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We cannot thank our Community Champions & Volunteer Champions enough!

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A letter from the Founders

Why We See a Potential Champion in Every Child. We appreciate the opportunity to share with you our passion for helping children overcome disadvantages to become the champions of their own lives. The first step to becoming a champion is overcoming food insecurity. For those who have already joined us in our fight to alleviate childhood hunger in Northeast Ohio, thank you! We are not able to do this important work without you. If you haven't joined us, we hope you will!

2020 was a difficult year for everyone. There were so many unknowns and firsts for us all. At BCFF we saw firsthand how COVID-19 impacted the children and families we serve.

In March 2020, when schools closed their doors and transitioned to remote learning, many kids were left wondering where their next meal would come from. We were able to work closely with many school districts to ensure students received weekly Birdie Bags while they were learning from home. Being a resource for these families has made a positive impact at an important time, when many families were having to choose between eating or paying the electric bill.

Many children are facing other hurdles with remote/online learning. Many families don't have access to a laptop or the internet, making it difficult for kids to take the first step in online learning. There were also supplies that were shared in the classroom, but now had to be one-to-one to help control the spread of COVID-19. After learning about this, we were able to purchase calculators and headphones to ensure students were equipped for this new way of learning.

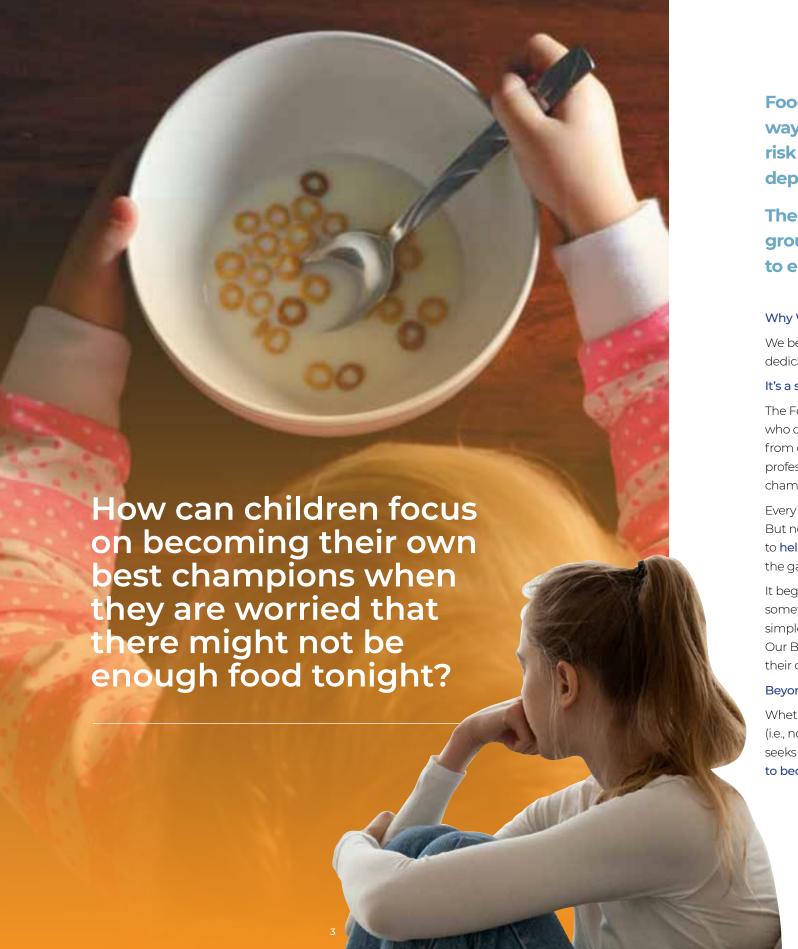
As with everything else, our Christmas event – A Very Merry (Drive Through) Dinner – took on a different form as well. We were able to provide wrapped gifts for 514 kids and send Christmas dinners home for 175 families. Santa and Mrs. Claus were there greeting everyone and handing out goodies to excited kids watching from the backseats of their cars. There's nothing like experiencing Christmas through a child's eyes!

The rate of food insecurity in Northeast Ohio's communities is quickly growing, and families with children are being hit the hardest. We are seeing many families who are struggling with food insecurity for the first time. We were able to expand our footprint of school districts in 2020 to include Akron, Alliance, and Windham. In total, we are now serving six districts in Northeast Ohio, sending home almost 5,000 Birdie Bags each month.

We cannot thank our Community Champions and Volunteer Champions enough! They give their support, allowing us to help so many who need it. We couldn't do what we do without them – and with their help and other support, the Ben Curtis Family Foundation hopes to make more of an impact in 2021.

Ben and Candace Curtis





Food insecurity impacts young children in many ways: Poor health, iron deficiency, developmental risk and behavior problems, aggression, anxiety, depression and ADD.

The Ben Curtis Family Foundation is the only group to give food and supplies as the first step to empower students to succeed.

Why We See a Potential Champion in Every Child.

We believe a champion is any one who achieves goals through hard work and dedication. That requires the determination to face and overcome challenges.

It's a story we know well

The Foundation is co-founded by Ben Curtis, who overcame the odds in 2003 by rising from obscurity (ranked 396th) to become the first professional golfer since 1913 to win a major championship in his first appearance.

Every person's Champion story follows a different path. But no matter what that path is, the Foundation wants to **help every child beat the odds** and compete in the game of life.

It begins with freedom from the anxiety of not having something so basic as food, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste and other simple everyday things that the rest of us don't even think twice about. Our Birdie Bags can free these children from worry so they can chase their dreams, whatever the odds.

Beyond Food Insecurity

Whether it's food insecurity, clothing insecurity, technology insecurity (i.e., not having a computer or wifi), or something else, The Foundation seeks solutions – and partners like you – to help empower these students to become champions for their own cause.



A Busy, Challenging Year– A Promising Future

A letter from the Board of the Ben Curtis Family Foundation

Navigating COVID

All of us at The Ben Curtis Family Foundation hope you and your families are safe and healthy. We continue to navigate through the challenges we are facing as a result of the pandemic.

As we are all aware, COVID-19 does not discriminate and has led to millions of deaths worldwide, economic hardship, and unprecedented curbs to social interaction. The impact on all of us, especially our children, will have lasting effects.

Building Champions

The Ben Curtis Family Foundation's mission is "to build champions by addressing the needs students have, starting with food." Based on what we have experienced and seen over the last year, the need has never been greater. Food insecurity has increased significantly over the last 12 months due to the pandemic. In Summit and Portage Counties, the child food insecurity rate is 26.2 % and 19.5% respectively, which represents a 44% increase in Summit County alone.

Growth By the Numbers

What began as a once-a-month, half-day activity to support the Kent City School District, has evolved into distributing food regularly to Kent, Ravenna, Barberton, Windham, Alliance and Akron school districts. When many of us first started volunteering for the Foundation in 2016, we distributed 7,230 Birdie Bags and 27,148 lbs. of food. In 2020, those numbers have grown to 40,095 Birdie Bags and 131,000 lbs. of food.

We cannot emphasize enough the importance of nutrition in a child's development. We hope through all of our efforts, we are making a lasting impact on each and every child we support.

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Vision for the Future

As we continue to grow, some of our strategic initiatives include:

- Enhancing our transportation and fleet capabilities
- Expanding our footprint with the potential for multiple locations
- Introducing LEAN into our distribution processes
- · Increasing our volunteer pool
- Introducing new programs to the children, i.e. tutoring (especially in light of the challenges with remote learning)

Our Volunteers

We could not do what we do without the fantastic support from our sponsor partners and volunteers! Each and every one of you play a critical role in improving the lives of the children we support, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

If you are not familiar with The Ben Curtis Family Foundation we hope you would consider getting involved. There are many ways to help: whether through volunteering, supporting our strategic initiatives, or providing financial support, you will make a difference!

Thank You

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The Year COVID-19 Changed Everything

(Except the Need to Keep Doing What We Do)

Food insecurity means not consistently having enough food for an active, healthy life. Children unsure of where their next meal will come from cannot focus on being the best they can be in school. It affects their nutrition, self-esteem and confidence.

The Foundation recognizes that teachers see food insecurity in their classrooms every day. That's why in 2013, we developed the Birdie Bag Program – regularly distributing non-perishable food and hygiene items to students in these classrooms.

Then those classrooms emptied. Here's what happened....

When COVID-19 shut down almost everything, education went remote. Children continued to learn, but they weren't in the classrooms to receive their Birdie Bags.

After a few weeks, it became apparent that remote learning was here to stay for awhile.

"We did what we normally do," said Sara Beatty, the Foundation's Operations
Director. "We are very good at pivoting. We are good at adapting to new needs."

The Foundation would not wait until school resumed. They asked, **how can we** get these Birdie Bags to the kids who need them – now more than ever?

With classrooms empty, there were no guaranteed **breakfasts or lunches** for many children. **"We worked with each school to meet each of their individual needs,"**Sara stated.

Pandemic-related fears, illnesses and job losses compounded stress across the culture. "Schools reached out to us," Foundation co-founder Candace Curtis said. "Community members reached out to us. This felt like the first time the Foundation was looked at as a resource in the community. They knew they could count on us."

So could volunteers. At the beginning of lockdown, the Foundation asked volunteers to stay home and safe for the time being. The staff took over the process of assembling Birdie Bags.

"This helped us recognize the good work our volunteers do," said Candace.

"So not only did we adopt the State of Ohio COVID safety rules, we looked at ways to improve our processes and increase production."

Halting production was not an option. "In spite of COVID – because of COVID – we recommitted to following our mission," said Candace.

Prior to the pandemic, schools would provide the Foundation with a specific number of Birdie Bag requests. The schools would then pick up or receive deliveries of the assembled bags for distribution in schools.

During the pandemic, it was difficult for teachers to get accurate headcounts, so the Foundation just went ahead with mass production, producing 4,000 bags for the schools. How they would be distributed

to the children would be figured out later.

The schools quickly created new distribution systems, including well-organized drive-up Birdie Bag pickups and other methods.

The pandemic has exposed society's vulnerabilities. Many people now more fully understand – often first-hand – the damaging impact of stress, anxiety, illness and unemployment. We have all seen how fragile lives can be for people experiencing insecurities with food, technology and other daily supplies that most people take for granted.



The pandemic has also shown us the goodness in people's hearts. The Ben Curtis Family Foundation sees this every day....in our volunteers, donors and partners in the schools and communities we serve.



Our Volunteers

"Without our volunteers, we could NEVER do what we do."

Sara Beatty | Operations Director Ben Curtis Family Foundation

Because of our volunteers – an idea becomes reality. To be more specific, fears and worries go away. Empty bellies are filled. Children who are not 100% sure if they will have something to eat – or even soap to wash with – can free their worried minds to focus on fitting in at school, becoming the best students they can be – and becoming the champions over their own lives.

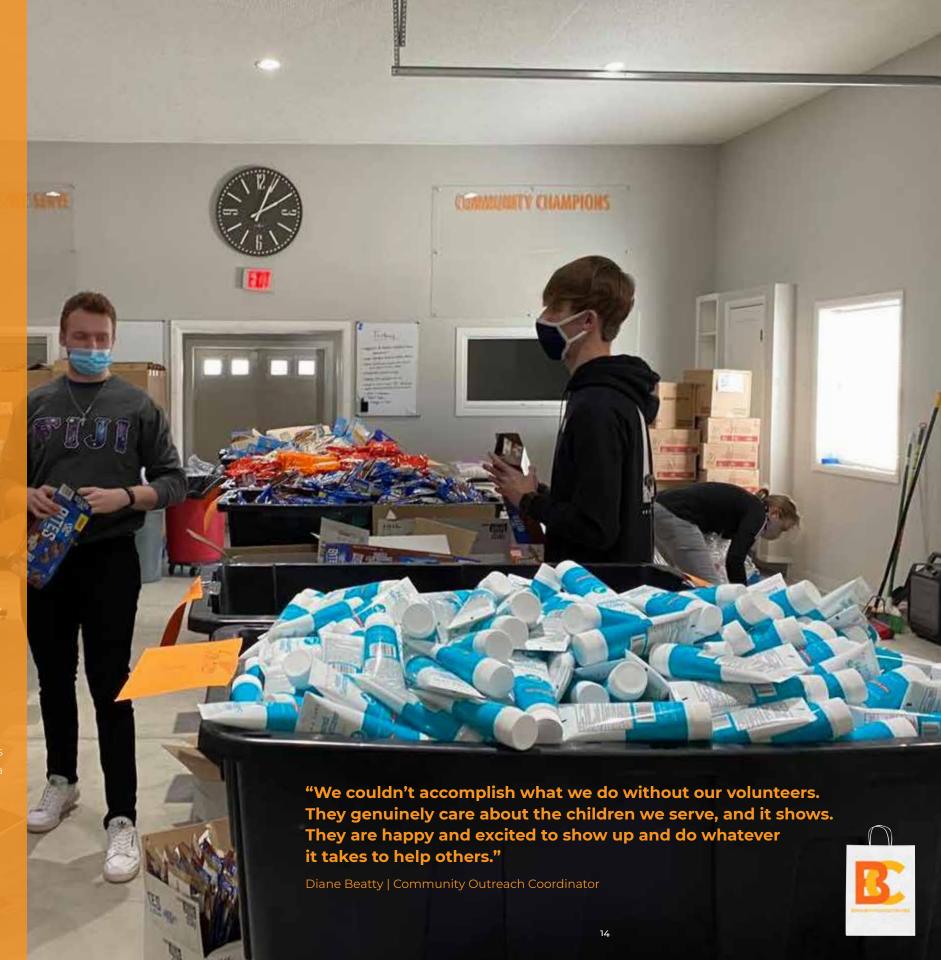
All volunteers in our sanitized Kent warehouse practice social distancing and other safety protocols.

The Foundation is inspired to organize the warehouse with all of the nonperishable food and hygiene items to be arranged so that more products can be neatly assembled in less time.

"This continuous improvement and ongoing efficiency shows our respect for their time," states Sara Beatty, the Foundation's Operations Director. "When it's well run – they get more done in less time – and it's more fun!"

Co-founder Candace Curtis agrees. "Because our operations are well-organized, our volunteers turn their time into a social hour. While assembling Birdie Bags, they also build friendships."

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"We welcome their questions and feedback," states Candace. "They not only ask us about our mission, but they recommend ways to improve, which we implement in our processes."

Thank you to ALL of our 326 volunteers. You happily complied with our safety rules – sanitizing, wearing masks, distancing. You are the backbone of our mission!

Volunteers can help in several ways:

Birdie Bags: Our main, ongoing project requires lots of volunteers to prepare, assemble and sometimes transport bags of food and toiletries for distribution to school children at selected area school districts. All volunteers in our sanitized Kent warehouse practice social distancing and other safety protocols as they:

Assemble Toiletry Kits/Birdie Bags in morning or afternoon shifts

Wash bins & other tasks to keep our space clean, safe and organized

Other opportunities:

Wrap-a-Thon: Every December, we spend two weeks wrapping presents we have purchased for disadvantaged children to open on Christmas morning.

Special Events: The Foundation hosts fundraisers and always need volunteers to help.



Champions for the Children

Everyone who helps our cause is a Champion, too – including all of our donors, partners and ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS.

Here are a few special shout outs to some of our most dedicated, longtime volunteers.

Chrystal Shook

Retired kindergarten teacher Volunteer since 2016

As a teacher I saw the absolute need for food-insecure children to have something to help carry them through the long weekends when they did not have the benefit of school breakfasts or lunches.

Watching them try to save bits of food to take home with them was a real sign of that need, as was their hunger on their Monday return to school. The Birdie Bags help fill the gap for those most in need. Even in the face of

COVID-19, they kept their commitment to the children.

The Very Merry Christmas event the foundation hosts for children in Kent and Ravenna is a true wonder. Knowing that kids will have boots and coats to keep them safe and warm as well as some games, toys, and special gifts to brighten their holidays fills your heart with gratitude for all that the Foundation does.

-Chrystal Shook





Elizabeth Legnani

Volunteer since 2014

When I first got involved, my two children were 5th and 7th graders in Kent City Schools. Getting involved with an organization that directly impacted their classmates in such a helpful and positive way has been very rewarding.

It opened my eyes to the problem of food insecurity that I really had no idea was so prevalent. This opportunity makes me feel more a part of the community and I have met the most gracious, friendly and generous people in the process.

All the volunteers are wonderful and it is a fun and lively environment to be in. It's heartwarming to see the bins full of Birdie Bags headed to area schools, or sorting and wrapping the mountains of Christmas gifts for the Very Merry Dinner. It's all very fulfilling and I feel blessed to be able to help in my own small way by volunteering with the Foundation.

-Elizabeth Legnani



Tom Eby

Volunteer since 2014

I had decided it was time to do some charity work. What can be better than to help feed children in need? The Foundation does this for all the right reasons. To feed kids, and provide them with a better chance of succeeding in their education, and life.

They have a true passion for what they are doing, and bring tremendous energy. Candace, Ben, Diane and Sara are always joyful when working. They make everyone feel very important, and keep it fun to help. They are always open to suggestions, and extremely grateful for the help and donations they receive. I love Candace's drive to feed every child possible, always thinking forward to which school district to help next.

Our mission in life should be to love and help others. The Foundation is fulfilling that calling to the highest level.

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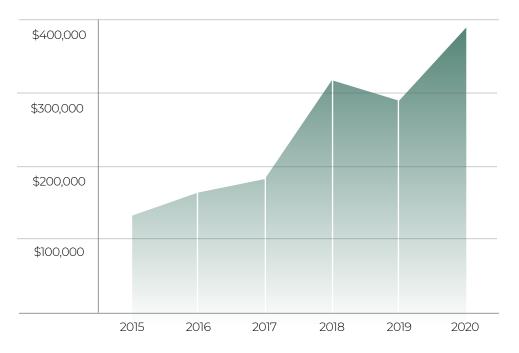
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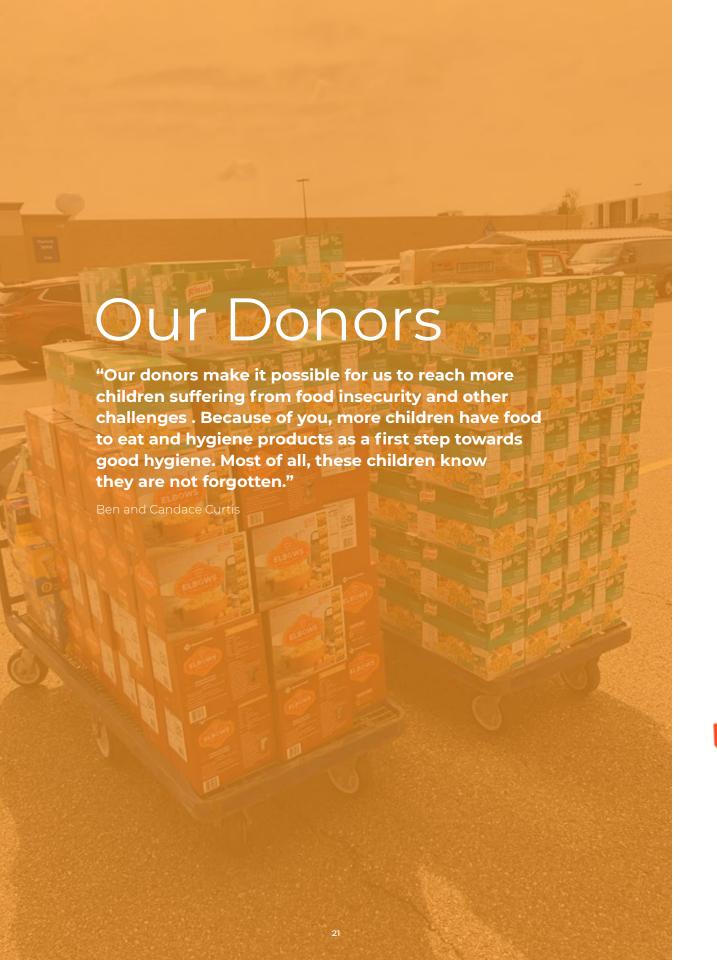
| As of and For the Years Ended: | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 |
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| Total Revenue | \$391,245 | \$304,958 | \$194,424 |
| Total Expenses | 321,658 | 232,194 | 130,909 |
| Revenue Less Expenses | 69,587 | 72,764 | 63,515 |
| Contributions and Grants | 392,305 | 295,075 | 307,653 |

BEN CURTIS FAMILY FOUNDATION SUPPORT



| BCFF Support (Gifts, Grants, Contributions and membership Fees) | | |
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| 2020 | \$392,305 | |
| 2019 | 295,075 | |
| 2018 | 307,653 | |
| 2017 | 186,261 | |
| 2016 | 176,096 | |
| 2015 | 131,676 | |
| Total | 1,096,751 | |
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The Robert & Virginia Hitt Foundation

Double Eagle Champion

Kent Houser and Carmen Garcia

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