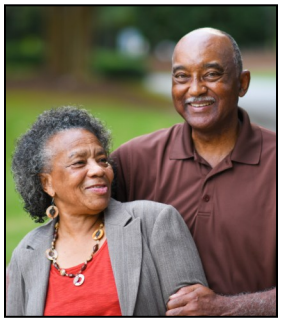
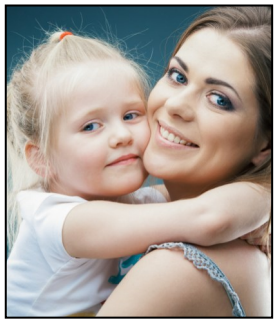
WHO IS OUR CLIENT?

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 $21,660 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 visit **www.coopmin.org/donate-your-car.**

BOOK DONATIONS WELCOME

We now accept books, which are sold to support client services. Please bring boxed books to our clothing bank entrance, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 9 a.m. to Noon.

NEED A SPEAKER?

Does your group need a speaker at its next meeting? We have several professional speakers on staff and they love to visit with groups. **Please call (803) 799-2428.**

THE COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

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A PATH FORWARD STARTS HERE

THE COOPERATIVE MINISTRY

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Email: info@coopmin.org
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Hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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 2025-2026, 482 volunteers served 13,174 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.

87 PERCENT OF EXPENSES SUPPORT PROGRAM SERVICES.

OUR FY 2025-2026 IMPACT

15,438 PEOPLE received help.

735 PEOPLE benefited from Financial Empowerment Coaching. (This service often includes Financial Assistance for rent and utilities. Counseling is available through The Christian Counseling Center at First Presbyterian Church.)

5,151 PEOPLE benefited from free clothing for work and school.

2,630 PEOPLE benefited from emergency food boxes and snack packs.

6,821 FREE tax returns were prepared through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

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

482 VOLUNTEERS served **13,174** hours through individual and group service.

HOW WE SERVE

Needs for Today

- **Free Clothing & Furniture** (Donation Hours: M-T, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to Noon)
- **Emergency Food**

Clothing and Furniture Bank

Hope for Tomorrow

- **Financial Empowerment Coaching** (May include Financial Assistance. Counseling is available through The Christian Counseling Center at First Presbyterian Church.)
- **Career Improvement Aid**
- **Free Tax Preparation**
- **Insurance Counseling / Assistance**

Financial Empowerment

OUR MISSION

Helping our neighbors meet their needs for today and their hopes for tomorrow.

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

Richland County South Carolina

United Way of the Midlands Community Impact Partner

City of Columbia, S.C. We Are Columbia