Dear Friends,

This year, LCRC has a lot to be thankful for.

This has been a rebuild year for everyone, and here at LCRC, the lessons we learned from 2020 have resulted in our increased sustainability and the building of a better system to weather future storms.

We are so very thankful for all the people who have come together for these past two years since the beginning of the pandemic. Your efforts have made our growth and success in 2021 possible. We are grateful for the continued support of our community and the vision of our board. With this support, we have been able to add additional freezer space for food storage in preparation for leaner times, build our beautiful new awning that keeps our clients out of the elements and allows for the growth of our free farmer’s market that allows families to browse our surplus items and take what they need, and expand our dental program to assist those whose dental issues compounded during Covid. These changes, and so many more over the last year, demonstrate LCRC’s resilience and investment in our future. We are grateful for our staff and volunteers; through all of our vigilance, we have maintained no covid transmissions. Thank you for your faithfulness in keeping everyone safe so that we can continue our work: to help the people of Louisa County.

We know it has been a tough year with lots of challenges for everyone, and we are so grateful that the kindness of our donors and community never faltered. With your support, we will continue to grow and serve our neighbors in need. It truly is a wonderful life here at LCRC. Please know that you make our spirits bright; all the good that we are able to do is because of you!

Best wishes,

Lloyd R. Runnett, Executive Director

Thanks to the generosity of friends of LCRC, Lloyd will get to step into the role of Santa for many in need this holiday season.
“Thank you for providing clothes, shoes, and food to our family when we needed it most! In an unexpected turn of events, my wife and I took guardianship of our three grandchildren a few days before school began. The kids had only the clothes on their backs. I did not know how we would provide for them, since I had recently retired. Thanks to you all, we received food and clothing to assist us until we were able to get on our feet under our new normal.”

~Emergency Food Pantry and Community Closet clients

Above: Jouett Elementary School is one of many community partners who raise funds that enable LCRC to provide food and clothing to Louisa County residents.

2021 in Review

With your help, this year LCRC has:

Distributed nearly three million pounds (1,350 tons) of food
—
Provided 160,000 meals each month
—
Recorded more than 12,000 volunteer hours

Left: During August’s heat wave, LCRC partnered with Louisa County Public Schools, deploying our refrigerated trucks with water to ensure the safety of our students. In our rural area, many students have more than an hour-long bus ride on buses without air conditioning. LCRC is proud to be a part of a community that comes together to help one another.

With great honor I declare The Friends of LCRC have been included on the Nice List this year. Keep up the good work of providing life-sustaining services in Louisa County and Merry Christmas!

~ Santa

Year After Year, Our Volunteers Make All the Difference!
Raise the Roof Success!

Contributions from the 2021 Triathlon helped us raise enough funds to receive two challenge grants from Spring Creek Development, LLC and Spring Creek Golf Club and to provide the additional funds required to “Raise the Roof” on the new drive-through shelter that was dedicated on October 9, 2021.

Above right: Louisa Board Chair Bob Babyok and LCRC Board Member Greg Shasby present a $50,000 check on behalf of Spring Creek Development, LLC and Spring Creek Golf Club.

Below: Over 50 participants came out for the ninth annual Lake Anna Sprint Triathlon to support LCRC’s Raise the Roof challenge.

Dental Assistance Program

The Dental Assistance Program has seen tremendous growth in 2021. Applications are soaring, with over 230 applications received, and the program has been able to provide over 200 clients with much needed dental care. We look forward to continuing to assist those in need as funds become available. Our current need has surpassed funding, so we are currently only able to assist with emergency cases until the new year. To support the Dental Assistance Program, scan the QR code on the back page to donate, and specify your funds for our dental program!

“I am so thankful for the Dental Assistance Program. Before receiving help, I was embarrassed to smile, and I had difficulty speaking and eating, which was affecting my overall health. Thanks to the help I received from the LCRC, I was able to have expensive treatment completed by a compassionate local dentist. Without the LCRC’s assistance in setting everything up, I would not have been able to receive this treatment that has truly changed my life!”

~Dental Assistance Program client
On to 2022...Our Goals

LCRC is excited for a new year, and we vow to continue assessing the needs of Louisa County residents and serving our community. We head into 2022 with hope and faith, but we also brace for the challenges to come.

The second part of 2021 has us preparing for continued supply chain shortages that affect our food donations, along with the rising costs of commodities and fuel. We also anticipate the reduction of emergency SNAP benefits back to pre-Covid levels at some point in months ahead. These are all concerns that will greatly impact us. While Louisa’s population is growing, the costs of our operations are steadily increasing, and it is with your help that we can continue to do what we do.

We always need YOU, our incredible family of supporters. Thank you for all that you do!

Meet Our Team

Milton Wrenn, Warehouse Manager
Years with LCRC: 21

Milton has been there to witness the growth of LCRC from its origins in the Sage Building, serving a couple of hundred people, to the over 15,000 square foot operation serving up to 3,800 families that it is today.

Milton has been a big part of that growth. He had a hand, quite literally, in building the LCRC we see today. When our first warehouse was built, Milton worked weekends assisting in the construction. Since then, he has worked with hundreds, if not thousands, of volunteers over the years to keep LCRC running smoothly.

On Thursday, October 14, LCRC hosted a dedication ceremony for warehouse 4, now the Milton Wrenn Building, to celebrate Milton’s dedication to our organization.

Thank you, Milton, for everything you have done for LCRC over the last two decades!

OUR PROGRAMS

- Community Cupboard
- Children’s Feeding Program
- 60-Plus Food
- Information & Referral Services
- Emergency Food Pantry
- Caring Connections
- Grocery Assistance Program
- Dental Assistance Program
- Community Closet

Please visit louisaresource.org to support Louisa County Resource Council’s efforts in providing life-sustaining services to our Louisa County neighbors, or scan the QR code at right!

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