

## WHO IS OUR CLIENT?

Many of our clients work at least 27 weeks per year, but their cash income still falls below the federal poverty level, measured by the family's size.

Clients of The Cooperative Ministry are housekeepers, retail cashiers and assistant managers, laborers and warehouse workers, nursing and medical assistants, food service employees, state government employees, and customer service representatives. Most of our client households are headed by a woman caring for two others in the household.

Based on the 2024 SC Self-Sufficiency Standard, a single adult in Richland County can meet basic needs with \$37,581 annually. Clients receiving Financial Assistance generally earn less than \$23,616 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, serve in our clothing bank, and help with reception and data entry. [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** or [www.coopmin.org/donate-your-car](http://www.coopmin.org/donate-your-car)



### 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.**

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Friday, 9 a.m. to Noon

# A LEGACY OF SERVICE

For 43 years, The Cooperative Ministry has served individuals with Financial Assistance and Empowerment services aimed at self-sufficiency.

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

# VOLUNTEERISM

In 2024, 399 volunteers served 13,689 hours helping clients in reception, folding and racking clothing donations, seasonal landscaping, and volunteer tax preparation. For information, please visit [www.coopmin.org/volunteer](http://www.coopmin.org/volunteer)



THE COOPERATIVE MINISTRY  
IS DEBT-FREE.

89 PERCENT OF EXPENSES  
SUPPORT PROGRAM SERVICES.

# OUR 2024 IMPACT

**14,874** PEOPLE received help.

**369** PEOPLE benefitted from Financial Empowerment Coaching.

**2,193** PEOPLE benefitted from emergency food boxes and snack packs.

**7,601** PEOPLE benefitted from free clothing for work and school.

**7,652** FREE tax returns were prepared.

**81** PEOPLE received help toward a GED, license or certificate necessary for a better job.

**1,073** PEOPLE benefitted from rent or utility assistance.

**596** PEOPLE received assistance with insurance payments.

# HOW WE SERVE

- **Financial Empowerment Coaching** (May include Financial Assistance)
- **Free Clothing & Furniture** (Donation Hours: M-T, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to Noon)
- **Emergency Food** (Unexpired, Shelf Stable)
- **Career Improvement Aid**
- **Free Tax Preparation**
- **Insurance Counseling / Assistance**



Services of The Cooperative Ministry are often supported by Richland County, the City of Columbia, and United Way of the Midlands.

