. Mary's Medical Center

#### HELP Center

- United Way of Bucks County
- St. Mary's Medical Center
- Penn Community Bank

#### Hope of the Harvest

- Delaware Valley University

#### Retail Rescue

- Wegmans Warrington
- Wegmans Yardley



## PANTRY HIGHLIGHT: WARMINSTER FOOD BANK

“We are so grateful to BCOC for their generous support to us. They give us about 25,000 pounds of food each year. As a pantry that is continually serving the needs of food-insecure families, upwards of 15,000 people a year, we have no idea what we would do without that additional 25,000 pounds of food. If we had to purchase that food instead of receiving it from BCOC, the value of that food would be over \$60,000, so their impact is profound and quite gracious.

Also, beyond just their regular distribution, they give us opportunities for special meat and produce pickups and holiday pickups, which are always greatly appreciated. Again, we don't know what we would do without BCOC and all the great people there.”

– *Mike Cerino, Executive Director, Warminster Food Pantry*

## CLIENT STORIES

“I was just diagnosed with a heart condition and diabetes, and both require a diet that isn't overly processed. So, Fresh Connect helps with getting my diet in order and allows me to use my extra money to afford co-pays for my doctors and medicines.”

– *Ruth*

“Fresh Connect has made such a difference in me and my son's life, helping us save so much on produce and having more produce around means healthier meals every day. Plus, the samples at the market for things like kombucha or blueberry pound cake (with the recipe) are amazing! Thank you Fresh Connect!”

– *Victoria*

“I have high co-pays for medication and sometimes I had to decide between medication and food. With the help of the market, I can now have both.”

– *Chris*

Fresh Connect • Home Delivery • Pantry Programs • Senior Food Box • Senior Connect Prepared Meals • HELP Center • Retail Rescue • Hope of the Harvest

# Housing and Emergency Services



## Housing and Emergency Services Guiding Principles

BCOC strives to address housing instability through creative solutions and alternative options to eliminate homelessness in Bucks County, PA. The focus of our Housing Services program is to help people overcome barriers (homelessness, eviction, or utility shutoff) to self-sufficiency and limit future need for help.

Individuals and families with annual household income at or below 200% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Federal Poverty Income may be eligible for one-time assistance to prevent or stabilize an emergency situation.

An experienced Self-Sufficiency Coach works with clients to assess and stabilize the situation and develop a plan to prevent future crises, trauma, and homelessness.

## STATISTICS

 **395 Households**

prevented from eviction

 **91 Households**

transitioned from homelessness to stable housing

 **175 Households**

prevented from utility shut-off

 **240 Households**

received transportation assistance for work

 **497 Households**

received LYFT rides through our concierge program



## PARTNERSHIPS

Housing Link

Family Services Association  
of Bucks County

YWCA

Bucks County Housing Group

Legal Aid of Southeast Pennsylvania

Bucks County Bar Association

Landlords

## CLIENT STORY: AVI

**Avi has been struggling with mental health issues and substance abuse for several years. He and his wife split up early in the pandemic which led to an eviction because of the loss of income from his spouse. Things went from bad to worse when Avi also lost custody of his children.**

**He went from couch to couch, sometimes sleeping in his car or on a bench at the mall. With the help of his synagogue, Avi was connected to housing services and applied for a housing choice voucher. Avi received his voucher a month ago and secured a rental.**

**Because of limited funding, Avi was asked to make a large contribution towards the cost of the move in. Avi was unable to come up with the funds, so Avi partnered up with his coach and began brainstorming. We were able to use a variety of funding at BCOC with help from community partners to help Avi move in. He has a custody hearing coming up and is hoping to get increased visitation with his children now that he has a home of his own.**



## SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND BCOC

- According to the CDC, Social determinants of health (SDOH) are non-medical factors affecting health, like socioeconomic status and geographic location.
- 40% of an individual's health is determined by socioeconomic factors such as education, occupation, or income.
- Addressing SDOH can enhance health and lead to better outcomes.
- These include access to food, housing, and transportation.

BCOC is an integral part of the efforts to prevent evictions and homelessness. Under the Housing umbrella, we provide several specialized services to address individual needs and overcome barriers created by extremely personal situations.

## HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR REENTRY POPULATIONS (HORP): MEET VINCE

**Vince came into HORP in November 2023, immediately secured a full-time job, and we supported him in a hotel until he found long-term housing in March 2024. In May, he obtained a second full time job, now earning \$19 per hour working 40 hours per week in each job, both 1st and 3rd shift. He was advanced out of the program successfully in July, able to pay his rent, back on track paying his child support, and has a balanced budget.**



## RAPID REHOUSING (RES)

The Rapid Rehousing program is an intervention, informed by a Housing First approach that is a critical part of the community's effective homeless crisis response system.

The program rapidly connects individuals and families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through individualized assistance that may include the use of time-limited financial assistance and targeted supportive services.

RES is designed to assist households experiencing homelessness to quickly find housing, assist with paying for the housing, and help the households stay housed after assistance has ended.

## RES STATS DURING LAST REPORTED GRANT CYCLE

 **74 Households** totaling 129 people were served

 **5 People** were veterans

 **24 People** were chronically homeless

 **10 People** were over the age of 65

 **81 People** reported at least 1 disabling condition at start

 **94%** of participants exited to positive housing destinations

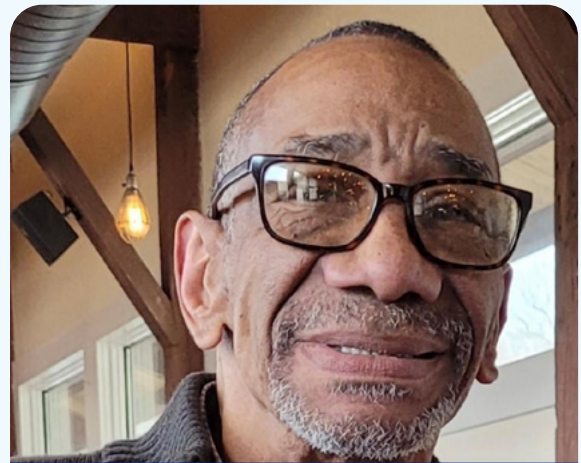
 **40%** of participants gained or increased income from the program start to exit

 **42%** of participants reduced the non-cash benefits they were receiving

## STREET OUTREACH / CLIENT STORY: MARY

Mary, a forty-something woman, was referred to our Street Outreach Coach Allen after she reached out to the Housing Link. She was living in her car, dealing with deteriorating mobility issues due to Multiple Sclerosis. When Code Blue was available, she tried to sleep in the shelters, but the cots that they used were unbearable in her condition. Allen was able to secure her a more supportive bed and connected her with a Rapid Rehousing Coach. They worked together as a team, and she is now appropriately housed and able to address the needs of her medical condition.

Allen brought lived experiences, compassion, and wisdom to his work, which allowed him to build trust and successfully navigate clients through difficult situations. His loss will be felt throughout the community.



Allen Johnson • In memoriam

## COURT MEDIATION

The Landlord/Tenant Mediation Project is a partnership between Bucks County Opportunity Council, Legal Aid of Southeast PA (LASP), and the Bucks County Bar Association. The project focuses on Landlord/Tenant hearings in the Morrisville Borough courtroom.

Each week, a team of people from each of the collaborating agencies receives a list of the cases on the judge's docket. LASP and the Bar Association provide volunteer, pro bono attorneys to attend court each week and offer representation to the tenants who are at risk of being evicted.

Prior to the day of the hearings which are every Thursday, BCOC compares the list of tenants to internal systems to determine if we currently have the application process started with the tenant or if the tenant needs to take those first steps to get the application started.

This information is relayed to the team so there is knowledge of the tenants before court. The judge may issue a continuance for the tenant to have additional time to complete the application process for BCOC financial assistance.

## COMMUNITY BASED CARE MANAGEMENT (CBCM)

Our CBCM programs support community members living with a mental health diagnosis, allowing individuals the opportunity to live a fully integrated life in the community.

## STEPS

The goal of STEPs is to prevent homelessness and reduce hospital readmissions. This is accomplished through intensive care management to stabilize crises, connecting clients with resources such as mental health providers, engaging landlords, developing tenancy/budgeting skills, and offering short-term financial assistance.

## MENTAL HEALTH TENANT BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE (TBRA)

This program serves homeless clients with mental health issues who are awaiting Section 8 subsidized housing vouchers. BCOC helps them to locate housing that accepts these vouchers and assists with a portion of the rent until the vouchers come through. We also ensure that all supports are in place including medical, healthcare needs, and access to nutritious food.

## TRANSPORTATION

Our transportation program addresses a critical need for mobility in Bucks County. BCOC partners with Lyft to provide transportation to essential community services, as well as rides to medical appointments not covered by Bucks County's medical assistance transportation program.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES SUCCESSES INCLUDE:

- Providing a rental subsidy that allowed the client to attend daily mental health appointments and focus on building resilience, rather than returning to work prematurely.
- Arranging transportation for an employment interview, giving the client the opportunity to increase self-sufficiency.
- Facilitating collaboration among providers to ensure both crisis mitigation and ongoing support for clients.
- Preventing eviction by negotiating with a landlord to cover overdue rent, halting eviction proceedings, and enabling the client to remain safely housed.
- Providing financial support for a client to return to school, leading to an increase in their income.



**Housing Planning • Eviction Prevention • Court Mediation • Street Outreach • HORP  
MH TBRA • Rapid Rehousing • BTH • Housing Location • Pathways • PECO MEAF  
Give A Christmas • MH Transportation • General Utility Assistance**



## There are two main types of Weatherization help for homeowners and renters available through Bucks County Opportunity Council.

### WEATHERIZATION SERVICES

Our Weatherization Services facilitate home repairs and energy conservation projects that reduce the utility costs for people on fixed and low incomes.

### LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP provides grants for fuel and free heater repair during the heating season.

**Auditors inspect homes and deliver a report including safety and health measures that need to be addressed.**


The Auditor tests heaters, hot water heaters, gas stoves and all major appliances for safety and efficiency and may make recommendations for certain measures such as caulking windows, weather-stripping doors, insulating the attic, or tuning the heater.

Qualified professionals install recommended measures such as insulation, air sealing and heater improvements. An educational component is provided to further involve residents in managing their home systems. The Auditor then returns for an inspection to ensure that all work is completed to meet or exceed industry standards for safety and energy efficiency.



### IMPACT

 **349 Households** were assisted with energy-saving measures

 **Energy bills** were reduced, which increased home comfort

 **Environmental** benefits and long-term savings for families

### HIGHLIGHT

“According to the Department of Energy, low-income families save an average of **\$372** or more every year due to the homes increased energy efficiency **after** Weatherization. The added comfort to the home ensures an **increase in the overall health and safety** of our more vulnerable clients.”

– Owen Beuerle, Weatherization Program Manager

### CLIENT QUOTE

“Thank you so much for your prompt attention and help with my heating emergencies this 2024 season, and for treating me with kindness and respect; it matters!! I so appreciate it. Thank you so much and God bless you!!!”

– Michele

# Economic Self-Sufficiency Program (ES)



## Guiding Principles

Nearly 6% of the Bucks County population lives in poverty. We address the root causes that keep them there. The goal of the ES Program is to empower low-income families with the education, skills, and resources necessary to achieve and maintain economic self-sufficiency without any future need for cash welfare subsidies.

BCOC helps participants acquire the education, skills, and employment to permanently leave poverty as opposed to merely cope in it. The program transforms lives and often ends a cycle of poverty that existed for generations. Our graduates are gainfully employed, contributing to the tax base and the economy of their communities.



## CLIENT STORY:

**Grace, a mother with two autistic kids, one who had severe mental health issues, fled a domestic violence situation. She was working for a local non-profit helping other families, but financially she was struggling paycheck to paycheck.**

**With her coach's assistance, she was able to return to school and earn her bachelor's degree in psychology from Penn State University. After graduating, she continued her education and secured her master's in social work. Now, Grace is the lead social worker for a local school district as well as a clinical therapist in the evenings with her own private practice. She is currently looking to purchase her first home!**

## STATISTICS



**17 Families**

graduated from the program  
(over 400 total families)



**Participants**

more than doubled  
their income



**\$46,387**

new average annual  
income post program

## COACHES STORY:



“A truly heartwarming moment was seeing my client become a mom! Ginny was in foster care growing up and did not have a support system to rely on when she gave birth to her son, very prematurely at four months. BCOC became that support and is now a part of her family. I would visit her weekly in the NICU, and it was amazing to be there when she was finally able to hold him and bring him home. Those are moments I will never forget.”

## CAAP AWARD: NICOLE V.



**Nicole, a single, hard-working mother, held several part-time jobs, but with only a high school diploma, she still struggled to make ends meet. Working days and**

**weekends, she dreamed of increasing her household income to provide a better life for her daughter. In 2017, Nicole reached out to BCOC to learn about the ES program, seeking the guidance and resources needed to help her achieve self-sufficiency.**

**Possessing a strong desire to pursue her future story, Nicole created a mental model of what her current life was like and what direction she wanted to go in. She developed goals around education, employment, home ownership, and a balanced budget.**

**With the financial support of the Gateway scholarship, Nicole obtained her Small Business Management associate degree at Bucks County Community College. Nicole continued her education at Strayer University pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration. Despite encountering several obstacles along the way, she maintained a high GPA and made the President's List as a straight A student. Nicole is proud of her accomplishment as the first-generation in her family to graduate from college.**

**Nicole also became a homeowner while in the ES program. She often put funds into a savings account, while using resources for daily life. Nicole's persistence earned her a promotion at work, adding \$12 more per hour to her salary since obtaining her degree. Her future endeavors look very bright.**

## ES GRAD QUOTE

**"To the current participants, you are not alone and the change from out of poverty will be difficult. We are stuck in this generational curse, a repeating cycle passed down from our family. The change will feel uncomfortable but be open minded and allow yourself to have setbacks. Believe in yourself and go for what you want. What is the worst someone can say to you? No? So then what are you going to do about it? Will you quit or will you get back up and keep trying? BCOC is here to support you."**

*– Sandy-Lyn*

## COACHES ON CAMPUS

It is widely believed—and well documented—that the key to economic security is having the education/training required to compete for jobs that pay a living wage. A high-quality, relevant education is the pathway out of poverty and helps end generational poverty. The Bucks County Opportunity Council (BCOC) and Bucks County Community College (Bucks) are uniquely positioned to offer the Coaches on Campus Program, which helps Bucks students remain in college despite financial struggles.

Assisting them during a financial crisis, and supporting them as they continue their studies, gives students the best chance to complete their education and become economically self-sufficient for the long run. The program changes lives.

## CONGRESSIONAL FUNDING

BCOC received a historic level of funding with a **\$1,000,000** Community Project Funding grant for the critical expansion of our Economic Self-Sufficiency Program.



## STUDENT PROFILE: HEATHER

“If it weren’t for the Coaches on Campus program, I couldn’t be a student right now,” Heather stated emphatically. It had been 30 years since she was in school, and at first the thought of attending classes was scary. Heather is in recovery and currently living in a sober house, and her goal is to help others who have faced similar challenges. She is working toward a degree in psychology at Bucks and hopes to earn her Certified Recovery Specialist (CRS) credential. A CRS certificate qualifies drug and alcohol peers in recovery to help others move through the recovery process. Through the Coaches Program, Heather has received help with rent payments, as well as gift cards and food.

Just as importantly to Heather, she has felt supported and encouraged to work hard and reach her goals. Heather joined BCOC’s Economic Self-Sufficiency Program and meets regularly with her coach to set goals and strategies to become fully self-sufficient. She is currently looking for a job. With very limited public transportation in Bucks County, transportation is a barrier for many, including Heather. She borrows her aunt’s car to get to campus but hopes to be able to afford a used car soon. She is currently on the Wheelz2Work wait list to receive a donated car.

## QUOTE: BRIAN FITZPATRICK

“The BCOC Economic Self-Sufficiency Program has been a game-changer for our community, delivering significant and transformative change. With this critical funding, they will be able to broaden their reach and uplift even more individuals and families in need of assistance across PA-1.”

## GRANT OUTCOMES AND STATISTICS:

- Full-time** staff person placed at Bucks County Community College
- 150 Households** have been supported through the grant
- \$3,125** average assistance per household
- 85 Households** currently enrolled in school
- 17 Households** graduated last year with support through the grant
- 12-15** more households are slated for graduation in 2025
- \$141,949** in scholarships awarded



## COACHES ON CAMPUS PROFILE: ANGELINA

Angelina came to BCOC through the Coaches on Campus program in November of 2023, looking for assistance with transportation so she could complete her certificate program at BCCC. At that time, she was studying to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), but did not have transportation, so BCOC assisted her with Lyft rides to get to school and her clinicals.

With transportation, gift cards for food, help with paying for a portion of her certification test, and short-term rental assistance, she completed the program and passed her exam.

Now, Angelina is working full time as a CNA and can pay her own bills due to a much-improved financial position. She is hoping to get her driver's license this year and is starting to save for a car.



Economic Self-Sufficiency • Family Self-Sufficiency • STEPS • VITA  
Coaches on Campus • Adopt a Family • Wheelz2Work • ES Matched Savings

# Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)



**Bucks County Opportunity Council income tax preparation services are provided at no charge by IRS-certified volunteers.**

## STATISTICS

 **1,433**

tax returns completed by 44 volunteers

 **\$2,200,000**

returned to the local economy in refunds, credits, and saved fees



## “ VOLUNTEER QUOTE

“I love volunteering for VITA. I am a lover of math and slightly introverted and volunteering for this program around like-minded people is exciting for me. I will be returning to volunteer as long as BCOC will have me.”

## KEY PARTNERS

IRS

Bucks County Foundation

First National Bank & Trust of Newtown

Bucks County Community College


## BCOC Volunteers

We have had a stellar year of volunteerism with BCOC throughout many of our programs. Besides our VITA volunteers, we have hundreds of people show up for our Fresh Connect and Hope of the Harvest food initiatives. Corporations and organizations bring large groups for a day of service, and we are lucky to have dedicated supporters assist with manning information tables at events throughout the county. Partnering with our community is an integral part of our mission, and we are grateful for each and every volunteer!

### Groups that joined us:

Penn Community Bank (Day of Service), National Charity League, BLBB, Charles River Labs, CarMax, Pine Run Village, NJM Insurance, PNC Bank, QNB Bank, Trinity Health, Mid Penn Bank, Bucks County Intermediate Unit, and Wegmans.

## STATISTICS

 **1,762**

people volunteered with BCOC last year

 **114,918**

hours were donated by volunteers in a wide range of roles

 **95%**

satisfaction rate with experience

 **81%**

are long-term, repeat volunteers

## “ VOLUNTEER QUOTE

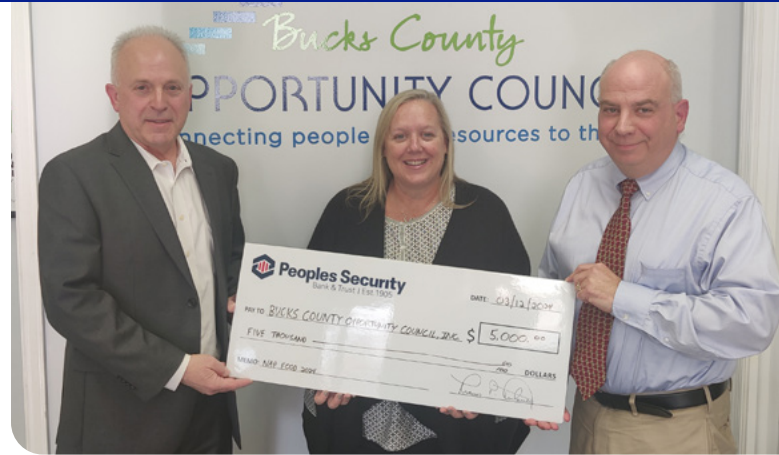
“Great first-time experience. Everyone worked together and took the time to help new team members. A complete team effort.”



# Growth, Expansion, and New Initiatives



**BCOC continues to work to expand our reach throughout Bucks County. This year brought to fruition some exciting new projects and allowed us to increase our level of service to those in need.**



## PATHWAYS HOUSE 2

Dedicated temporary housing for women with children affected by the opioid crisis, who are striving to reach financial independence and secure their own stable living environment.

## CENTRAL BUCKS OPPORTUNITY CENTER

The center is designed to meet the ever-rising burdens of low-income individuals and families located in the heart of Bucks County. Together under one roof, we now can meet a variety of needs specific to each client. The site offers services to meet the needs of the community including emergency services of eviction prevention and utility assistance, housing link services, economic self-sufficiency programs, and weatherization for improved home energy conservation.

## FOOD PROGRAM EXPANSION

- Retail Rescue added more stores
- Pantry at the WIC Office in Bristol
- Pre-Natal Healthy Food Box Program with our partner St. Mary's Medical Center Family Clinic, funded through a grant from the Jewish Healthcare Foundation. These boxes are now available to low-income, pregnant women who are clients of the clinic. The program aims to address health disparities and contribute to better maternal and fetal outcomes.



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

**"I've been a Hope of the Harvest volunteer for several summers now. I always look forward to the fresh air and exercise, getting to know the other volunteers, and watching our hard work produce crates of fruits and vegetables that will spark joy and bring better health to the Bucks community."**

**- Gail**



## Consolidated Statement of Activities\*

YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2024

			2024	2023
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total	Total
<b>Support and Revenue Support</b>				
Government	\$7,829,461	\$2,439,450	\$10,268,911	\$8,503,368
Community	\$290,327	\$1,134,808	\$1,425,135	\$1,101,891
Donated Materials, Facilities, and Services	\$46,856	\$3,470,220	\$3,517,076	\$3,786,214
Special Events, Net of Expenses	\$0	\$49,500	\$49,500	\$44,550
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>\$8,166,644</b>	<b>\$7,093,978</b>	<b>\$15,260,622</b>	<b>\$13,436,023</b>

<b>Revenue</b>				
Financial	\$24,952	\$31	\$24,983	\$223
Other	\$9,924	\$90,449	\$100,373	\$74,012
Change in Value of the Bucks County Foundation - Economic Self-Sufficiency Fund	\$0	\$27,797	\$27,797	\$18,304
Total Revenue	\$34,876	\$118,277	\$153,153	\$92,539
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$8,201,520</b>	<b>\$7,212,255</b>	<b>\$15,413,775</b>	<b>\$13,528,562</b>

<b>Net Assets Released From Restrictions</b>	\$7,129,535	-\$7,129,535		
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$15,331,055</b>	<b>\$82,720</b>	<b>\$15,413,775</b>	<b>\$13,528,562</b>

<b>Expenses</b>				
Program Services	\$13,405,661	\$0	\$13,405,661	\$12,217,441
Management and General	\$1,112,510	\$0	\$1,112,510	\$983,031
Fundraising	\$287,042	\$0	\$287,042	\$234,457
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$14,805,213</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,805,213</b>	<b>\$13,434,929</b>

<b>Net Assets</b>				
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$525,842</b>	<b>\$82,720</b>	<b>\$608,562</b>	<b>\$93,633</b>
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	\$1,485,662	\$2,408,878	\$3,894,540	\$3,800,907
<b>Net Assets - End of Year</b>	<b>\$2,011,504</b>	<b>\$2,491,598</b>	<b>\$4,503,102</b>	<b>\$3,894,540</b>

\*as of 11/1/2024

# Key Partner Recognition



The following organizations, institutions, and businesses, listed alphabetically, are some of the partners who worked with BCOC this past fiscal year in a variety of ways including working together to serve clients, hold food drives or donate time and products, and volunteered their time. We are grateful for their continued support of our work.

- A Woman's Place
- Adelphi Research
- Applegate Farms
- B & K Auto Tags
- Bback Car Care
- Bristol Gardens, Inc.
- Bucks County Children's Museum
- Bucks County Community College
- Bucks County Housing Group
- C & N Bank
- Carversville Farm Foundation
- Chalfont Fire Company
- Class-Harlan Real Estate
- Cold Spring Elementary School
- Cookery Ware Shop
- County of Bucks
- Curtin & Heefner
- Deep Run Presbyterian Nursery School
- Delaware Valley University
- DVL Group, Inc.
- Family Services Association of Bucks County
- The First National Bank and Trust of Newtown
- First Wednesday's
- Foundations Community Partnerships, Inc.
- Fred Beans Family of Dealerships
- Gamry Instruments
- Gannett
- Garden of Health
- The Goddard School
- Grow a Row
- Habitat for Humanity Bucks
- Holicong Middle School
- Hooks and Needles
- Hope Lutheran Church
- Magellan Behavior Health of PA
- Mid Penn Bank
- National Charity League
- New Britain Baptist Church
- New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Co.
- NOVA
- NuGo Nutrition
- Office of Pennsylvania Senator Steve Santarsiero
- Owls Nest Ladies Auxiliary
- Palisades High School
- Penn Community Bank
- Peoples Security Bank and Trust Company
- Philabundance
- Pleasantville United Church of Christ
- Rolling Harvest Food Rescue
- Rotary Club of Doylestown
- Salem United Church of Christ
- Scoogie Events
- SHARE
- Soroptimist International of Indian Rock
- Thompson Memorial Presbyterian Church
- Trinity Health
- Troop 21270 Girl Scouts
- United Way of Bucks County
- Wegmans Food Markets – Warrington
- Wegmans Food Markets – Yardley
- YWCA of Bucks County



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# Looking Forward



## COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR (CNOY)

February 22, 2025

## ES GRADUATION

April 30, 2025

## 60TH YEAR

1965-2025



## WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



Check our website at [www.bcoc.org](http://www.bcoc.org) or sign up for our regular emails for ways to get involved or donate.

## THANK YOU...

To all our supporters, volunteers, partners, donors, and community. BCOC could not fulfill our mission without each and every one of you!

