

Food for Thought

Second 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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Congrats to 2021 Board Member of the Year Peggy James

Peggy joined the Board in January 2020. She is a member of our Fundraising, Programs, and Relocation committees. She is a realtor for Howard Hanna and lives in Barberton. Peggy can be found at BACM on Thursdays preparing groceries for clients. Following her shift, she fills the Little Pantry boxes around town. Every month, she helps deliver food to seniors living in Barberton high-rise apartments. We appreciate her service.



Volunteer Recognition Dinner

111 Volunteers and 12 Companies/Non-Profits with multiple volunteers contributed 9,770 hours of service during 2021. Congrats to **Vieta Armstrong** 2021 Volunteer of the Year and **Nancy Vinez** for receiving the Martha Jamison Award for logging 427.5 hours of service at the pantry. Our thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers who help make BACM run smoothly.



Dawn Cobb, Vieta Armstrong



Martha Jamison, Nancy Vinez

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Food Truck Delivery

Every Monday morning **Dave Cobb and Ralph Dowling** drive to Akron Canton Regional Foodbank to pick up tons of food to feed our neighbors each week. Dave is known for finding “extras” for our clients, such as holiday candy and desserts. While Ralph picks up the freshest fruits and vegetables he can find. Together, the guys bring back a well-rounded selection of groceries for our clients.

Unload Trucks

Dedicated volunteers, **Gary, Tim, Bubba, Bruce, Connor, Tom, Rob and/or Rick** can be found at BACM on Mondays from about 10-11AM unloading the food trucks.

Veterans Assistance

Rev. Edmond Fast PhD of the American Legion 566 and VFW 1066 offers Veteran counseling & benefit assistance to BACM clients. If you or someone you know needs veteran assistance call Ed for an appointment at (330) 472-9068.



Checking-In Clients

During Covid when BACM switched to offering drive-thru service rather than walk-in service, we purchased a tablet and to allow quick registration at clients’ cars. We thank **Vietta Armstrong, Judy Garey, and Dawn Cobb** for taking the training classes needed to check in and register new clients.



Stark * Summit Ambulance
New volunteer, **Blaine Love**, of J&C Ambulance Services Inc picks up donated food from Dollar General on Eastern Rd each Wednesday morning.



Shoppers & Stockers

Many volunteers help us stock the shelves, then “shop” the pantry by preparing grocery bags based on family size. This month, we thank **Sarah Tomer, Debbie Wasch, and Sharon Kerechanin** for their help.

BACM Food Pantry April Volunteer Raffle Winner

John Nelson



Travel Chairs, Cooler & Giftcard
Donated by Pat Shultz & Ralph Dowling

BACM Food Pantry May Volunteer Raffle Winner

Joanne Meyers
Winner of the Gardening Basket & Dayton Nurseries Giftcard



June Volunteer Raffle

Volunteers, remember to drop a raffle ticket in the bucket each day you volunteer at BACM for your chance to win prizes.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Pledge your support for BACM Food Pantry with Birdies for BACM

The Bridgestone Senior Players Championship will be held
July 6-10, 2022 at Firestone Country Club

Support BACM Food Pantry by making a pledge

Your pledge will be multiplied by the total number of birdies in the tournament
to determine your total contribution.

For example: A pledge of \$.10 per birdie X 700 total birdies = a donation of \$70

Donors, do you want to make the tournament even more fun?

Guess the total number of birdies in the tournament and the person who guesses
correctly (or closest without going over) will receive a \$50 gift card to Remarkable Diner.
The winner will be notified and prize will be sent after pledge payment is received.

Birdies For BACM Fundraiser – Please return the portion below to BACM by Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____
Phone _____

I would like to pledge \$ _____ per birdie

I understand my donation to BACM will be my pledge amount times the total number of birdies

Rather than pledge, I would like to make a one-time donation of \$ _____

My guess for the total number of birdies in the tournament is: _____
In the event of a tie, a winner will be chosen at random from the qualifying entries

BACM will notify you of your total donation amount after the tournament
Please mail or drop off your form to BACM at 939 Norton Avenue, Barberton, OH 44203

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!

Hungry to Ride- Riding for Hunger

2ND ANNUAL POKER RUN Saturday, July 30, 2022



Bikers for BACM

\$20 per Rider/Driver \$10 per passenger



All Vehicles Welcome!!
Pre-Registration Available
← Scan QR code

First 20 Riders receive a
T-Shirt!



Hosted by:
People Check Services
and Block 7 Bar & Grill.



Start: Loyal Order of the Moose, Barberton

Stops:

- County Line Bar & Grill, Hartsville
- Bud's Corner, Louisville
- Old Timers Bar & Griddle, Massillon
- Canal Boat Lounge, Canal Fulton
- Rusty Railz, Clinton

End: Block 7 Bar and Grill, Barberton

- BBQ Dinner
- Door Prizes
- \$200 Prize for Best Hand!
- 50/50 and Basket Raffles!



Live Entertainment
by Mark Leach

Registration starts at:

10:00 a.m.

First Bike Out:

11:00 a.m.

Last Bike Out:

1:00 p.m.

Last Bike In:

5:00 p.m.

ALL PROCEEDS AWARDED TO BACM TO HELP FIGHT HUNGER WITHIN THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE.



**BACM
BINGO**
Wednesday,
October 12, 2022

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Join our BACM
Dining Day this
summer. Visit
BACM.org or
Facebook for
date and details.

THANK YOU DONORS



Our thanks to everyone that ordered from **E.O.C.** on our dining night and to **Jeremy Clemetson** for donating \$150; a portion of your sales.

Easter Baskets

Members of **Johnson United Methodist Church**, including **Ralph Dowling, Pam Dye, and Judy Garey** provided 250 Easter baskets for BACM children.



Local Gardeners

BACM accepts fresh veggies from local growers throughout the summer. **A Whole Community** gathers



surplus produce from farms and shares with local food pantries & free meal sites.

Birdie Bags

Filled with non-perishable foods, snacks & toiletries are donated to students during pantry hours.



AFSCME Union Local 265 have generously been making regular monetary donations to BACM to help fill our pantry shelves.



Canned Food Drive Magic City Kiwanis collected many boxes of essential foods and \$575 cash on April 30. Our thanks to **Don Martin & Richard Orendas** for delivering.

Pet Safety Event

Barberton Parks and Recreation & Barberton Fire Dept hosted a Purple Paw Party on May 14 at Decker Park. They collected 200 lbs of pet food and \$1,105.



Jams & Jellies Smucker's in Orrville continues to donate delicious jelly, syrup, and orange marmalade to the pantry. Giving our clients a special treat at breakfast time.



End of the School Year Manchester Local Schools donated 16 crates of small milk cartons. Donation is a great way to clean out the cafeteria before summer recess. Thank you for thinking of BACM families.

FAMILIES

We Serve

Temporary Homeless

Occasionally, homeless individuals seek help from BACM. Due to their situation, our usual combination of frozen foods and refrigerated milks & cheese are not ideal. We choose heat-n-eat meals and shelf stable products; along with offering paper plates and plasticware. The most essential tool is a can opener. We will gladly accept your donation of new manual can openers, if you'd like to give.



Blended Families

Many large families of 10 or more people have come through the pantry lately. While registering them, we learn that either grandparents or parents are having a hardship that has brought 3 generations of their family together under one roof. We provide approx. 5 days of groceries for each member of the household.

Setbacks

If you live from paycheck-to-paycheck, an illness, injury or loss of job can set you back. Rent and utilities must be paid, but your food budget is flexible. BACM is here to help with your temporary life setbacks. No appointment is necessary, just bring your ID on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 1-5PM.

Cost of Living

The cost of everyday items, from gasoline to groceries, has increased. Our clients remark that their normal grocery budget is just not stretching as far as it used to. While picking up food, BACM also offers toiletries. We do not use donated funds to purchase toiletries. All of these items are donated by the community. Our biggest requests lately have been for toilet paper and paper towels. If you are in the position to give, feel free to drop off paper goods, soap, toothpaste, laundry soap, shampoo, etc.



Transportation Issues

We've seen a few people come to BACM recently on bicycles or walking. This is uncommon, but if your family has car trouble, coupled with the rising cost of gas, it is a possible solution.

Grandparents

Sadly, over the past few years we have seen many grandparents raising their grandchildren. Some of the parents have drug or alcohol dependency. Rather than the children entering foster care, the grandparents take them in. On a fixed income, the new expense of mouths to feed brings them to BACM.



BACM Stats

<u>Service Provided:</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
Food Boxes Delivered	92	92
Senior Home Deliveries	58	56
Families Visited Pantry	964	1,054
Individuals at Pantry	2,785	3,206
Meals Provided	41,421	47,232
Door Dash Deliveries	221	270
Non-Food Services	48	61
Weekend Backpacks	168	168
Volunteers Hours	781.75	761.5
Grocery Bags Donated	533	437

BACM HoursOffice Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays
9AM – 4PM

Tuesdays & Thursdays
9AM – 5PM

Pantry Hours (Pick Up Food)

Tuesdays & Thursdays
1PM – 5PM

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