

WHO IS OUR CLIENT?

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

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, who is caring for two others in the household.

Based on the 2020 SC Self-Sufficiency Standard, a single adult in Richland County can meet basic needs with \$26,404 annually. Clients receiving Financial Assistance generally learn 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.

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.

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



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
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Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Fridays, April 16 - Feb. 1, 9 a.m. to Noon
Fridays, Feb. 2 - April 15, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A LEGACY OF SERVICE

For 41 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 2023, 383 volunteers served 14,501 hours helping clients in reception, folding and racking clothing donations, seasonal landscaping, and volunteer tax preparation. For information, please visit www.coopmin.org/volunteer



THE COOPERATIVE MINISTRY
IS DEBT-FREE.

89 PERCENT OF EXPENSES
SUPPORT PROGRAM SERVICES.

OUR 2023 IMPACT

13,710 PEOPLE received help.

850 PEOPLE benefitted from rent or utility assistance.

272 PEOPLE benefitted from emergency food boxes and snack packs.

36,990 FREE CLOTHING ITEMS were distributed to clients for work and school.

7,792 FREE tax returns were prepared.

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

97 PEOPLE were paired with a Financial Health Coach and worked to achieve their goals.

471 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.

