



BLUFFTON
Community
Kitchen

Nourishing Neighbors. Building Belonging.

A place at the table for everyone!

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WHAT'S COOKIN'?

**More Than Meals:
Fueling Hope,
Health & Connection**

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Bluffton Community Kitchen carried forward a family legacy rooted in compassion and community. Throughout 2025, we remained dedicated to ensuring every neighbor across the Lowcountry had access to nourishing meals, dignity, and a welcoming place at the table.

Thank you for standing with us and helping strengthen our community—one meal, one moment, and one connection at a time.

With gratitude,

Constance Martin-Witter

Executive Director

Bluffton Community Kitchen



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Executive Director, Board Chair

Mission & Vision Statements

MISSION

Bluffton Community Kitchen is a service-driven organization dedicated to supporting underserved families. Through comprehensive programs and compassionate outreach, we work to address food insecurity and essential needs while fostering lasting, positive change that strengthens the health and well-being of our community.

VISION

Our vision is a strong, inclusive community where every individual has access to the resources and opportunities needed to reach their full potential. Through dedicated service and impactful programs, we strive to create sustainable solutions that uplift individuals, families, and the community as a whole.

CORE VALUES & LONG-TERM ASPIRATIONS

We are guided by compassion, equity, collaboration, and community empowerment. As part of our long-term vision, Bluffton Community Kitchen aspires to establish a permanent brick-and-mortar facility that will allow us to expand services, deepen our impact, and better serve families in need.



LEADERSHIP

Board Members:

Constance Martin-Witter
Executive Director

Fred Hamilton, Chair
Bonnie Bogart, Secretary
Gloria Gadson, Treasurer

Sheron Walker, Member at Large
Linda Roland, Member at Large
Gordon Bell, Member at Large

Staff:

Candyce Valmont, Program Director



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Hot Meals Program

- ✓ Provides freshly prepared Southern Lowcountry cuisine.
- ✓ Available for home delivery and takeout every Monday and Wednesday 1pm-2pm
- ✓ Open to all, free of charge.

Hot Meals **Total 2025**

Meals distributed	33,625
Households served	562
New Households	341
Seniors	296
Adults	573
Children	356

Nourishing our community through service and inclusion.

WARM & NUTRITIOUS

SOUTHERN LOWCOUNTRY CUISINE

HOT MEALS PROGRAM



Open to all, this program ensures that everyone can enjoy warm, nutritious meals without cost or obligation. It's a welcoming opportunity for anyone in need of a satisfying, home-cooked meal and a chance to experience a sense of community and care.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Boots on the Ground Program

Provides food and resources across multiple locations:

Location	Meals Distributed
Bluffton RSI	3,918
Savannah (Forsythe Park)	2,190
Central Oak Grove	2,027
Family Promise	1,677
Bluffton High School	610
Bluffton Senior Center	491
Sun City Workers	399
Tire Shop	1,583
Delivery Mr. Lawyer	3,784
Delivery Mrs. Lula	712



BOOTS ON THE GROUND PROGRAM



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Outdoor Food Pantry offers fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy, proteins, and bakery products in a self-serve format. Open to everyone at no cost, the pantry ensures access to healthy high-quality food. The aim is to support community members by providing essential groceries that promote nourishment and well-being without barriers.

- ✓ Self-serve, available Monday & Wednesday, 1pm-2pm and Thursday 12pm-1pm



Outdoor Pantry Total 2025

Times shopped	5,790
Households Served	541
Seniors	291
Adults	688
Children	346



OUTDOOR PANTRY PROGRAM



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Ida's Closet Program

- ✓ Provides hygiene and household essentials
- ✓ Available biweekly on Thursdays 12pm-1pm for registered households

Ida's Closet	Total 2025
Bags distributed	1,353
Households Served	226



IDA'S CLOSET RECIPES

Ida's Closet Recipes: Bringing Families Together ... One Meal at a Time

Bluffton Community Kitchen is proud to introduce Ida's Closet Recipes, a new program that inspires families through cooking and cultural discovery. Each month, up to 40 registered families receive a free meal kit with fresh ingredients and a simple, step-by-step recipe inspired by international cuisine.

More than just a meal, Ida's Closet Recipes creates meaningful moments in the kitchen—encouraging families to explore global flavors, learn about different cultures, and build cooking skills together.



White Chicken Chili

Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 5 ¼ cups chicken broth
- 3 (15 ounce) cans cannellini beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 (4 ounce) cans chopped green chiles
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 2 pinches cayenne pepper, or to taste
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro, or to taste
- ½ cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese, or to taste
- salt to taste

Directions

1. Heat olive oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Cook chicken, onion, and garlic in hot oil until chicken is browned on both sides, about 5 minutes.
2. Transfer chicken to a cutting board; cut into 1-inch pieces.
3. Return chicken pieces to the Dutch oven. Add chicken broth, cannellini beans, green chiles, oregano, cumin, and cayenne pepper. Bring the mixture to a simmer and cook until the chicken is cooked through, 30 to 40 minutes.
4. Divide cilantro among 4 bowls. Ladle chili over cilantro and top with cheese.
5. Season with salt to serve

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

24-Hour Food Tree

- ✓ Ensures access to non-perishable food items
- ✓ Restocked twice per month

Located at 21 Boundary Street, Bluffton, SC



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

After School Enrichment Program

- ✓ Supports students (Pre-K – 12th grade) in Beaufort County Public Schools
- ✓ Monday to Thursday 3pm-6pm at 21 Boundary Street, Bluffton, SC
- ✓ Offers tutoring, activities, field trips, snacks, and hot dinners

NO COST TO PARENTS!

Enrichment Program Total 2025

Children Enrolled 25



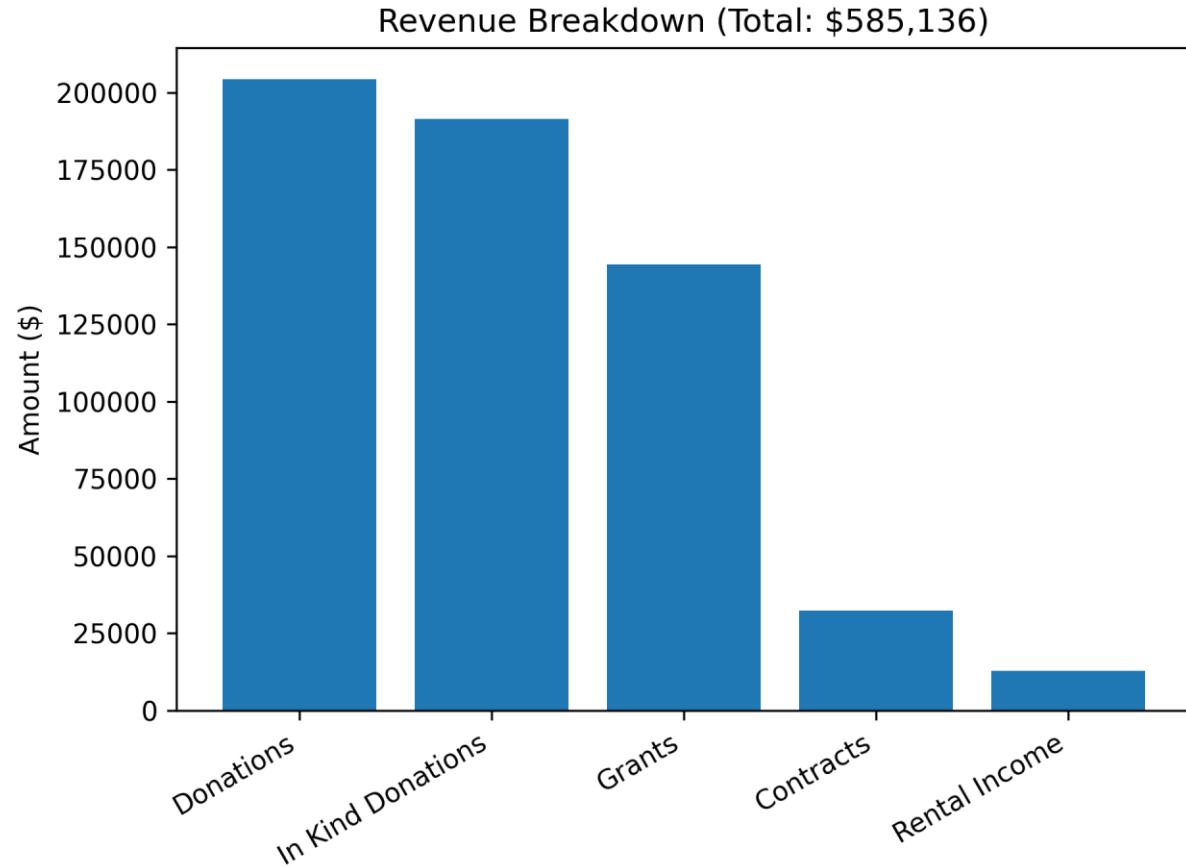
AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



REVENUE & EXPENSES

REVENUE: \$585,136

Bluffton Community Kitchen is grateful for the support of grants, corporate and community donors, individual donors, and in-kind contributions. A full list of donation sources is available upon request.



We provide full financial transparency online:
www.blufftoncommunitykitchen.org

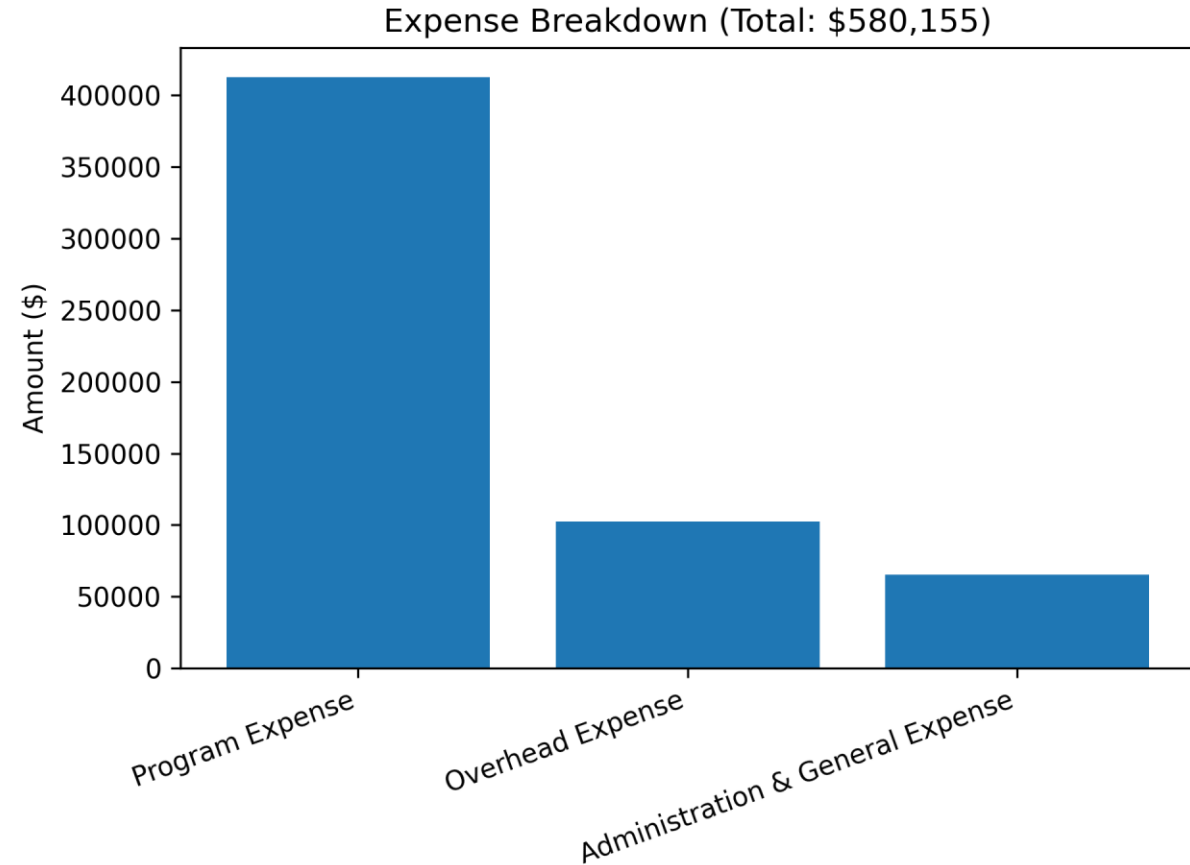
REVENUE & EXPENSES

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EXPENSES: \$580155

Bluffton Community Kitchen carefully manages expenses to maximize impact. With over 75% allocated to operations to provide services, we prioritize efficiency, keeping costs low while ensuring every dollar supports our mission to fight food insecurity.

2025 Expenses



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Grateful to Our Donors & Volunteers

Letter from the Program Director

To our incredible volunteers—your dedication changed lives. Because of you, community members received nourishing meals (199,978 pounds of food!) hope, and a welcoming place to belong. With 33,625 hot boxes of food, 116 volunteers (43 new ones!) contributing 8,711 hours of service, your impact was felt every day.

To our community members—you were at the heart of our work. In 2025, we focused on more than meals, creating a space rooted in dignity, respect, and kindness.

Thank you for being the heart of Bluffton Community Kitchen. We could not have done this without you.

With appreciation,
Candyce Valmont
Program Director, Bluffton Community Kitchen



Candyce Valmont
Program Director



In closing

As we reflect on another year, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supports Bluffton Community Kitchen. Your generosity—through donations, volunteer time, or partnerships—makes a real difference in the lives of those in need.

From our humble beginnings, we've remained committed to cultivating community relationships, building corporate partnerships, and fostering a spirit of compassion and hope. Together, we are not just feeding the hungry—we're strengthening Bluffton and giving back with gratitude.

We invite you to continue this journey with us. Every donation, volunteer hour, or shared story helps us honor our roots and expand our impact.





Please join our table.

Here's how you can make a difference:

- Donate:** Your gift helps us provide meals and support to those in need.
- Volunteer:** Give your time to help us serve our community.
- Support Our Mission:** Together, we can make a lasting impact.

For more information or to get involved, please contact us:

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THANK YOU

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your unwavering dedication to making Bluffton a kinder, stronger, and more compassionate place. Because of you, we are creating a future where no one has to face hunger alone.

We invite you to continue this journey with us—together, we can make a lasting difference.

With gratitude,
Constance Martin-Witter
Executive Director, Bluffton
Community Kitchen



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NO MATTER HOW
SMALL, RIPPLES
THROUGH THE WORLD,
CREATING WAVES OF
COMPASSION THAT
HAVE THE POWER TO
CHANGE LIVES."

#GRATEFUL