

APPALACHIAN OUTREACH, INC
ANNUAL REPORT 2009

MISSION STATEMENT:

Helping to relieve the burden of poverty and disaster.

Guided by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and inspired by the Holy Spirit, the mission of Appalachian Outreach, Inc will be to help relieve the burden of poverty and the loss of dignity suffered by the people of Appalachia who through no fault of their own struggle to meet the basic needs of daily life.

We will continually look for contacts in Counties where accessibility and opportunity are limited and other charitable agencies are lacking or struggle to meet local need. We will also look for contacts locally who will support the mission of Appalachian Outreach, Inc therefore building a network where the dignity of all is respected and the love of God is proclaimed through prayer, word, and deed.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CO - Founders : Rose Hart, Diane Reineke
Jill Kriesky - President of the Board
Fr. Terry Adams - Secretary of the Board
Paul Boron - Treasurer of the Board

Other Members:

Zack Blair, Carolyn and David Dalzell
Chris Gardill, Reed Hubbs and Janet
Kendzierski

DID YOU KNOW?????

Since AOI was founded in 2002, we have delivered 1621 tons, driven 202,968 miles and helped 26,934 families consisting of 79,350 individuals. All of this was accomplished with the help of hundreds of volunteers whose service is valued at nearly \$ 575,000!

A NOTE FROM HELPING HANDS

We started with AOI around 2005. During this time it has been a blessing and privilege to work with them and help the people in and around Logan County. If we had not had AOI helping us, we couldn't have helped people with clothing, shoes, coats, furniture, etc. With their help and support we have helped people who have lost their homes to fires and floods.

AOI always goes above and beyond our expectations. They always seem to be there for us whenever we have a need.

They have a great group of volunteers who help with their programs like shoe box Santas and the baby baskets. They're always just a phone call away for help, a prayer or whatever else the need is.

Diane and Rose are special dedicated people who genuinely care for others needs. Helping Hands Ministries owes AOI a lot of thanks for their dedication, love, prayers, and friendship. We think AOI is an awesome program.

Helping Hands Ministries,

Larry Mills,
Debbie Linville,
Jason Mills

Logan County: 41.8 tons delivered in 2009 serving 671 families, consisting of 1271 adults and 770 children!

Other Counties Served

Boone: 53 tons	McDowell: 3 tons
Braxton: .3 tons	Nicholas: 1 ton
Calhoun: .2 tons	Preston: 2.9 tons
Greenbrier: 3.1 tons	Ritchie: 9.1 tons
Lincoln: 58.7 tons	Webster: 4.2 tons
Mason: 6.5 tons	Wetzel/ Tyler: 1.4 tons
Mingo: 26.3 tons	Wyoming: 39.4 tons

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2009 has been a year of change and growth. In August we started a search for another warehouse. By September we had moved from a 3000 square foot facility to a 13000 foot facility. We are now located in the back of the former Giant Eagle Building in Moundsville.

This new space offers us the opportunity to host volunteer groups year round to help with our shoe box Santa or Baby Bonus Basket Projects. Volunteers included senior citizens, local students and groups from St. Louis to the East coast who come to this area through the efforts of Wheeling Jesuit University.

We were blessed to have enough boxes and baskets donated as well as funds to surpass our goals. The year ended with 8564 shoe box Santas and over 300 Baby Bonus Baskets being delivered to areas of need in West Virginia.

Many thank you notes have arrived to say how much this meant to people who were in so much need due to disasters or poverty. For some, this is the only gift they will receive! We added five new delivery areas this year. Some were affected by the severe floods in May. All suffer from extensive poverty, and lack of resources. AOI made 70 delivery trips and drove 45,542 miles with 248 tons of housewares, building supplies, appliances, furniture, bedding, baby care items, school supplies, toys and seasonal items.

New relationships were forged with Pro WV which does disaster relief and Helping Hands which does general assistance for those in need. (See letter above)

As we grow expenses increase also. Insurance and maintenance alone cost over \$15,000! We do have a generous landlord, but are still

Another major accomplishment for 2009 was the opening of the AOI Storehouse which serves anyone homeowner in the local area who may be remodeling or building a home. Our first delivery came on October 31 and consisted of 200 new Simonton windows. The Storehouse will help residents to improve their homes and cut utility cost. This will help make better communities and create sales for local vendors. AOI will have the cash flow to bring in more products as they become available through the Mountain Re-Source network.

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AOI received several grants this year. These helped to purchase or update much needed equipment.

Thank you!

Wal Mart Foundation for \$25,000 for a new 14 foot truck.

Our State Senators - \$10,000, copier/truck
Our State Delegates - \$5,000, copier / truck
Sam's Club for \$1000

Franciscan Friars for \$5,000

First Presbyterian Church - Moundsville \$1500

Community Foundation of the Ohio Valley -
\$2650 for the AOI Storehouse

THANK YOU DONORS, SPONSORS,
SUPPORTERS, AND VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!!!!!!!

"A little means a lot."

A copy of the latest financial statement, registration, and license is on file and may be obtained by contacting Appalachian Outreach, Inc, P.O. Box 233, Glen Dale WV 26038 or by contacting the WV Secretary of State, State Capitol, Charleston, WV 25305; registration does not imply endorsement.

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Notes from the Field

Thank you for all you have given us all year. This last load in December was awesome. Thanks to it we served 267 children for Christmas with toys, clothes and blankets. We had three boys who just asked for blankets for Christmas. I heard from their mother right after Christmas. We had also given them toys, but she said they were so happy to get the blankets that when they opened their presents, they left the toys lay to go put the blankets on their beds. They live in a big old two story farm house. One of those where the wind blows, the curtains on the windows go in and out. So it is so cold! So now they can go to bed and be warm.

You have touched more people than you will ever know.

We took some of the lap throws to a nursing home to people who had no family and was going to get nothing for Christmas (not even a visit from a loved one.) This meant so much to them, just to know someone out there cared.

--- Annie Owens

The Bread Basket in Ritchie County

Dear Rose:

Thank you for inspiring us to host our first ever mission fund raiser project. We know this is a small amount in comparison to the need. But we have faith that God will use it for His glory. May God bless you!

--- Wolf Run Presbyterian Church

Appalachian Outreach, Inc Calendar 2010

January 30 - Gold Show at our Warehouse
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

April 16-17 - See our booth at the Marshall
County Home Show

May - Celebrity Server Night (time and place
to be announced)

June 6th - Country Bluegrass Jamboree and
Chicken Dinner Noon -7 p.m.

August - Community Day at Hoss's in Elm
Grove. Date to be announced.

November - Celebrity Server Night (Place and
date to be announced.

Other events may be added at the discretion
of the board. Watch our web page or
newsletter for more information.

www.appalachianoutreaching.org

All Year: We recycle ink jets, toners and cell
phones.

**You make it all
Possible!!!!**