

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

Ex- Officio - Terry Grimes

Wayne Hardy - President of the Board

Judy Hunt - Treasurer of the board

Julia Duymich - Secretary of the board

Board Members - Jodi Cunningham, Rhonda

Gust, Melinda Thompson, and Jodi Zusack.

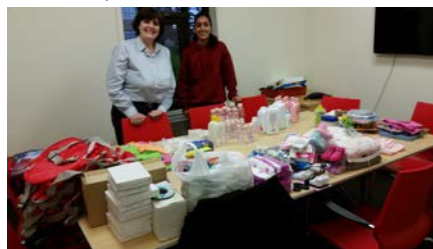
17 YEARS OF SERVICE

Since AOI did the first collection in 2001, we have delivered **3,487.4** tons, driven almost **450,000** miles. All of this was accomplished with the help of 6,100 volunteers working well over 90,500 hours! In 2017, we helped **34,576** families consisting of **87,952** individuals.

You will never realize the difference you have made to those in need! **Well done everyone!** *We still need more volunteers!*

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.



Helpers and materials ready to assemble at St. John's University, NY 704 Delivered in 2017



WJU Students working on the assembly line at our warehouse preparing Christmas gift bags.



Ready, set, go!!!

17,647 Christmas Gifts delivered in 2017

2017 - Our Turn

This past year we supported disaster relief work locally and throughout WV. Heavy flooding hit our own Marshal County in June and July 2017. The city of McMechen sustained heavy damage. So did other areas of Marshall, Ohio and Wetzel Counties.



This is one of several bridges that floods destroyed. Eight Families are still stranded.



AOI Delivery of clean up supplies to Community Lutheran Partners for local distribution.

Since our beginning, AOI has delivered disaster supplies to many areas of WV. In 2017 members of WVVOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), Greenbrier LTRG (Long Term Recovery Group), MCFRN (Marshall County Family Resource Network, and CLP (Community Lutheran Partners to name a few, brought supplies to our warehouse so we could prepare for potential river flooding locally and in the northern part of the state. Many local Churches, businesses and individuals also donated items or money. This collaboration makes preparation, response and recovery so much quicker and more effective!

To Share is to Care!

GRANTS / ENDOWMENTS

AOI received several grants / Endowments in 2017. These helped to make deliveries, meet operating expenses, and prepare the Baby Bonus Baskets and the CHRISTmas Gift Bags.

Thank you!

Christian Foundations - \$68,500

Enterprise Holdings - \$3,500

First Presbyterian Church - Moundsville \$1,500

Jackson Family Grant - \$3,000

McMillan - Steward Foundation - \$15,000

THE NUMBERS: County Tonnage in 2017

Boone: 27.8

Mingo: 27.1

Braxton: 20.1

Nicholas: 1.2

Brooke / Ohio: 1

Pleasants: .02

Cabell: 6.1

Ritchie: .3

Calhoun: .4

Webster: 1.3

Clay: 4.7

Wyoming: 9.4

Greenbrier: 4

Pike Co, KY: 39.4

Marshall: 1

Total Mileage / Tons: 34,473 miles; 164.9 tons

Coming In



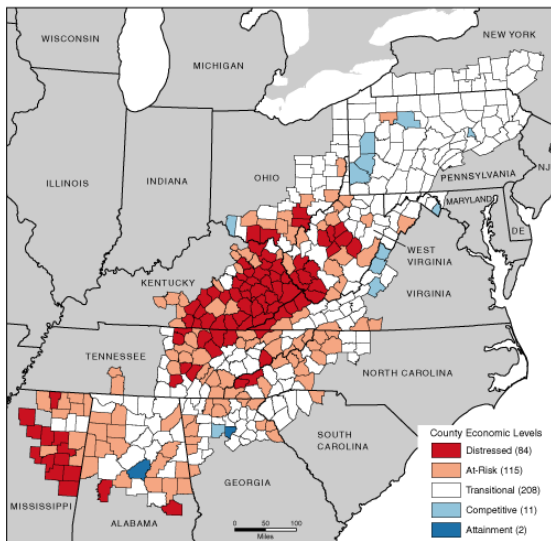
Going Out

Thoughts from the Executive Director

Poverty and disasters continue to plague West Virginia. In our short history of 17 years, we have made 940 trips, traveling thousands of miles delivering 3,487.4 tons of much needed building supplies, appliances, furniture, house wares, toys, baby care items and Christmas Gifts.

I was just researching material at American Fact Finder and found some interesting information.

Think about this: The US median income is \$55,322. The median income for WV is \$42,644 which ranks 47th in the US. We have four of the top 100 poorest counties when looking at median income. They are McDowell County 5th at \$24,460, Webster 70th at \$30,758, Mingo 75th at \$ 30,638 and Summers at \$ 31,458. What a difference! The Appalachian Region, which contains all of West Virginia, continues to struggle and suffer.



We have been able to assist thousands of people over these 17 years through the groups we deliver to. 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. Again, according to American Fact Finder

17.7% of West Virginians live in poverty. It is worse in eastern Kentucky (18.8%).

To say the least, this organization has grown beyond my wildest dreams! Yet, I continue to dream of what we can do statewide and locally with the continued support of everyone. Whether it is as a volunteer (we had 414 for 7,741 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

2017 Greatest Needs

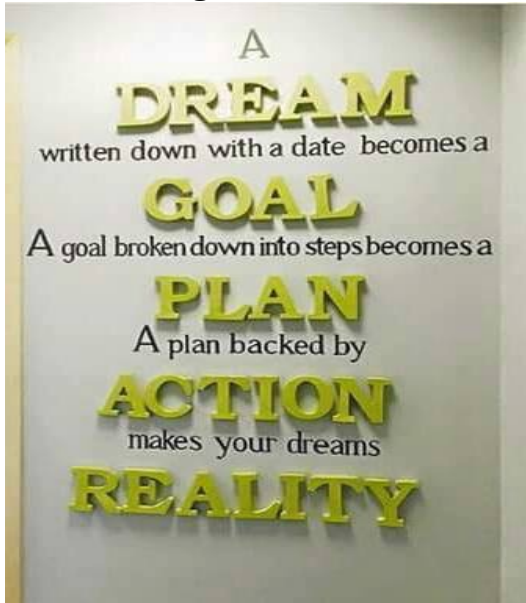
A new warehouse / Storehouse or property to build on. AOI has a Capital Fund set up for this. Donations are always welcome.

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 Catholic Liturgy of the Hours.

Something to Think About



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.

We invite you to continue or to begin being a partner with us at Appalachian Outreach.

WHAT A DOLLAR WILL BUY

\$10 Will fill a "Christmas Gift Box"

\$40 Will fill a "Baby Bonus Basket"

\$75 Will help with AOI Storehouse expenses

\$100 Will buy office and warehouse supplies.

\$200 Will aid the AOI disaster fund for unmet needs.

\$400 Will pay for one delivery trip (the longest one)

\$500 Will qualify for Neighborhood Investment Tax Credits if available

\$1000 Will boost the Capital Fund for getting / repairing a warehouse

\$7000 Will pay for 20 delivery trips

Anything: Will be greatly appreciated!

Our Helpers From Near and 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!

Two of the many groups that came in 2017



ASSETS Dec 31, 17

Current Assets

1005 · Be United In Christ	8,678.40
1008 · Wesmark (Restricted)	76,528.72
1011 · WesBanco Checking (3011)	11,227.91
1012 · Disaster Account (1035)	6,386.74
1014 · WesBanco Premier Checking(2253)	
1014.1 · Restricted Funds - Trucks	7,689.72
1014.2 · Restricted - Projects	24,693.60
1014.3 · Regular Funds (to save)	6,066.06
1014.4 · Truck Fund	17,592.15
1014.5 · Added to reserves	3,573.03
1014.6 · Restricted Grant Funds	15,630.02
1014.7 · Capital Campaign	23.75
1014 · WesBanco Premier Checking(2253) -	56.00
Total 1014 · WesBanco Premier Checking(2253)	75,324.33
1030 · AOI Storehouse Checking (3579)	530.96
1040 · Petty cash	11.48
Total Checking/Savings	178,688.54
Other Current Assets	
2160 · Cash / Change	
2160.1 · Cash for / Change from Events	1,805.00
2160.2 · Hidden Treasurers Change	100.00
2160 · Cash / Change - Other	1,258.30
Total 2160 · Cash / Change	3,163.30
2161 · Disaster trips	244.61
Total Other Current Assets	3,407.91
Total Current Assets	182,096.45
Fixed Assets	
1640 · Furniture, fixtures, & equip	6,982.00
1650 · Vehicles	135,846.58
1745 · Accum deprec- furn,fix,equip	-111,927.00
Total Fixed Assets	30,901.58
TOTAL ASSETS	212,998.03
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
2010 · Accounts payable	29.94
Total Accounts Payable	29.94
Credit Cards	25.35
2052.4 · Warehouse Card (#0568)	45.41
Total Credit Cards	70.76
Total Current Liabilities	100.70
Total Liabilities	100.70
Equity	
3001 · Opening Bal Equity	56,098.40
3010 · Unrestrict (retained earnings)	159,387.20
Net Income	-2,588.27
<i>Liabilities</i>	
<i>Current Liabilities Accounts Payable Dec 31, 17</i>	
Total Equity	<u>212,897.33</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>212,998.03</u>

Some Ideas

- ✓ Memorial Giving to AOI
 - Birthdays
 - Anniversaries
 - Weddings
 - Special occasions
 - In memory of
- ✓ On Line
 - Pay Pal Giving Fund
 - iGive
 - Amazon Smile
 - Benevity Fund
 - Your Cause
- ✓ Donate Materials
 - Markers
 - Duct tape
 - Scotch tape
 - Christmas wrap
 - Christmas cards
 - Large garbage bags
- ✓ Projects
 - Christmas Gifts for elderly
 - Baby care Baskets
 - Knitted / crocheted items
- ✓ Spread the Word
 - About AOI
 - Hidden Treasurers
 - The Storehouse
- ✓ Volunteer
 - To sort / pack donations
 - Do pick ups
 - Pray for AOI and those we serve.
 - Spend part of a day or a day at the warehouse
 - Individuals / Groups welcome!
- ✓ Follow us
 - [www.facebook/Appalachian Outreach](http://www.facebook/AppalachianOutreach)

