In 2021, Eblen Charities served nearly 10,000 families living in and at the edge of poverty in Buncombe and surrounding counties.
We helped 1,384 people living in 515 households with Rent or Mortgage.

We helped 14,549 people living in 6,348 households with Heating or Utilities.

More than 59,000 gallons of kerosene were delivered in the winter months.

565 School children received vouchers for Shoes & Clothing.

43,000 Snacks were provided for students to have while at school.

300 gas vouchers were provided for transportation to medical appointments, work travel or safety for those relying on their car for shelter.

We provided relief to the lives of more than 173 people with Medical & Emergency needs.

“Eblen Charities’ desire to assist people with any need, to span the gaps when someone needs help, has always resonated with me. A personal or family crisis is when help is needed most. For an organization to meet people where they are, to support persons in crisis, and to maintain each person’s dignity in the process, connects me to Eblen Charities.”

– Drue Ray, Board Chair
On a bitter winter day earlier this year, we answered the door to a young man requesting help in order to keep his power on. We learned that his bill was past due because he had to quit his job to care for his young children, after his wife developed post-partum depression and was hospitalized for suicidal thoughts.

He faced an overwhelming situation, made worse by the stress of worrying about having his power turned off and rapidly growing bills. We were able to get him completely caught up on his back due electric bill, water service and rent and in the process, lighten one burden he was carrying at a tough time.

His story is one of thousands we hear at Eblen Charities. In 2021, we served nearly 10,000 families living in and at the edge of poverty in Buncombe and surrounding counties and we saw 800 new people apply for help with us over the year before.

We were founded on a belief that people can and should help each other through tough times. Whether it is help with housing, energy and heating, medications or other needs, Eblen Charities is ready to help our neighbors.

We are grateful to our sponsors, donors, and volunteers for continuing to support the work we do in WNC! Our partners have continued to donate money, goods and items, and their precious time to support the work we do.

There is still much to be done – and we hope you will join us.

Sincerely,
Beth Russo
Executive Director
YOUR KINDNESS IN ACTION!

256 families signed up for Tools for Schools Distribution Day where more than 1,000 students received much needed school supplies!

In the fall we gave out coats & winter items to provide warmth to hundreds! We also gave away 800 turkeys with sides to make and eat at home to have a traditional Thanksgiving.

The holidays were a little brighter for 3,500 children as 1,350 families signed up for the Saint Nicholas Project and “shopped” for free gifts to give their loved ones.

We are so thankful to our wonderful volunteers who gave more than 5,200 hours of their time!

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