



Christmas 2017

Greetings, friends!

I often wonder if we give any thought to what the word “**together**” means? I’m sure we think of family gatherings, church functions, community events, and other such activities. As the work of Appalachian Outreach continued this year, I became aware of another way of looking at **together**. Allow me to share this with you.

T is for **tremendous**. AOI has always focused on going to communities where others do not go or that are too small to meet local needs. This year, disaster struck in our own area. AOI began collecting and delivering disaster supplies the morning after the flood. We continue to collect and warehouse supplies that are needed as families work toward recovery. The **tremendous** generosity of everyone and the dedication of our staff and volunteers make this possible.

O is for **opportunity**. AOI is a partner in the long-term recovery process, not only for the local flood, but also with the recovery efforts pertaining to the 2016 severe flooding that affected so much of West Virginia. AOI has the **opportunity** to work collaboratively with many wonderful local, state, and federal organizations.

G is for **grateful**. AOI is **grateful** for the generous support from our donors over the 17 years of our existence. Material donations last year amounted to 227 tons delivered! All years combined accounted for 3,097 tons that assisted over 120,000 families. This immediate impact for people of poverty and disaster remains! The financial generosity of you, our donors, is the only way we can continue to assist these neighbors.

E is for **effort**. AOI recognizes the efforts of our staff and volunteers. However, the **effort** of our donors to support our work is the most important. You make all our efforts possible and worthwhile.



T is for **thankful**. AOI will always be **thankful** for all of our donors, supporters, volunteers, and employees. You will never know the difference you made in our lives and the lives of those we serve! God bless you all.

H is for **help**. The work of AOI both locally and statewide depends on your generosity. When we figure in the cost of insurance, truck maintenance, operating expenses, deliveries, and some administrative costs, the figures are staggering for us as a small nonprofit! We depend on your **help** to continue our mission and to grow as God leads us.

E is for **enormous**. Poverty continues to grow. Disasters are more frequent and **enormous**. AOI does not know what or who will be affected in the coming year. Nevertheless, we want to be prepared and ready to respond. Your support is invaluable for us to do this.

R is for **results**. **Results** from all of our efforts combined—your generous financial and material donations and the work of AOI—will have the greatest impact on those we serve. It is only **together** that we can make a difference for those who need us the most!

Peace and blessings to all,

Rose Hart

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Appalachian Outreach, Inc.

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