

Food for Thought

First 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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Welcome New BACM Vice President, Dave Stephens

Dave joined the Board in January 2019. He is a member of our Outreach and Fundraising committees. He grew up in Barberton & is a BHS graduate. Dave is retired from Summa Health Systems and resides in Jackson Twp with his wife, Lisa. He loves dedicating his time to his hometown. His friendly personality and positive attitude are the perfect addition to our Board.



Happy Retirement to Carl Douglas

Carl was an avid volunteer of BACM before joining the Board in 2018. We wish him well and appreciate his years of service to BACM.

BACM Bingo was a Success

114 BACM supporters filled Norton Community Center on March 23 for 10 games of bingo, dinner, laughs, and prizes. Together we raised \$3,398 for the food pantry. We will host another BACM Bingo in the fall.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Little Food Pantries

There are several free-standing food boxes throughout Barberton neighborhoods, not constructed by BACM, but our dedicated volunteers add to them each week. Thanks to **John Nelson, Nancy Vinez, Judy Garey, and Peggy James** for taking the extra time to make food available to our neighbors in need.

Bread Pick Up

Barberton Giant Eagle and Leach's Meats & Sweets donate their day-old bread to BACM. On Tuesdays, it's picked up by the ladies of **Integrity Federal Credit Union** and on Wednesdays & Thursdays by **Barry Stokes & Ellen Stokes**.

Homemade Lunch

Resident chef, **Nancy Vinez** treats Tuesday & Thursday volunteers to homemade lunch. Our thanks to Nancy for representing BACM at the Iron Chef Competition, for volunteering 16+ hours per week, and always serving BACM clients with a smile.



Senior Home Delivery

Homebound residents age 65 & up can receive groceries delivered directly to their homes, thanks to our loyal volunteers, **Chuck Fowler, Danny Bartoe, Mike & Lei Sherman**.

Senior Box Program

The Akron Canton Regional Foodbank offers monthly food boxes to seniors in local high-rise apartments. BACM board members, **Bob Ryan, Dolores Juriga, and Peggy James** deliver the boxes, along with volunteers **Barry Stokes, Ellen Stokes, Mark Nitz, Lei Sherman, and Mike Sherman**.

Sorting Food & Bags

Marty Bidlingmyer can be found at BACM a few hours each day sorting canned goods, checking expiration dates, filling shelves and prepping shopping bags for pantry pick-up.

Congratulations, Deloise Jenkins!
January 2022 Volunteer Raffle Winner



This Month's Prize: Down Comforter Donated by Pat Shultz

BACM FOOD PANTRY FEBRUARY 2022 VOLUNTEER RAFFLE WINNER



NANCY VINEZ

THIS MONTH'S PRIZE: RELAXATION BASKET DONATED BY TERI DWYER

BACM Food Pantry Mar 2022 Volunteer Raffle Winner



Vietta Armstrong

Kitchen Items & Target gift card donated by Pat Shultz

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.



Live Entertainment
by Mark Leach

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!



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

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.

Nutrition Education

Ohio State University will be offering their Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program again this year at BACM. The program is designed to help families make healthier choices. The class will meet at BACM once per week for about 9 weeks. Class space is limited. Please call the office at (330) 745-3696 to reserve your spot or learn more.



2021 Volunteer Recognition Dinner

All BACM volunteers are invited to attend dinner on Wednesday, April 20 at 6PM at Norton Community Center. Please RSVP to Dolores Juriga at (330) 715-0726. Certificates will be presented to all volunteers, in addition to special awards for Volunteer of the Year, Board Member of the Year, and Martha Jamison Award.

Dining Out Fundraiser



It's BACM Day at E.O.C.
Tuesday, May 10 from 5-8PM
Pick Up or Delivery
Mention BACM when ordering &
E.O.C. will donate a portion of
your purchase to BACM.
Barberton (330) 753-3500
Canal Fulton (330) 854-5444

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!


THANK YOU DONORS



Manchester Girl Scouts #90859

Donated birthday bags filled with cake mix, icing, plates, napkins & hats are given to clients celebrating their big day.

Pet Food Pantry

BACM has a very generous, anonymous donor that regularly gives funds that can only be used to purchase pet food. Each month we order a large shipment of dry cat & dog food from Chewy. 

Vegetable & Herb Plants

Volunteers know **Carrie Starcher** as the plant lady. For several years, Carrie has been donating vegetable & herb plants to encourage clients to start their own gardens at home. We appreciate her green thumb & kindness.

Wednesday Donors

BACM can rely on the generosity of **John Bartlett and his mother Jeanne** every Wednesday. They deliver a trunk load of essential items to help fill the pantry shelves. We are grateful for their continued support.



Bags of Love

BACM received a record-breaking 707 Bags of Love toiletry kits for our clients, with 175 of them



donated by **Fairlawn West United Church**. Our thanks to everyone who filled bags to show love to their neighbors in need.

Change Jars

BACM has several change jars set up around town. **Leach's Meats & Sweets** has collected over \$550 in spare change this year alone. Much appreciation goes out to the staff & customers who chip in.

Extreme Couponers

Anita Wrinch & Stacie Jackson are affectionately known as the coupon ladies. They clip & save and share their bounty with BACM. They drop off bags of toothpaste, soaps, in addition to special items such as make up or hair dye.



Handmade Afghans

Volunteers meet at the Barberton Public Library to knit or crochet blankets for the needy. Thanks to **Warm Up Barberton** for keeping residents warm.



Consistent Donors

We can always count on **Jimmy Stewart** and **Joann Ulichney** to drop off bags of needed non-perishable items.

From the Director's Desk

Congratulations, Dorothy!

Dorothy was presented with a resolution of the Council of the City of Barberton to honor and give public recognition for her continuous dedication to the City of Barberton. She accepted the award surrounded by her family.



New Coats & Shoes

Dorothy belongs to Governor DeWine's Faith-Based and Community Initiative Program. The program partnered with Operation Warm to distribute coats and shoes to kids. BACM handed out 48 pairs of tennis shoes and 120 warm winter jackets to local children.

Thank you everyone for all that you do for BACM!!! April is officially National Volunteer Month. Here at BACM every day is volunteer day!!! We couldn't run the pantry without each and every one of you!! God Bless you for your commitment!!

Our numbers are not decreasing, so help is always needed. I want to thank all who donate food, toiletries, pet food and monies to help keep things running.

I am looking to expand the volunteer base to include those with computer skills for a few hours a week. We are looking for someone who might want to take over the newsletter, work could possibly be done at home. There are some new programs that I would like to work on and need some additional help. I would like to thank Teri Dwyer for this wonderful presentation of the newsletter!!!

Have a Blessed Easter!!!

Blessings, Dorothy
BACM Executive Director



BACM Stats

<u>Service Provided:</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>
Food Boxes Delivered	91	92	92
Senior Home Deliveries	76	46	62
Families Visited Pantry	886	850	1,078
Individuals at Pantry	2,648	2,546	3,134
Meals Provided	39,432	38,826	46,534
Door Dash Deliveries	229	183	256
Non-Food Services	38	35	42
Weekend Backpacks	168	168	168
Volunteers Hours	702	785	1,017
Bags of Love Received	67	232	408

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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