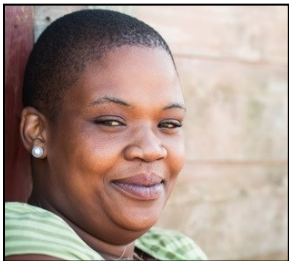


# WHO IS OUR CLIENT?

An individual who works at least 27 weeks per year, but their cash income still falls below the federal poverty level - measured by the size of the family.

Based on the 2020 SC Self-Sufficiency Standard, a single adult in Richland County can meet basic needs on \$26,404 annually. The average income of our crisis clients is less than \$18,558 annually.



# GET INVOLVED!

## BE A FRIEND

Your recurring financial gift helps us serve more people, getting them on the road to self-sufficiency. You can give online at our website - [coopmin.org](http://coopmin.org).

## BE A VOLUNTEER

Individuals and groups can interview clients, prepare tax returns, help with data entry, sort clothing, serve in our emergency food pantry, and help with reception. [coopmin.org/volunteer](http://coopmin.org/volunteer).

## DONATE YOUR CAR

We accept cars in all conditions and sell them at auction for much-needed cash to help clients. Towing is free and we also assist with paperwork. **(803) 799-2428.**



## TAKE A TOUR

We regularly offer 35-40 minute tours of our facility, and tours can be combined with volunteerism.

## INVITE US TO SPEAK

Does your group need a speaker at its next meeting? We have several professional speakers on staff and they love to visit with groups.

**For tours, speakers call (803) 799-2428.**

**THE  
COOPERATIVE  
MINISTRY**



# SERVING THE MIDLANDS FOR 40 YEARS



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# A LEGACY OF SERVICE

For 40 years, The Cooperative Ministry has served those in crisis, providing short-term assistance with basic needs toward a goal of long-term sustainability.

Created by five downtown Columbia churches, The Cooperative Ministry is now supported by many churches, corporations, and small businesses as well as thousands of individuals.



THE COOPERATIVE MINISTRY  
IS DEBT-FREE.

90 PERCENT OF EXPENSES  
SUPPORT PROGRAM SERVICES.

# OUR 2021 IMPACT

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, The Cooperative Ministry remained open, safely and creatively serving Midlands clients with 10 services.

**15,373** PEOPLE received help.

**963** PAYMENTS were made for rent or utility assistance.

**1,042** FOOD BOXES AND FOOD VOUCHERS were distributed to those in need.

**15,040** FREE CLOTHING ITEMS were distributed to clients for work and school.

**10,667** FREE tax returns were prepared.

**72** DONATED CARS sold at auction, providing much-needed funds .

**492** VOLUNTEERS served **14,194** volunteer hours.

# HOW WE SERVE

- Financial Assistance (Rent and Utility Payments)
- Financial Empowerment (Financial Coaching)
- Free Clothing
- Free Furniture
- Emergency Food (Non-perishables)
- Career Improvement Aid
- Free Tax Preparation
- Insurance Counseling



Financial Assistance



Financial Empowerment



Clothing and Furniture Bank



Career Improvement



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance



Food Assistance



Insurance Assistance