

Food for Thought

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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, corporations, foundations and volunteers.

Our Mission

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

Welcome New Executive Director, Dorothy Suchka-Somerville!!!! Welcome New Office Manager, Becky Thomas!!!!

The Board selected Dorothy. She comes to us from St. Luke Lutheran Community of Portage Lakes, a non profit faith based facility and has a background in nursing, social services and marketing. Dorothy currently is the President of the South Summit Chamber of Commerce and on the Advisory Board of the Barberton Salvation Army.

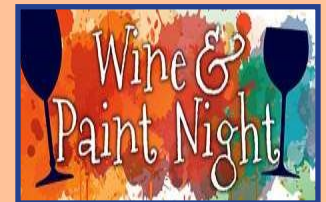
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Join us for an evening of 'fun'-raising. Talent or no talent, this night is all about having a good time and leaving with a piece of art by your own making- all while supporting the work of BACM Food Pantry.



Whimsy & Wine Paint Night

Thursday, March 22, 2018 from 6:30pm-8:30pm
Silver Run Vineyard & Winery
376 Eastern Rd, Doylestown

Tickets are \$45 per painter which includes all supplies & hors d'oeuvres
\$20 qualifies as a tax deductible donation to the BACM Food Pantry

Beverages will be available for purchase, please no outside drinks
Call BACM Food Pantry 330-745-3693 for tickets

Our Board

Larry Okolish, President
Pat Shultz, Vice-President/Treasurer
LaVerne Yousey, Secretary
Gary Christoff
Carl Douglas
Ralph Dowling
Teri Dwyer
Veronica Hegarty
Shawna Jones
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Ruthellen Moore
Kathy Powers-Middlecoop
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Exciting News!

Our sincere appreciation to Barberton Community of Christ for a donation of \$5,000! Pastor Ruthellen Moore presented a check to Executive Director, Dorothy Suchka-Somerville and Board President, Larry Okolish.





BACM received 481 Bags of Love!

BACM collected Bags of Love to distribute to our clients this spring. During January & February donors filled decorated brown grocery bag with the following items:
one package of 4 rolls of toilet paper,
up to 64 oz. of laundry detergent, dish soap,
hand soap, deodorant, soap/body wash, shampoo,
toothbrushes, toothpaste & all-purpose cleaner.

Our Thanks To Everyone That Donated!

SAVE THE DATE:
ANNUAL FOOD WITH FLAIR
APRIL 25, 2018 6-8PM
SILVER RUN WINERY
\$30 CALL BACM FOR TICKETS
330-753-3693

Our Year in Review

In 2017, BACM served 1,306 households that included 4,723 people, which accounts for 11.5% of the population of our service area. Services included:
*14,437 instances of service through our food pantry, equaling 129,123 meals
*34 households assisted with applying for benefits and/or free tax prep at the Ohio Benefit Bank site
*2,902 weekend food packages distributed to the students at Barberton Head Start
*564 vouchers given to our clients to use at the Barberton Farmer's Market to purchase fresh produce



Non-profit groups receive 5% Cash Back on Acme Fresh Market Store Brand purchases. BACM

received \$686.61 for receipts donated during 2017. Thank you to everyone that contributed! Start saving receipts again in the fall.

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Send pictures of the fundraisers and food drives your group holds for BACM to dsomerville@bacm.org and YOU could be featured on our page!

2018's "Most Wanted"

Barberton Area Community Ministries is so grateful for the community support we receive throughout the year. If you are considering organizing a food drive for BACM through your church, workplace, community group or neighborhood, here are the items we need most:

Canned Vegetables, Fruit & Soup
Cereal, Pancake Mix
Canned Meat- Chicken, Tuna, Beef Stew, etc.
Macaroni & Cheese
Instant Potatoes and Pasta/Rice Side Dishes
Spaghetti/Pasta and Spaghetti Sauce
Peanut Butter & Jelly

Additionally, BACM accepts donations of personal care and household items, including:

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Deodorant, Soap/Body Wash, Shampoo/Conditioner, Toothbrushes/Toothpaste, Feminine Hygiene Products, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap & Travel-Size Toiletries

Donations can be dropped off at our office between 9am-4pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and 9am-noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or call us at (330) 745-3693 to set up a delivery time.

BACM's 19th Annual Dinner & Silent Auction

Raised more than **\$9,000.00!** We are so grateful to all the sponsors, donors, volunteers and attendees who made it happen. Special thanks to Johnson UMC for hosting us and Leach's Catering for the amazing food!



The Wayside After Thanksgiving Giving Event was a HUGE success

for BACM! Altogether, we raised **\$6,270** from the community and **\$5,620** was matched by Wayside for a grand total of **\$11,890**. We are so grateful for the support we receive for this event and the generosity of Wayside in supporting BACM and so many other non-profit organizations.

Pantry Hours

Tuesday 1pm - 5pm
Thursday 1pm - 6pm

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9am-4pm
Closed Friday