

APPALACHIAN OUTREACH, INC.
Annual Report - 2013

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 is 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 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 also look for contacts locally that will support the mission of Appalachian Outreach, 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 and Diane Reineke
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13 Years of Service

Since AOI did the first collection in 2001, we have delivered 2550 tons, driven almost 384,000 miles, and helped 91,769 families consisting of 243,572 individuals. All of this was accomplished with the help of 4364 volunteers whose service is valued at **\$1,127,515.06!** You will never realize the difference you have made to those in need! They are so very grateful and appreciative, and so are we!

Expansion from the Web

AOI continues to receive donations of new and gently used items from individuals, schools, and businesses. One of the wonders of this year was the tremendous outreach of several web-based groups that knit and crochet. They represent 35 states and three foreign countries. These groups have provided hundreds of handmade baby items, lap robes, mittens, socks, shawls, and hats. These items were placed in the Baby Bonus Baskets and CHRISTmas Gifts. Those receiving the items are so thrilled that someone cares and so happy to receive a beautiful new item made with such love.

A Note to Share

AOI received a note from Ralph and Lois Tackett in Myra, KY. This is the longest delivery we make. They write:

We here at Manna from Heaven Outreach want to take a moment to recognize and appreciate the people of Appalachian Outreach for everything they have helped us with. They have brought so much for us to be able to help the people in our area. From furniture to bedding, baby baskets, cleaning supplies, home repair items, and so much more! They have helped us serve the needy people here in eastern KY at our major community give-outs, Garden Day, Back to School, and at Christmas. We hope to keep seeing them and the wonderful blessings they bring to us.

Thank you and may God bless!
Ralph and Lois Tackett

"The world is hugged by the faithful
arms of volunteers."

— Terri Guillemets

The Numbers

Counties served in 2013

Boone	20.4 tons	Pleasants	0.25 tons
Braxton	14.6 tons	Pike (KY)	36.4 tons
Calhoun	1.1 tons	Pocahontas	2.1 tons
Greenbrier	6.6 tons	Putnam	4.4 tons
Harrison	15.8 tons	Ritchie	0.25 tons
Lincoln	2 tons	Roane	6.5 tons
Logan	7.5 tons	Upshur	2.3 tons
Mingo	35.8 tons	Webster	11 tons
McDowell	0.5 tons	Wyoming	32.6 tons
Nicholas	0.25 tons	Total	211.8 tons

This year we were able to support the disaster relief work being done in Logan, Mingo, Putnam, Roane, and Wyoming counties. The CertainTeed Gypsum plant here in Marshall County donates all the drywall for the disaster repairs in WV. Since no county has a storage facility large enough for a semi load, AOI delivers 130 to 150 sheets at a time with our 24-foot truck. This is such a tremendous service to those areas impacted by disasters in 2010 through 2013! After the delivery, volunteer groups from throughout the country arrive to make repairs to homes. Families are so grateful when they can return to a safe, sanitary, secure, and weather-tight home!



Drywall delivery to Mingo County

Grants

AOI received several grants in 2013. These helped to make deliveries, meet operating expenses, and purchase our new 24-foot box truck.

Thank you!

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston	\$2,500
The Enterprise Foundation	\$2,000
First Presbyterian - Moundsville	\$1,500
Logan Co. Community Partnership	\$5,000
Plum Creek Foundation	\$2,500
The Schenk Foundation	\$10,000
United National Bank	\$4,500

2014 Grant Needs

A new warehouse and equipment



Rose and Diane receiving the grant from the Enterprise Foundation



AOI warehouse: Items ready to go
You make it all possible!

"We may not be equal in many ways, but we can be equal in the love we share with others in need."

Thoughts from the Executive Director

Poverty and disasters continue to plague all of West Virginia. In our short history of 12 years, we have made 668 trips, traveling thousands of miles delivering 2550 tons of much-needed building supplies, appliances, furniture, housewares, toys, baby care items, and CHRISTmas Gifts for elderly and disabled persons. You would think that by now we would have delivered something for everyone who has a need. But that is not the case at all. New needs arise daily!

We are so grateful for all those who believe in our mission and work. Your thoughts, kind words, prayers, financial support, and donations are so encouraging. I wish all of you could be a fly on the wall to see what joy and hope you give to so many who are barely surviving.

In our own county and surrounding areas, we have been able to assist many people who need to repair their homes or build additions. The items in the Storehouse make these projects affordable and also increase sales for local vendors, since we only have a small portion of what someone would need to do their project.

AOI is a designated place for the distribution of disaster supplies for Marshall County. I serve as the county donations manager. We have created a voucher system to be used in the county when disasters occur. We also assist WVVOAD by storing donated disaster supplies for distribution around the state. To say the least, this organization has grown beyond our wildest dreams! Yet I continue to dream of what we can do locally and statewide with the continued support of everyone. Whether it is as a volunteer (we have had 4362 for 56,200 hours in 12 years), a donor, or a

financial supporter, together we can truly make a difference for those who need us the most.

Rose Hart
Executive Director

P.S. AOI has gone over the one-million-dollar mark in volunteer labor value!

An Example

One of the areas that is really struggling with lack of resources and remoteness is the Morrisvale area that sits on the border of Boone and Lincoln counties. There is a small group of dedicated people there trying to form a nonprofit to take care of their neighbors in need. They have sent us a thank-you note that reads as follows:

To AOI,

We here at Morrisvale Helping Hand, Inc. would like to thank you for your dedication to helping others. Because of your help to us, we have been able to help hundreds of people in our community. We have been able to give free clothing, food, paper products, and water to the needy of our areas. We thank you, and the citizens of Boone and Lincoln counties thank you. Please keep up the good work that you do. God bless each and every one of you.

Sincerely,
Sharon Sammons
Morrisvale Helping Hand, Inc.
Outreach Director

Everyday Needs for Those Affected by Poverty and Disaster

Beds/bedding	Towels/soap
Dishes	Pots/pans
Couches/chairs	Dressers/chests
End tables	Table lamps
Kitchen utensils	Clean area rugs
Storage containers	Doors
Hand tools	Building supplies
Kitchen and bath cabinets/countertops	

Balance Sheet for Year Ending December 31, 2013

ASSETS	
Current assets	
Checking/savings	
1008 - WesMark	77,066.76
1011 - WesBanco checking	4,782.84
1012 - Disaster account	610.71
1013 - WesBanco savings	
1014 - Restricted funds	14,642.49
1018 - Truck fund	3,493.77
1029 - Regular savings	2,389.04
1013 - Other	203.30
Total 1013	20,728.60
1030 - AOI Storehouse checking	3,171.72
1040 - Petty cash	8.70
Total checking/savings	106,369.33
Other current assets	
2161 - Disaster trips	244.61
Total other current assets	244.61
Total current assets	106,613.94
Fixed assets	
1640 - Furniture, fixtures, and equip.	6,982.00
1650 - Vehicles	120,829.00
1745 - Accumulated depreciation - Furniture, fixtures, and equip.	-37,576.00
Total fixed assets	90,235.00
TOTAL ASSETS	196,848.94
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current liabilities	
Credit cards	
2052 - WesBanco credit card	5,811.11
Total credit cards	5,811.11
Total current liabilities	5,811.11
Long-term liabilities	
2711 - Truck notes payable	50,000.00
Total long-term liabilities	50,000.00
Total liabilities	55,811.11
Equity	
3001 - Opening balance equity	56,098.40
3010 - Unrestricted funds (retained earnings)	49,542.48
Net income	35,396.95
Total equity	141,037.83
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	196,848.94

Big Bertha Is Here

Our new delivery truck arrived on December 20th. She has 260 horsepower, air brakes, a Jake brake, a 24-foot box with a pallet-size lift gate, and a 95-gallon fuel tank.

Thanks go out to senators, delegates, county commissions, private donors, the Enterprise Foundation, Plum Creek Foundation, the Schenk Foundation, United National Bank, and others who have made this possible.



2014 Wish List

More volunteers ...

- To help with local pick-ups
- To sort and pack donations
- To make deliveries

The warehouse and Storehouse are now open Tuesday through Friday from 9am to 4pm, Saturday from 9am to 2pm, and by appointment.