Lower Cape Outreach Council

HOPE LIVES HERE.

FOOD PANTRY LOCATIONS

BREWSTER PANTRY Brewster Baptist Church CHATHAM PANTRY St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

EASTHAM PANTRY Eastham United Methodist Church

HARWICH PANTRY

St. Peter's Lutheran Church ORLEANS PANTRY Orleans Methodist Church

> PROVINCETOWN PANTRY Provincetown

Methodist Church

TRURO PANTRY Truro Council on Aging WELLFLEET PANTRY Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church MAIN FOOD PANTRY



19 Brewster Cross Road Orleans, MA 02653 508-240-0694 www.lcoutreach.org



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your kindness and compassion. You made our work and mission come alive in 2024. The proof lies in the numbers and images we share with you in this annual report.

As we embark on the next four decades of service to the community, your partnership is more vital than ever. The demand for essential services reached record heights last year, and because of you, we rose to the challenge of assisting nearly 4,500 children, adults and seniors throughout the Lower and Outer Cape. Thank you for your unwavering generosity!

While the need for our services has increased across the board, it was particularly evident in our nine emergency food pantries, which experienced a 27% rise in average monthly visits. Our financial assistance program also served more Lower and Outer Cape residents, largely with housing, utilities and transportation-related issues. Thanks to the dedication of our loyal donors and volunteers, we were able to support nearly 1,000 households with emergency financial assistance.

2025 holds great opportunity for helping more of our neighbors afford to live, work and stay on Cape Cod. None of this is possible without you. Together, our community is more vibrant and hopeful with partners and supporters like you.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Jim Botsford Board President

Katic Weathy

Katie Wibby Chief Executive Officer

LCOC PURCHASES NEW DELIVERY TRUCK

The LCOC staff poses in front of the new, refrigerated food transportation truck, acquired in 2024 with assistance from State Senator Julian Cyr and former State Representative Sarah Peake.

The LCOC team, left to right:

Katie Wibby, CEO; Gerry Desautels, Director of Development; Karen Ross, Director of Operations; Andy O'Dell, Manager of Client Services; Rose Bokavich, Bookkeeper; Howard Thomas, Food Program Manager; Laura Hunt, Data and Marketing Manager; Stacey Raczek, Food Program Supervisor



FOOD PROGRAMS

FOOD PANTRIES

Our nine food pantries distributed 46,635 bags of food with a total value of \$2,564,925.

Average monthly visits increased by 29% from 2023.



THANKSGIVING 752 households received their holiday meal including turkeys, fresh produce, and fixings.



FOODS TO ENCOURAGE

In 2024, our food pantries hosted 96 sessions featuring additional healthy food options for visiting clients.

Pantry volunteers are joined by an on-site nutritionist demonstrating a featured recipe with items from the pantry, and a registered nurse offering glucose and blood pressure screenings.

Foods to Encourage is the most popular day of the month in our pantries!

VOLUNTEER MANAGERS

Katy's Korner Candi Franklin & Carol Wiley

Office Candy O'Connell

Brewster Pantry Wayne Johnston

Chatham Pantry Linda & Peter Hughes

Eastham Pantry Joan Lockhart

Harwich Pantry Ruth Brenneman

Main Pantry Nancy Sweeney

Orleans Pantry Ellen Ehrhart

Provincetown Pantry Nicola Vichert

Truro Pantry Barbara Bond

Wellfleet Pantry Sandy Galvin In 2024, LCOC was nationally reaccredited as a Service Enterprise for excellence in strategic volunteer engagement!

SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAMS

Bags of fresh produce and other healthy food items distributed through local schools



KATY'S KORNER

2,664 bags of clothing, linens, and small items distributed to 449 families



40TH ANNIVERSARY CHEF'S CHALLENGE NETS \$100K

LCOC's 40th Anniversary Chef's Challenge Celebration held at Pate's in Chatham on June 6 netted the organization nearly \$100,000! Two hundred supporters and volunteers attended the sold-out event

featuring Live and Silent auctions to benefit LCOC programs.

The focus of the evening was a chef's challenge competition featuring longtime Cape chef Christian Schultz, Chef Julio Lazzarini of Navillus Restaurant in Orleans, and Sous Chef Chevaun Goulbourne of Pate's. In the end, Lazzarini's Puerto Rican-inspired chili won over the judging panel comprised of Cape Cod Times Food Editor Gwenn Friss, Edible Cape Cod Publisher Larry Egan, and Cape Cod's X 102.3 and 106.5 FM General Manager Jon Krongard.





OUR MISSION

The mission of the Lower Cape Outreach Council is to provide comprehensive assistance to those in need of immediate support and to encourage long-term self-sufficiency.

2024 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

\$842,589 Total Financial Assistance1,647 Total Vouchers968 Households Served

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

\$440,726 Shelter/Housing
\$165,485 Transportation Expenses
\$147,753 Utilities -

SANTA STOP 737 CHILDREN FROM 323 FAMILIES RECEIVED TOYS 40% INCREASE OVER 2023!



2024 REVENUE & EXPENSES [*]		
\$2,500,000		
\$2,000,000 \$2,329,916		
\$1,500,000	\$2,011,352	
\$1,000,000		
\$500,000 *unaudited REVENUE	EXPENSES	



Brewster	\$397,167
Chatham	\$387,022

Eastham \$350,047

Harwich \$6^{*}

Orleans	\$435,525
Provincetown	\$385,802
■ Truro	\$363,780
Wellfleet	\$692,619
TOTAL	\$3,686,328

OPERATION WARM

470 new winter coats were distributed to children and adults.

2024 CHATHAM TURKEY TROT BREAKS RECORDS! Virkey Trot hursday, November 27



The 20th Annual Race/Walk held on Thanksgiving Day in Chatham saw a record 2,600 registrants.

Thirty-three local businesses sponsored the event, raising more than \$100,000 to benefit LCOC food pantries and financial assistance programs.

LCOC GROWS WITH



Lower Cape Outreach Council proudly serves the eight towns of the Lower and Outer Cape - including the four most rural Outer Cape communities of Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro, and Provincetown. As the year-round population and food insecurity have increased in these towns, LCOC remains committed to growing its outreach and engagement in this underserved community. In early 2024, LCOC reaffirmed this commitment by becoming the parent organization to Outer

Cape Community Solutions (OCCS) - a community-based rural health network and now independent LLC that operates out of the Orleans headquarters.

Created in 2019, OCCS's mission is to build collaborative solutions that increase health equity and improve the health and well-being of all Outer Cape residents through education, advocacy, and collective action. OCCS works in partnership with dozens of nonprofits, healthcare agencies, municipal departments, such as health and public safety offices, and others to improve social determinants of health, including but not limited to economic stability, housing, food access, and social supports. This network of organizations relies on an integrated and coordinated approach to health and human services which fosters the maximization of limited resources and efficiency while also allowing for smoother client referrals between partner organizations and more effective support overall.

Beyond networking opportunities, LCOC now leads the network's Food Access Work Group that meets monthly. Together, partner agencies created and distributed the region's first ever multi-lingual local food access guide. They have also been able to deepen relationships with other local food access partners—like Truro Community Kitchen and Sustainable CAPE-to reimagine ways to expand food access while prioritizing nutritious, local foods.

Additionally, Outer Cape Community Solutions' Latinx Community Ambassador has been working with LCOC to expand their connections and trust with individual community members in Provincetown. With CEO Katie Wibby on the Steering Committee of OCCS, she has forged relationships on behalf of LCOC with large-scale agencies like New England **Rural Health Association** and the Massachusetts State Office of Rural Health. These connections have allowed for more frank conversations and advocacy opportunities about the critical state of food access and financial insecurity in rural areas like the Outer Cape.

Looking towards 2025, LCOC is poised to continue to grow its offerings and connections across the Outer Cape as the agency addresses the complexities of living in an isolated rural community with Outer Cape Community Solutions at its side.



In 2024, LCOC assisted 4,497 individuals with food, financial assistance, clothing, and special holiday programming. All this work relies heavily on donor and volunteer support, as all services are free to our diverse group of clients in need.

LCOC assistance programs are funded entirely by donations and grants received. This is what makes LCOC donors and volunteers so special and crucial for our sustenance and growth.



LCOC's corps of nearly 200 volunteers dedicated over 16,272 hours to the organization in 2024 alone—the equivalent of eight full-time employees. Our amazing volunteers staff the food pantries, the front office, our financial assistance program, Katy's Korner, holiday programs, and board of dirédters? Therwetal watte of those hours is estimated at over \$500,000. THANK YOU!

OFFICERS

President Jim Botsford, CFP, Orleans Vice President

Susan Meisinger, SPHR, Orleans

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

George Malloy, CPA, Orleans

Secretary Susan Carlson, Orleans

DIRECTORS

Brad Carlson, Provincetown Nancy Chabot, Brewster Joe Gorski, Wellfleet John Kanaga, Esq., Orleans Justin Blair, Chatham Jim Kivlehan, Eastham Beth Kline, Eastham Todd Squire, Orleans Scott Kerry, Eastham

HONORARY DIRECTORS

Senator Julian Cyr Dan Wolf Ken Mayo Johnson Sarah Peake Rev. Dr. Douglas Scalise

STAFF

Chief Executive Officer Katherine Wibby, Esq.

Director of Operations Karen Ross

Director of Development Gerry Desautels, CFRE

Manager of Client Services Andy O'Dell, LCSW

Data & Marketing Manager Laura Hunt

Food Program Supervisor Stacey Raczek

Food Program Manager Howard Thomas

Bookkeeper Rose Bokavich

WAYS TO GIVE

- PLANNED GIVING
- CASH GIFTS
- IRA DONATIONS
- STOCKS and SECURITIES
- MATCHING GIFTS
- OTHER ASSETS

The LCOC Development Office is happy to answer any questions at 774-722-0209 or donations@lcoutreach.org

DONATE

If you would like to help support our mission, visit us online at lcoutreach.org Or scan the QR code below



<complex-block>URBERTER DIVERTIONELINE DIV