

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 that 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

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Board Members - Jodi Cunningham, Jessica DePriest, Rhonda Gust, Melinda Thompson, and Jodi Zusack.

16 YEARS OF SERVICE

Since AOI did the first collection in 2001, we have delivered 3,097.2 tons, driven almost 422,000 miles and helped 137,855 families consisting of 319,361 individuals. All of this was accomplished with the help of 5,690 volunteers! You will never realize the difference you have made to those in need!

Growth 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 4 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 with the Christmas Gift bags. Those receiving the items are so thrilled that someone cares and so happy to receive a beautiful new item made with such love.

2016 - A Challenging Year

By far 2016 was the most challenging year for AOI since our beginning. The worst flooding in the state's history ravaged WV. The generosity of this local area was unbelievable! Friends, neighbors and businesses as well as donors from around the country donated over \$22,000 for disaster relief and tons of material goods for those affected. Special thanks goes to Gabes, Ace Hardware, Lowes, True Value and 84 Lumber.



Semi load
of polo
shirts /
socks from
Gabe's
+++++++
Paint,
drywall,
tools and
carpet
ready for
delivery to
flood area.

GRANTS / ENDOWMENTS

THE NUMBERS: County Tonnage in 2016

Boone: 23.6	Mason: 1.4
Braxton: 18.7	Mingo: 27.3
Brooke: .7	Nicholas: 26.2
Cabell: 1.9	Pleasants: .5
Calhoun: .03	Raleigh: 5.2
Clay: 17.2	Ritchie: .5
Greenbrier: 11.5	Webster: 13
Kanawha: 25.4	Wyoming: 15.5
Lincoln: .5	Pike Co, KY: 41.3
Logan: 9.6	TOTAL: 227.9

This past year we were able to support disaster relief work throughout WV. The Certaineed Gypsum plant in Marshall County donated several loads of drywall. Since no county has a storage facility large enough for a semi load, AOI delivers 130-150 sheets at a time with our 24-foot truck. This is such a tremendous service to those areas impacted by disasters! 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!

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Drywall delivery to Webster County 2016

AOI received several grants / Endowments in 2016. These helped to make deliveries, meet operating expenses, and prepare the Baby Bonus Baskets and the CHRISTmas Gift Bags.

Thank you:

Christian Foundations - \$73,975
Enterprise Holdings - \$3,000
First Presbyterian Church - Moundsville \$1,500
Jackson Family Grant - \$3,000
Wal Mart (Moundsville) - \$500.
Westminster of Hampton - \$600.

2016 Greatest Needs

A new warehouse / Storehouse or property to build on plus equipment to make work more efficient. AOI has a Capital Fund set up for this. Donations are always welcome.

Other needs- Volunteers to sort and pack donations. 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." Taken from the Liturgy of the Hours.

Thoughts from the Executive Director

Poverty and disasters continue to plague West Virginia. In our short history of 16 years, we have made 895 trips, traveling thousands of miles delivering 3,325.1 tons of much needed building supplies, appliances, furniture, house wares, 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. That is not the case at all! **New needs arise daily.** In the areas we serve, many people are one-step away from poverty. A sickness, a disaster, a loss of employment or underemployment can be the last straw. According to American Fact Finder 18% of West Virginians live in poverty. It is much worse in eastern Kentucky. Many of these people live in rural or remote areas. AOI is the only agency that is able to respond to these needs year round.



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 struggling to survive.

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 makes

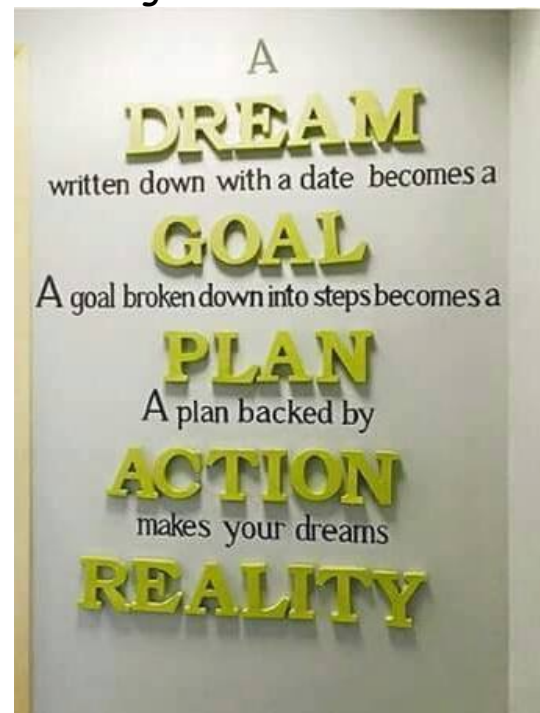
these projects affordable and also increase sales for local vendors since we only have a small portion of what someone would need for a project.

AOI started Hidden Treasurers last fall. It is a retail shop full of knick-knacks and various other items. The purpose is to better serve our local community and to raise revenue for payroll expenses.

AOI is a designated place for the distribution of disaster supplies for Marshall County. We also assist WVVOAD by storing donated disaster supplies for distribution around the State.

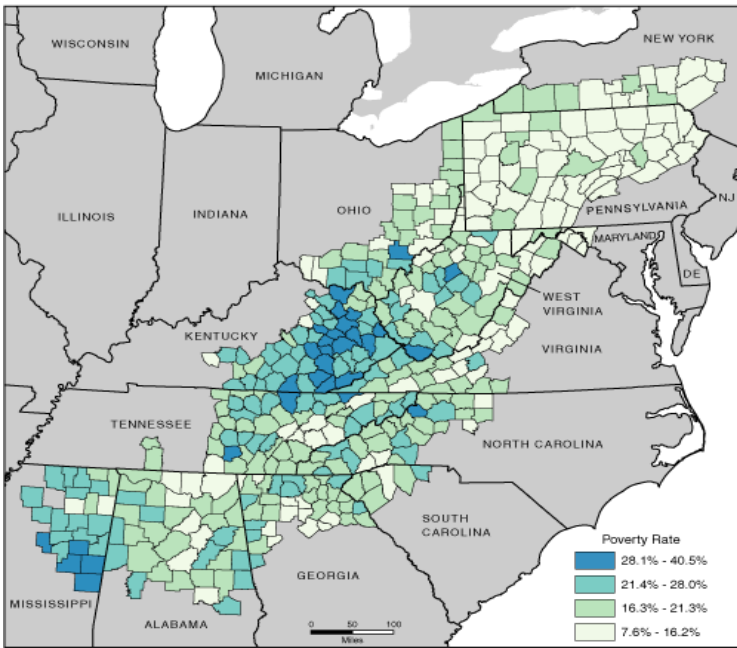
To say the least, this organization has grown beyond my wildest dreams! Yet, I continue to dream of what we can do locally and statewide with the continued support of everyone. Whether it is as a volunteer (we had 430 for 11,052 hours last year) a donor, financial supporter, or an employee, together we can truly make a difference for those who need us the most. ~ Rose Hart, Executive Director

Something to Think About

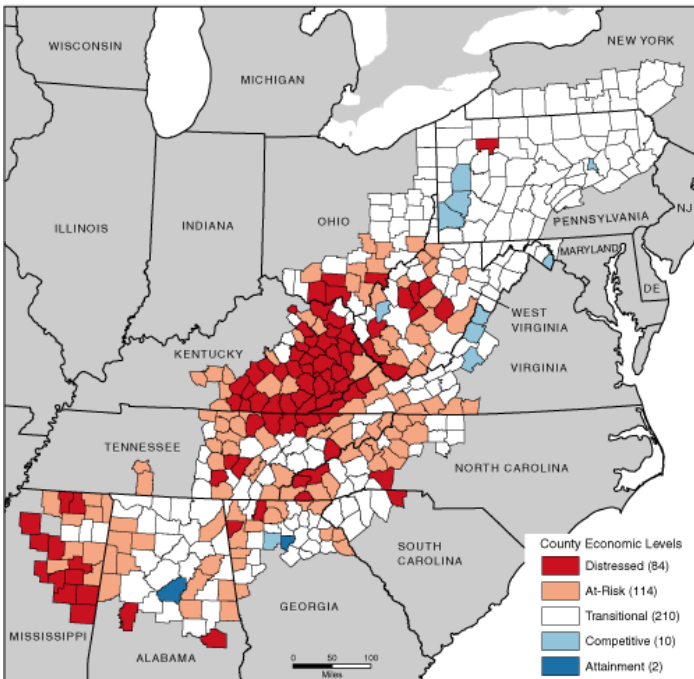


Help our dream for a new warehouse become reality! Please Donate to the Capital Fund.

Poverty Rate: Why you are all needed!



Created by the Appalachian Regional Commission, March 2015
Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009–2013
Data Classification Scheme: Natural Breaks



Created by the Appalachian Regional Commission, March 2016
Data Sources:
Unemployment data: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 2012–2014
Income data: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS, 2014
Poverty data: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2010–2014



Ready to go and delivered!

Our Helpers From Afar

Many groups come to AOI through the Appalachian Institute at Wheeling Jesuit University. These groups of high school, college age and adults are in the area for an Appalachian experience. Besides giving hours of service, they also visit many areas around the state to understand better the challenges and needs of the area. We are so grateful to WJU for collaborating with us for service. Our regular volunteers are always renewed by the energy these groups bring and their interest in the mission of AOI. Groups from Churches throughout the East also join us. Thank you all!



One of the many groups that came in 2016



Thank You
United Bank

Balance Sheet for Year ending Dec. 31, 2016

	<u>Dec 31, 16</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1005 · Be United In Christ	6,953.74
1008 · Wesmark (Restricted)	92,858.58
1011 · WesBanco Checking (3011)	9,894.55
1012 · Disaster Account (1035)	6,350.94
1014 · WesBanco Premier Checking(2253)	
1014.1 · Restricted Funds - Trucks	6,771.89
1014.2 · Restricted - Projects	915.00
1014.4 · Truck Fund	100.00
1014.5 · Added to reserves	1,000.00
1014 · WesBanco Premier Checking(2253) - Other	<u>38,154.80</u>
Total 1014 · WesBanco Premier Checking(2253)	46,941.69
1030 · AOI Storehouse Checking (3579)	-366.78
1040 · Petty cash	<u>11.48</u>
Total Checking/Savings	162,644.20
2160.1 · Cash for / Change from Events	1,805.00
2160.2 · Hidden Treasurers Change	20.00
2160 · Cash / Change - Other	<u>1,258.30</u>
Total 2160 · Cash / Change	3,083.30
2161 · Disaster trips	<u>244.61</u>
Total Other Current Assets	<u>3,327.91</u>
Total Current Assets	165,972.11
Fixed Assets	
1640 · Furniture, fixtures, & equip	6,982.00
1650 · Vehicles	135,846.58
1745 · Accum deprec- furn,fix,equip	<u>-93,055.00</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>49,773.58</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>215,745.69</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
2010 · Accounts payable	<u>260.09</u>
Total Accounts Payable	<u>260.09</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>260.09</u>
Total Liabilities	260.09
3001 · Opening Bal Equity	56,098.40
3010 · Unrestrict (retained earnings)	138,278.51
Net Income	<u>21,108.69</u>
Total Equity	<u>215,485.60</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>215,745.69</u>

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

Remarks from the Board President

We at Appalachian Outreach want to help meet the needs of those in Appalachia who cannot meet them on their own. Motivated by the Holy Spirit and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we strive to lessen the financial and personal burdens of the Appalachian people. We want to serve as an extension of other local charitable organizations that may be struggling or lacking when it comes to meeting the needs of the people. We search for partners that will support our mission and come alongside us as we build a network that respects, supports, and proclaims the love of God to all people through prayer, word, and deed. ~ Wayne Hardy, Board president.

Up and Coming

AOI invites you to our annual car show. It is being held on August 6th at the Ace Plaza in Moundsville. In case of rain, the event will be rescheduled for August 13th. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Classes will include cars, trucks, and motorcycles. Awards will be presented at 4 p.m. The Cheese Melt food truck will be there. All of the proceeds will be used by AOI to assist with outreach to those affected by poverty and disaster. For more information or to check for weather delays, see www.facebook.com/AppalachianOutreach, Inc. or call 304-845-2762 or 304-843-2622.

