



THE LEAVEN

CASE STUDY



Cloud-Based Inventory Management System Helps Non-Profit Organization Improve Transparency

Case Study Overview

COMPANY:

The Leaven

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INDUSTRY:

Non-profit

BUSINESS CHALLENGE:

Effectively managing classroom supplies, computers, and tablets across ten locations in Northern and Southern California.

SOLUTION:

BarCloud Asset

BarCloud Stock

BarCloud Standard Tier

BarCloud Mobile

BENEFITS:

- Saved 4-5 hours per week by streamlining their inventory tracking
- Streamlined their inventory locations located across Northern and Southern California
- Able to maintain the trust of donors and partners



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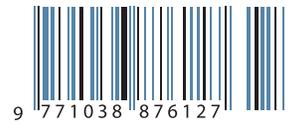
The Leaven is a non-profit organization founded in 2005 with ten locations across Northern and Southern California. Their focus is providing after-school tutoring and summer enrichment programs for at-risk children. They also provide health and wellness programs, financial literacy classes for families, and neighborhood revitalization programs for communities.

The organization sets themselves apart from other groups by taking a holistic approach to helping communities. The Leaven partners with local businesses, police and fire departments, government agencies, school administrators and teachers, church groups, and concerned neighbors, to deliver programs tailored around each area’s needs.

With the variety of stakeholders involved in the non-profit, having a cloud based [inventory management system](#) was essential for keeping operations from stalling.

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THE CHALLENGE

Accountability and transparency are concerns with any non-profit. According to Mark Lillis, Executive Director of the Leaven, his organization received three to five requests per week from donors asking where their donations were and where the money was going.

The main priority of the Leaven was ensuring all their locations were stocked with the necessary supplies and equipment to assist their communities. Lillis mentioned that before BarCloud, his organization didn't have an inventory system. Retrieving records and supplies involved assigning administrative teams to dig through storage boxes until they found the right items.

Effective Inventory Management

Lillis mentioned that managing classroom supplies was one of the reasons The Leaven needed a barcode based stock inventory management solution. Lillis went on to say, "on average we receive about three to four inquiries from donors per week." Partnerships with various stakeholders such as government agencies, religious organizations, families and many other groups meant that there needed to be a simple way to present the data that mattered most to each demographic.

FITTING THEIR NEEDS

As a non-profit, ease of use was one of the primary concerns the Leaven had when evaluating inventory management software. They needed a solution powerful enough to handle stock inventory across multiple locations while still being simple enough to use with minimal training.

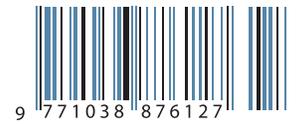
BarCloud's [mobile app](#) enabled staff to easily scan items using their own mobile devices. The Leaven's primary storage facility helped to streamline the batch processing of classroom supplies in the field. In their central warehouse, The Leaven used a corded barcode scanner to rapidly track batches of supplies as they arrived.

By cutting inventory times down, Leaven Staff saved approximately \$174 a month in administrative costs.

IMPLEMENTATION

Barcloud's ease of use enabled The Leaven to quickly implement their inventory tracking system from scratch. The Barcloud support team helped The Leaven through the initial setup process while helping them understand the best practices of barcode based tracking technologies.

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THE SOLUTION

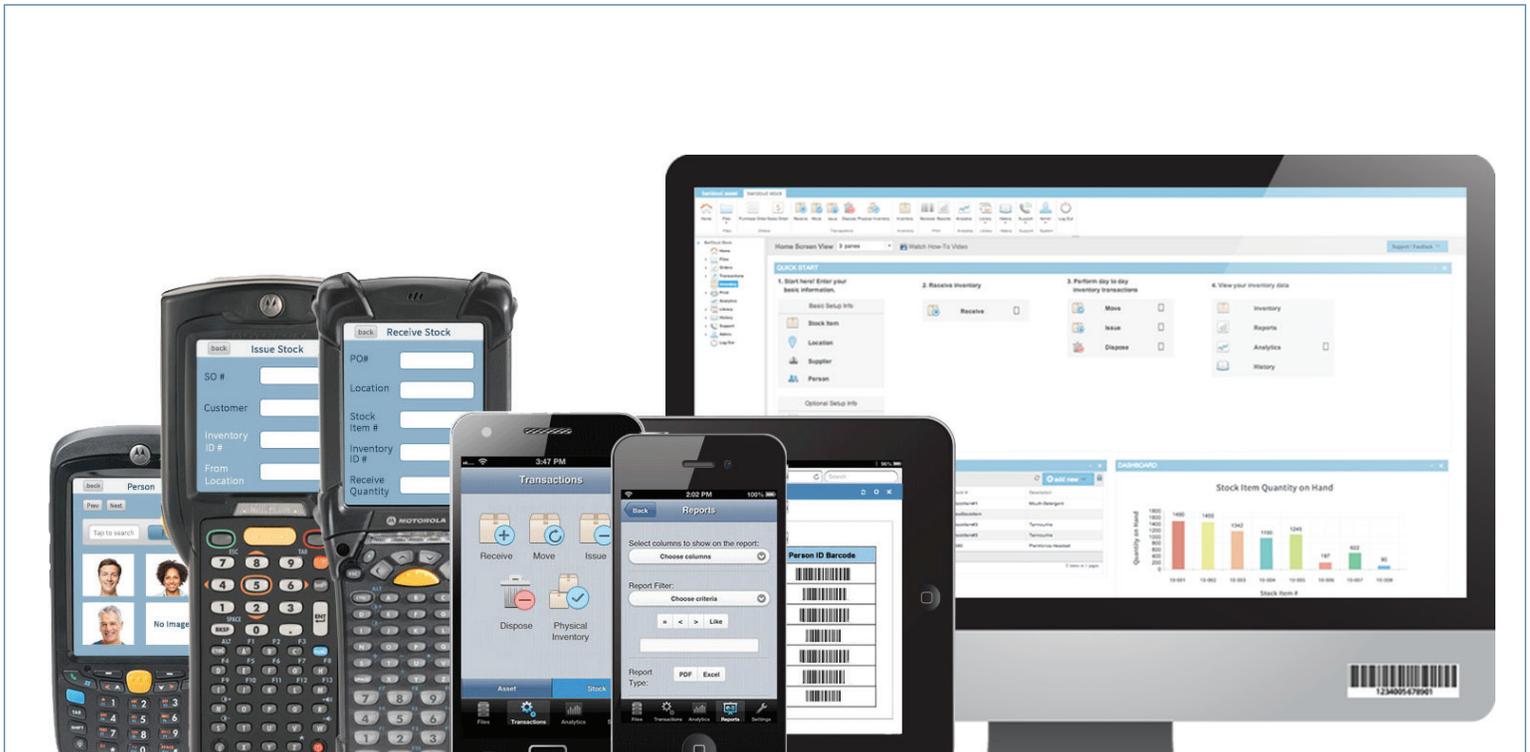
To help The Leaven gain full-control over their inventory, Barcloud provided the non-profit nine mobile subscriptions along with a corded barcode scanner to help monitor inventory consumption across multiple buildings. Despite starting from scratch, Lillis mentioned that it only took one month to have his staff up and running with the system.

The Freedom To Focus On Students

Before implementing BarCloud, taking inventory required 4-5 hours of staff time. Inventory now takes under an hour. The time savings has contributed to the Leaven's ability to improve the reading skills of 88% of students while 69% of students improved their classroom participation. Barcloud helped to make this performance possible by freeing up staff time so they could focus on working with the children.

Managing Multiple Locations

Managing inventory across one or two locations is a challenge for most non-profits. The Leaven needed to effectively manage their inventory across Northern and Southern California. BarCloud enabled administrators to manage stock at all their buildings so that they could improve their purchasing cycles and minimize waste.



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