

Food for Thought

Third Quarter 2022



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Barberton Area Community Ministries Mission

To extend household resources in our communities through programs targeting food insecurity and basic needs.

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Congratulations Dorothy Somerville

Our executive director was awarded a commendation from Summit County Council for her leadership and commitment to Summit County communities through her work at BACM Food Pantry. Her award was presented by council member, **Bethany McKenney**.



Bikers for BACM Poker Run



Our thanks to **Rhonda Robinson, Eric McCoy** & committee for successfully organizing the 2nd Annual Bikers for BACM, hosted by **People Check Services** and **Block 7 Bar & Grill**.

The Poker Run began at Barberton Moose Lodge, made 5 stops and ended with live entertainment by Mark Leach, BBQ dinner, raffle baskets & door prizes. With 35 sponsors and one large anonymous donor, this event raised over \$20,000. The ride was dedicated in memory of **Tonda Skaburn**, proud owner of Block 7 Bar & Grill and community supporter.





Volunteer

- SPOTLIGHTS -

Produce

Board member, **Dolores Juriga** helps on Thursdays to divide up the fresh fruits & veggies for our clients to take home.



Office Help

Ellen Stokes can be found at BACM answering phone calls, creating spreadsheets, and keeping our paperwork in order.

Denise Ratchford makes all of our reminder calls to ensure that senior boxes are distributed properly.

Packing Groceries

Law student, **Kelsey Jennings** helps during pantry hours by packing orders and filling carts. **Joanne Meyers** works on Thursdays to make sure each family goes home with the proper portion of meat. **Judy Shrader** packs orders, then takes donated grocery bags home to inspect, double bag & flatten.

Unloading Trucks

Janice Koster helps the guys unload the food delivery trucks on Monday, then pre-packs non-perishable goods to prep for Tuesday.



Amazing Couple

Pam & Dennis Morisk are amazing organizers who restock the pantry shelves on Wednesday after they were depleted by Tuesday's crowd of families.

Senior Deliveries

Diana Staten prepares groceries for our senior home deliveries.

Fundraisers

Board members, **Carrie Herman, Ralph Dowling & Rob Pursley** helped in the kitchen and sold tickets during the Bingo Fundraiser.



Volunteers Winning

Every day of service to BACM earns volunteers one raffle ticket. One winner is chosen at the end of each month.





After Thanksgiving Giving Event

Wayside is ready to donate \$100K to area non-profits!

Hand deliver your BACM donation check to **Wayside Furniture** at 1367 Canton Road in Akron from November 25-28. Wayside will match your check up to \$100. One check per person is allowed.

Save your Acme receipts for BACM



Acme Fresh Market will share 5% of your store brand purchases with BACM now until Dec 24. Hand-deliver or mail your receipts to BACM.

BACM Donation Form

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

Donor name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Mark if you wish to remain anonymous

Make check payable to BACM
Mail to 939 Norton Ave, Barberton OH 44203

Thank you for your generosity!

Norton Kiwanis/BACM \$23,000 for 2023 Helping with Hunger

Norton Kiwanis Club pledges up to \$11,500 for this matching fund challenge. Help us hit our goal! Funds will be given to BACM Food Pantry for food & supplies.

Make checks payable to BACM Food Pantry
Mail to 939 Norton Ave, Barberton OH 44203
Write Norton Kiwanis on memo line
October 1 - December 31, 2022

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Join Us at the Walk

A new committee has formed to organize the Barberton Christmas Walk, held the Saturday after Thanksgiving.



A portion of t-shirt ticket sales & 50/50 raffle will be donated to BACM. Visit www.BarbertonChristmasWalk.com for details. Enjoy Lake Anna lights, visit with Santa, ride the train, join in the Christmas Crawl, kids can enter the pageant & Shop Small Saturday.

BACM BAGS OF LOVE

Please fill a brown paper grocery bag with the following toiletries to give to BACM families. Feel free to decorate the bag.

- * Package of 4 Rolls of Toilet Paper
- * Dish Soap
- * Laundry Detergent (up to 64 oz)
- * Deodorant
- * Hand Soap
- * Soap or Body Wash
- * Shampoo
- * Toothbrush
- * Toothpaste
- * All-Purpose Cleaner

Bags are needed by the end of February. Drop off at BACM 939 Norton Avenue in Barberton.

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- PAST -
Events

Birdies for BACM

Golf fans made pledges based on birdies shot during the Bridgestone Senior Championship. Congrats to **Veronica Hegarty** for guessing the closest number of birdies. Donors raised \$567.60.

BACM Bingo

Our 2nd bingo event of the year raised \$4,153 with 130 guests in attendance. Staff, board members & volunteers donated raffle baskets, prizes & their time to put together a fun evening. Our



thanks to **Judge Todd McKenney** for being our announcer and entertaining the crowd with traffic court stories.

Christmas in July

The **City of Barberton** hosted a non-perishable foods & toiletries drive collecting many bags & boxes to help support local families in need.



Ray E. Leach Sr. Memorial Lunch

Our thanks to **Leach's Meats & Sweets** for including BACM as a recipient of proceeds at their annual lunch, along with Esther Ryan's Shoe Fund. **Dave Polacek, Dorothy Somerville and Ray Leach** pictured serving lunch to guests.



Labor Day BBQ

BACM staff, Board, & volunteers worked the Labor Day BBQ & Music Festival's beer garden and earned a percentage of sales.



Our thanks to **Dorothy Somerville** for organizing this portion of the festival.

New Franklin Police Drive

Terry Hayslip & fellow officers

collected 3 cruisers full of food & toiletries. Residents placed gifts on their porches & items were picked up and delivered to BACM.



Magic City Kiwanis Food Drives

The **Magic City Kiwanis** set up a tent each Tuesday this summer at the Barberton Farmers Market and again during their Drug Take Back Day to collect food, toiletries and grocery bags to donate to BACM.

THANK YOU for your support of BACM!



Enterprise Grant

Enterprise Holdings Foundation's program, called Fill Your Tank made a donation to BACM aimed to address food insecurity. They have donated millions of dollars across the world to fight hunger.



Barberton Speedway

The **Barberton Speedway** ended their season with an act of kindness by donating their leftover concession food to BACM. Clients received a little extra food, such as frozen burgers or chips.

Dollar General

The chain of **Dollar General** stores has teamed up with Akron Canton Regional Foodbank. The stores are paired up with area food pantries, such as BACM. Currently the Dollar General on Eastern Road donates their after holiday or near expiration items to BACM.

Lemonade Stand

Oliver Yeager and his brother set up a lemonade stand for charity. Oliver donated his \$26.50 profits to BACM, while his brother helped out the animals at One of a Kind Pet Rescue.



Big Lots Store

Our own **Barberton Big Lots** has developed a program to help eliminate waste and give back to the community. Each week they pull items from their shelves that are near expiration and donate them to BACM. BACM quickly distributes the items during pantry days.

Community of Christ

On the 5th Wednesday of any month **Community of Christ** hosts a Swiss Steak Dinner & gives a portion of sales to BACM. This month they dropped off their annual donation.



Remarkable Diner

Carol at Remarkable Diner selected BACM as her charity of choice for their Pumpkin decorating contest. Allowing customers to vote by making donations.



Barberton VFW

We are thankful to our local **Barberton VFW Post 1066** for their generous donation to BACM.



Integrity Federal Credit Union

Integrity Federal Credit Union donated \$1,000 to BACM, along with food from their Shred It Day Event.



BACM 2022 Stats

<u>Service Provided:</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sept</u>
Food Boxes Delivered	92	92	92	92
Senior Home Deliveries	67	64	68	74
Families Visited Pantry	1,117	1,100	1,264	1,213
Individuals at Pantry	3,381	3,166	3,776	3,623
Meals Provided	49,949	46,892	55,300	53,025
Door Dash Deliveries	271	264	282	337
Non-Food Services	72	75	82	84
Volunteers Hours	859.25	961.5	897	822
Grocery Bags Donated	338	573	609	414

BACM Hours

Office Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays
9AM – 4PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9AM – 5PM

Pantry Hours (Pick Up Food)

Tuesdays & Thursdays
1PM – 5PM

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