

# 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. In fact, more than 62% of our clients visit our pantry three or fewer times per year.

We also work to support children in our community. Children account for 36% of the clients we serve through our pantry, and we provide a weekend food program to approx. 200 children at Barberton Head Start. 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, Ohio Benefit Bank services and strategic partnerships with organizations like Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County. We 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

Serves residents of the 44203 zip code, providing emergency food assistance, Ohio Benefit Bank services and other programs through the support of individual donors, churches, corporations, foundations and volunteers.

#### Our Mission

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

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*Hope and Help for Those in Need*

## 2017 Year in Review

Last year, BACM served **1,306** households that included **4,723** people, which accounts for **11.5%** of the population of our service area.

In 2017, BACM provided the following services to residents in the 44203 zip code:

- **14,437** instances of service through our food pantry, equaling **129,123** meals.
- **34** clients were assisted with applying for benefits or services through the Ohio Benefit Bank site.
- **2,902** weekend food packages were distributed to the students at Barberton Head Start during the school year.
- **564** vouchers for our clients to purchase fresh produce at the Anna Dean Farmers Market.



## Our Programs

### Choice Food Pantry

Residents of the 44203 zip code, who qualify based on income, 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.

### Ohio Benefit Bank

BACM provides trained counselors who can assist clients with applying for public assistance, such as SNAP, WIC, HEAP, through the Ohio Benefit Bank website.

### Head Start Backpack Program

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

### Produce Voucher Program

Pantry clients are eligible to receive a voucher once a month over the summer (July-September) to use towards the purchase of fresh produce at the Anna Dean Farmers Market on Robinson Ave.

## How Can I Help?

### DONATE!



The majority of our funds come from individual donors. We supplement that with foundation grants, corporate contributions, and gifts from churches and faith-based organizations, but we still need **YOUR** help!

### HOST A FOOD DRIVE!

Organize a collection through your church, community group, neighborhood or business to support BACM Food Pantry. You can do it once a month, once a quarter or once a year – it all makes a difference!



### COME TO OUR EVENTS!



BACM hosts several events and activities throughout the year that you can participate in to help us raise money to provide hope and help to those in need!

### BECOME A SPONSOR!

BACM has events and programs throughout the year that could use your support! Consider becoming a sponsor and helping us continue to create great fundraising events and provide outstanding programs.

