

APPALACHIAN OUTREACH, INC.

Annual Report - 2014

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
President	Wayne Hardy
Treasurer	Barb Rush
Secretary	Eric Anderson
Members	Jodi Cunningham, Bonnie Grisell, and Terry Grimes

14 Years of Service

Since AOI did the first collection in 2001, we have delivered 2935 tons, driven almost 422,000 miles, and helped 130,173 families consisting of 274,009 individuals. All of this was accomplished with the help of 4794 volunteers! 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 last year was the tremendous outreach of several web-based groups that knit and crochet. They represent 35 states and four 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.

Something to Share

AOI receives calls and notes from our advisors in the areas we serve. They rave about the useful housewares, furniture, building materials, toys, Christmas gifts, and baby care items we deliver to them. For many, these are items that they have needed for a long time. All of them express their thanks and appreciation for those who cared enough to share. Collectively and individually, they send a **big hug** to all of you!



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

— Terri Guillemets

The Numbers

Counties served in 2014

Boone	16.6 tons	Mingo	42.9 tons
Braxton	16.7 tons	Nicholas	5.0 tons
Calhoun	0.1 tons	Pike (KY)	36.4 tons
Greenbrier	8.4 tons	Pleasants	0.1 tons
Harrison	8.4 tons	Ritchie	0.1 tons
Lincoln	4.3 tons	Webster	2.6 tons
Logan	7.8 tons	Wyoming	32.6 tons
	Total		172.4 tons

This year we were able to support the disaster relief work being done in Logan, Mingo, and Wyoming counties. The CertainTeed Gypsum plant 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 2014! 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 2014. These helped to make deliveries, meet operating expenses, and prepare the Baby Bonus Baskets and CHRISTmas Gifts.

Thank you!

Christian Foundations	\$66,500
First Presbyterian - Moundsville	\$1,500
Jackson Family	\$4,500
Williams Energy	\$2,500

2015 Grant Needs

A new warehouse and Storehouse, equipment to make work more efficient, and a 14-foot box truck to replace our year 2000 model.

Other needs: *Volunteers to sort and pack donations and drivers to help with pick-ups and deliveries (no CDL required)*



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

— Liturgy of the Hours

Thoughts from the Executive Director

Poverty and disasters continue to plague all of West Virginia. In our short history of 13 years, we have made 776 trips, traveling thousands of miles delivering 2935 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 needed 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 for a project.

AOI is a designated place for the distribution of disaster supplies for Marshall County. I serve as the county donations manager and am a member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee. We have created a voucher system with our Emergency Managers 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 had 432 for 8197 hours last year), a donor, or a financial supporter, together we can truly make a difference for those who need us the most.

Rose Hart
Executive Director

Something to Think About

Two young girls and their father were passing out lap robes in Ritchie County. Here's what a senior citizen in a nursing home had to say:

This year I did not expect to live until Christmas. I almost died. You have given me my Christmas spirit back.

The girls were very touched by this response. It will be something they will always remember.

Everyday Needs for Those Affected by Poverty and Disaster

Beds/bedding	Towels
Hand sanitizer	Laundry 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	Batteries
Flashlights	Fans
Bug spray	Disinfectant
Dehumidifiers	Rubber boots
Gloves	



Ready to go and delivered!

Balance Sheet for Year Ending December 31, 2014

ASSETS	
Current assets	
Checking/savings	
1006 – Be United in Christ	2,129.60
1008 – WesMark	105,088.42
1011 – WesBanco checking	12,884.47
1012 – Disaster account	1,145.72
1013 – WesBanco savings	
1014 – Restricted funds – Trucks	1,600.36
1018 – Truck fund	6,071.55
1029 – Regular savings	1,802.62
1013 – Other	212.14
Total 1013	9,686.67
1030 – AOI Storehouse checking	6,595.68
1040 – Petty cash	14.20
Total checking/savings	137,544.76
Other current assets	
2160 – Cash for/change from trips	653.76
2161 – Disaster trips	244.61
2162 – Cash for/change from events	1,499.49
Total other current assets	2,397.86
Total current assets	139,942.62
Fixed assets	
1640 – Furniture, fixtures, and equip.	6,982.00
1650 – Vehicles	120,829.00
1745 – Accumulated depreciation – Furniture, fixtures, and equip.	-58,444.00
Total fixed assets	69,367.00
TOTAL ASSETS	209,309.62
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Equity	
3001 – Opening balance equity	56,098.40
3010 – Unrestricted funds (retained earnings)	85,042.43
Net income	68,168.79
Total equity	209,309.62
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	209,309.62

Our Helpers from Afar

Many groups come to AOI through the Appalachian Institute at Wheeling Jesuit University. These groups of high school and college age are in the area for an Appalachian experience. Besides giving hours of service, they also visit many areas around the state to really get to know the challenges and beauty of this area.

We are so grateful to WJU for partnering with us for service. Our regular volunteers are always renewed by the energy these groups bring and their interest in the mission of AOI.



Students from Boston College



Students at St. John's University in New York
ready to mail CHRISTmas Gifts and lap robes
to AOI

Up and Coming

Since I am a little late getting the annual report done this year due to a broken wrist, I want to end by inviting you to our annual car show. It is being held on August 2nd at Grant Vue Park near Moundsville. In case of rain, the event will be rescheduled for August 9th. Registration begins at 10am. Classes will include cars, trucks, and motor bikes. Awards will be presented at 4pm based on people's choice. The West Liberty Lions are cooking the hot dogs and hamburgers. The Ash Avenue Church of God is doing the serving. This is a community project for both of them. All of the proceeds will be given to AOI to assist with outreach to those affected by poverty and disaster.

For more information or to check for weather delays, see [facebook.com/AppalachianOutreach](https://www.facebook.com/AppalachianOutreach).

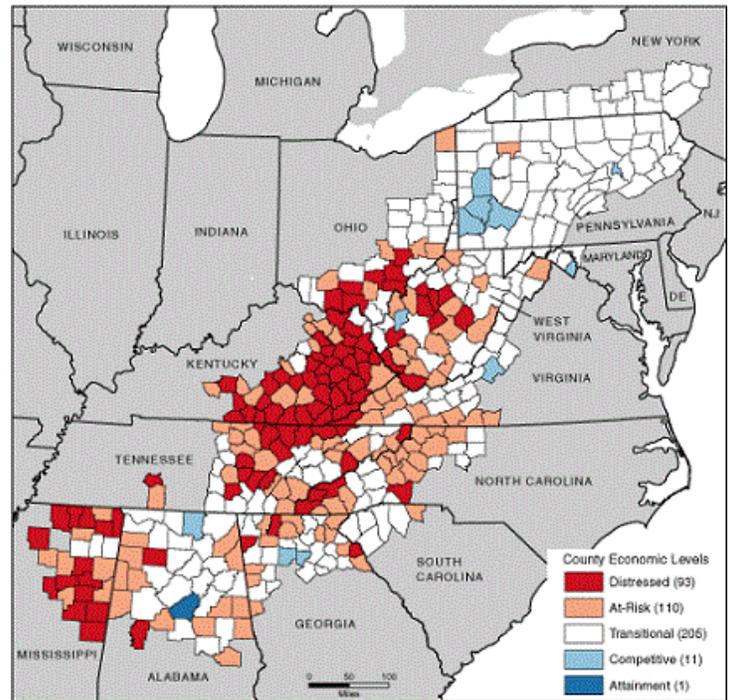


Mark your calendars for April 17th, 2016!

The AOI Music Fest has been moved from June to April and will now be a family fun day. Watch for details in future newsletters.

Together we can make a difference for those who need us the most!

FYI: From the Appalachian Regional Commission



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Data Sources:

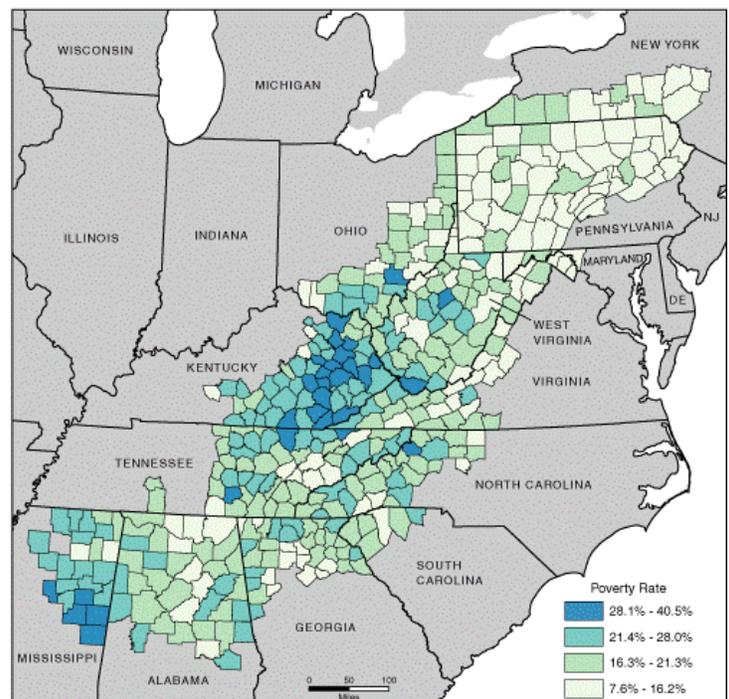
Unemployment data: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 2011-2013

Income data: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS, 2013

Poverty data: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009-2013

Effective October 1, 2015

through September 30, 2015



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Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009-2013

Data Classification Scheme: Natural Breaks

U.S. average = 15.4%

Appalachian average = 17.0%