

APPALACHIAN OUTREACH, INC. Annual Report - 2019

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
Debbie Michaels - Treasurer of the Board
Melinda Thompson - Secretary of the Board
Other Board Members - Cheryl Coffield, Jodi Cunningham, Deb Duymich, Julia Duymich, Judy Hunt, and Jodi Zusack.

19 YEARS OF SERVICE

Since AOI did the first collection in 2001, we have delivered 3,747.4 tons, driven almost 484,000 miles and helped 563880 individuals. This was accomplished with the help of 7,130 volunteers working well over 102,220 hours! In 2019, we helped 22,618 families consisting of 40,225 individuals. You will *never realize the difference you have made* to those in need! Well done everyone!

Growth from the Web

AOI continues to receive donations of new and gently used items from individuals, Churches schools and businesses.

It is amazing to see all the beautiful items that are knitted, crocheted or sewn. Our staff and volunteers marvel at all the boxes of items we receive and deliver to poverty / disaster areas around the State.

More donors are also using the Pay Pal link on our web page to make donations. We thank all our donors and supporters for all you do.

Another blessing from the web page is the number of groups contacting us about coming to this area to do service work. Those that came have been a tremendous help.

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



Praying Pelican Mission Team finished yard work and painting.

Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

~Elizabeth Andrew

2019 --- 377 Volunteers
Worked 4,507.35 hours
THANK YOU! You made the difference.

2019 - Expansion

This past year saw the expansion of the Storehouse and Hidden Treasures. As we understood more about the needs of the local area, we added items such as jeans, tops, shoes, and jackets of all sizes to our inventory. Even though this was a very small addition, a lot of people made use of the opportunity to buy something for themselves or others at a very low price. This was huge to AOI also by helping us to work toward sustainability.

Other items added were purses, some dishes, housewares, toys, and jewelry. If there was a need for any of these items downstate, our staff would pack up the items for delivery. This change helped us to serve a greater group of people both locally and several counties around the State where poverty and disaster have taken their toll. AOI also expanded the Storehouse by adding flooring, light fixtures, showers and tubs. Besides helping to make projects affordable for people, this also helped local merchants have a sale since we do not have fasteners or other small items that may be needed.

THE NUMBERS: County Tonnage in 2019

Boone: 15.5	Marshall: 2
Braxton: 22.3	Mingo: 17.4
Calhoun: 11.2	Ohio: 1
Kanawha: 1	Preston: 3.8
Lincoln: .5	Ritchie: .1
Logan: .5	Wyoming: 6.6

Pike Co, KY:23

2019 Yearly Mileage: 22,007

2002-2019 Total Mileage: 535,378 This includes deliveries made around the State, in Kentucky and locally!

HAVE TRUCK - WILL TRAVEL!

Grants / Endowments

AOI received several grants / Endowments in 2019. These helped to make deliveries, meet operating expenses, and prepare the Baby Bonus Baskets.

THANK YOU to the:

Christian Foundation - \$45,000

CSX \$1,000.00

Enterprise Holdings - \$2,500

First Presbyterian Church - Moundsville
\$1,500

Jackson Family Grant - \$3,000

McMillan- Steward Foundation - \$15,000

Schenk Foundation - \$ 3,000.00

William and Helen Thomas Foundation \$5,000

Williams Energy \$ 2,500.00



Williams Energy Employees also made a difference on the Sandy O'Hara Day of Caring Sorting above. Unloading donations below.



Thoughts from the Executive Director

So many things happened in 2019 to bring joy and thanksgiving to all of us at AOI.

When we expanded the Storehouse and Hidden Treasurers, so many more people stopped in to shop and support us. As they told their stories, we continued to evolve as we looked for more items that would meet their needs.

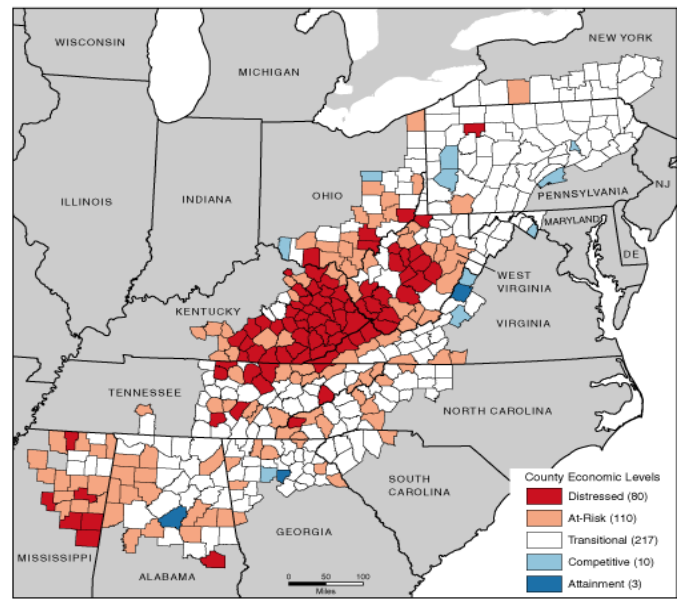
The "Warm Up Zone" was very well received. Many people came in to get warm coats. They were thrilled to pay a dollar and have their dignity respected rather than get a handout even though we were quite willing to give them what they needed.

We had a stable workforce of five last year. Most of our staff are second - chance persons. It is so wonderful to witness the love and care they have for each other and how they interact with the customers with such joy.

We also continued to grow our network locally and around the State. By working together, we can help more people with out duplication of services.

One of the very few downsides last year was to see that poverty around the State and even locally is increasing. In 2019 the number of counties in WV that are suffering from economic distress has increased from 13 in 2018 to 16 in 2019. There are even 14 counties at risk. That means they could possibly become economically distressed at any time. Added up 27 counties are struggling. None of our 55 have reached attainment where the economy of the county is stable and growing. Poverty and disaster are always present and will continue to challenge all of us. The question becomes how do we care for each other by sharing with each other.

"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.



Created by the Appalachian Regional Commission, June 2019
Data Sources:
Unemployment data: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, LAUS, 2015-2017
Income data: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, REIS, 2017
Poverty data: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2013-2017
Effective October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020

2019 Greatest Needs

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

Other needs-

- Volunteers to sort and pack donations.
- Volunteers to help with mailings
- Drivers to help with pick-ups and deliveries. *No CDL required.*
- Financial support
- Prayers

WHAT A DOLLAR WILL BUY

\$10 Will help with maintenance cost

\$40 Will support the General Fund

\$75 Will help with fuel costs

\$100 Will help with Storehouse Expenses

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

\$400 Will pay for most of one delivery trip

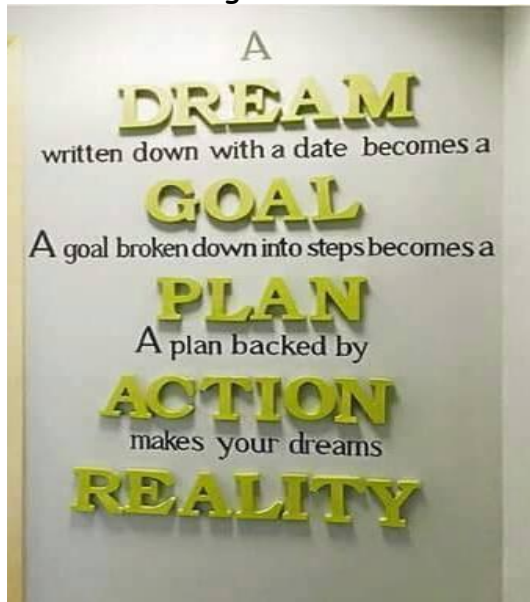
\$500 Will qualify for WV Neighborhood Investment Tax Credits if available

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

\$8,000 will pay for 20 deliveries

Other will be greatly appreciated!

Something to Think About



We invite you to dream with us, to plan with us, and to act with us to make the mission of AOI efficient and effective for years to come!

This might be easier than one thinks. Here are some ideas:

- ✓ Give up four soft drinks per month
- ✓ Cut out one meal eating out
- ✓ Cut 1 Starbucks per week
- ✓ Pack lunch at home
- ✓ Cut unnecessary shopping
- ✓ Donate funds instead of buying gifts for
 - Anniversaries
 - Birthdays
 - Christmas
 - Easter
 - Showers / Weddings
- ✓ Or: Make donations in memory of...
 - At the time of death
 - Leave us in your will
- ✓ Choose us as your charity of choice
 - By shopping at iGive.com
 - By shopping at Smile@Amazon.com
 - Benevity
 - Employer giving fund



Delivery to Acts II in Braxton County



Local disaster assistance



Hidden Treasurers display