What We Do

Nourish Bodies, Minds & Spirits...

Barberton Area Community Ministries serves the most vulnerable members of our community by making sure their most basic needs are being met. The people who visit our pantry sometimes struggle to make ends meet, and that’s where we come in. Our clients are looking for help, not a handout.

We also work to support children in our community. A major way we provide an impact is through the weekend food program to an additional 200+ children at Barberton Head Start located at Woodford School in Barberton. Studies show that children do better in school, have fewer illnesses and better cognitive development when they have regular access to healthy, nutritious food.

Making ends meet can be challenging. BACM works to extend household resources through our pantry. Strategic partnerships with organizations like Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County help individuals and families make the most of what they have, and offer assistance when they don’t have enough. It’s our way of providing Hope and Help for Those in Need!

Barberton Area Community Ministries partners with Summit Mennonite Church which provides housing for us to be able to serve residents of the area providing emergency food assistance and other programs through the support of individual donors, corporations, foundations and volunteers.

Our Mission

Our mission is to extend household resources in our communities through programs targeting food insecurity and basic needs.

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### 2018 Year in Review

Last year BACM served 4,463 households that included 13,633 individuals, equaling 122,679 meals.

Since July of 2018 the following programs have been added, and we assist with applications for:

- First Energy
- SNAP
- HEAP
- Free Smoke Detectors
- Free and reduced lunch applications
- Medicaid Applications
- Veteran’s Benefits
- Living Wills

- **Catholic Charities** Social Worker on-site weekly to provide assistance with rent and utilities.
- Partner with **EFNEP** for nutrition and cooking classes. This is an Ohio State University extension program.
- **Assurance Cell Phone** representative on-site once a week.
- Representatives and information available for United Healthcare and Humana.
- 2,739 weekend food packages were distributed to the students at Barberton Head Start during the school year.
- **Veteran’s Counseling & Benefit Help** with Rev. Edmond Fast Ph.D, Chaplain with The American Legion 566 & VFW 1066.

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### Our Programs

#### Choice Food Pantry
Residents of the area who qualify can shop our pantry once per month and receive a three day supply of food for their household. Clients must show a photo ID and proof of residency at each visit.

#### Pet Food Ministry
BACM has a donor who sponsors our pet food ministry. Pets also have food insecurities.

#### Head Start Back Pack Program
BACM helps meet the nutritional needs of the children enrolled at the Barberton Woodford Head Start by providing three meals and a snack twice a month during the school year (October-May).

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