



BARBERTON AREA COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Annual Report 2007

HISTORY: Barberton Area Community Ministries (BACM) began as an outreach ministry of First Presbyterian Church. In 1997, BACM was incorporated as an independent non-profit organization serving the 44203 area and supported by many area churches and community groups. Cathie Finn, Ph.D. is the Director, Cathy Kantorik (KC) is Client Services Coordinator, Martha Jamison is the Pantry Coordinator, and Marianne Barnes is the Office Manager.

MISSION: To offer hope, compassion, service and advocacy to the poor in Barberton and Norton through the collaborative ministries of covenanting and partnering churches, community groups, business and individuals.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Friday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY: Tuesday and Thursday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m. No appointment necessary

FINANCIAL AID: By appointment only. Call-in appointments made on the first working day of the month at 9 a.m. Please call **745-3693**.

BUDGET COUNSELING: By appointment only. Schedule anytime.

AT&T LIFELINE: By appointment only. Schedule anytime.

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SERVICES TO FAMILIES

FOOD AID SHARED WITH 4,204 COMMUNITY FAMILIES: (up 31% from 2006)

- ◆ 10,915 individuals benefited from our food pantry – over 1/3 were children.
- ◆ Each household received a three days supply of groceries.
- ◆ (Average household size is three persons). Total meal equivalents is 98,235 meals.
- ◆ 4,442 bags of groceries (value \$111,050) were donated to our pantry in 2007. Food donations increased 50% over 2006 thanks to many successful food drives.
- ◆ Almost \$16,000 was spent purchasing food for the pantry, thanks to grants from Barberton Community Foundation and others.
- ◆ Our fourth annual Summer Kids Lunch program served 1680 meals to school children. A grant from the Barberton Community Foundation added a kids recreational program.

FINANCIAL AID SUPPORTED 182 FAMILIES: (down 18% with higher per case costs)

- ◆ Over \$44,000 was spent in payments to landlords and utility companies for 449 persons.
- ◆ 97 households received housing aid in 2007. Of these 32 households (49 people) were homeless, including children.
- ◆ 85 households received utility aid for gas, electric or water bills.
- ◆ 79 households were connected to low-cost AT&T Lifeline local telephone services.
- ◆ 46 households received budget counseling, support, and advocacy.
- ◆ BACM receives many more requests for financial aid than we are able to assist.
- ◆ Financial aid is limited to once per year per household.

FUND RAISING EVENTS NET \$45,882 for BACM (a 98%% increase over 2006)

Thanks to Johnson United Methodist Church, our host for our ninth annual Swiss Steak Dinner and Silent Auction (October) and numerous donors, sponsors and volunteers who helped raise close to \$15,000 at this combined event.

The sixth annual "Sleep in the Street" (May) raised over \$11,000 for housing and homelessness services at BACM. It was held at First Church of Christ. Join us!

Other fundraisers included redemption of ACME cash register tapes, redemption of donated ink cartridges, and over \$4,000 in cookbook sales.

VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION VALUED AT \$60,000 – LOVE UN-MEASURABLE!

3,527 volunteer hours were offered in our pantry and office, down 8% from 2006.

ANNUAL BUDGET 52% VOLUNTEERS, FOOD AND IN-KIND DONATIONS

The 2007 cash budget for BACM operations made possible 2 full-time staff, 2 part-time staff, and \$60,000 in aid and pantry purchases. Annual expenses totaled over \$200,000. Twenty-nine percent (29%) was donated by church and community groups. Grants from the Barberton Community Foundation, the Emergency Food and Shelter Board, AT&T, and others covered 24% of cash income. Fund raisers covered almost 23% and individual contributions provided 17% of cash contributions.

In-kind donations (non-cash) valued at \$206,675 came directly from the sharing and labor of local residents and supporters. These included:

- ◆\$111,075 in food donations ◆\$60,000 in volunteer work
- ◆ Approximately \$20,000 in donated and in-kind building improvements and furnishings from Neighborhood Conservation Services, Magic City Kiwanis, First Presbyterian Church and BACM staff.
- ◆\$15,600 in donated breads and desserts from Giant Eagle & Pepperidge Farm.

**Your vision of a more caring community is being realized at
Barberton Area Community Ministries.
Your kindness, generosity and involvement make it happen!
Thank you**

A detailed annual report of Barberton Area Community Ministries will be available mid-year. Please call 330-745-3693 for a copy or with questions or learn more at www.bacm.org.

**We are located on the corner of 6th St & West Park near the Lake Anna gazebo
in the pale yellow house.**

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Send a friend in need to BACM. We care.