



Good Works, Inc. *A Community of Hope*

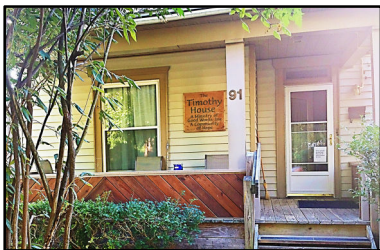
Celebrating 34 Years!

Keith Wasserman, Founder / Executive Director

"I made the WIDOW'S heart sing, I took up the case of the STRANGER, I was a father to the FATHERLESS." (Job 29:12-13)

Dear friends,

By God's grace, we are continuing to connect people from all walks of life with people in poverty so that his kingdom can be experienced! As you read this letter, seeing familiar faces and catching a glimpse of the life of our community, my hope is that you will be reminded of your own connection to our ministry with people in need in rural Appalachia. *Thank you* for your loving support!



The Timothy House

For 34 years, we have operated the only home for people without homes in 8 Southeastern Ohio counties. We provide food, shelter and compassionate care to between 150 to 225 men, women and children each year. Since 1984, we have provided more than 100,000 nights of shelter.



Good Works WALK

For 13 years, Good Works has sponsored an inspirational learning experience to help adults and children of all ages better understand poverty and homelessness in Appalachian Ohio, and raise support for the Timothy House. To learn more about our upcoming WALK, please visit: www.goodworkswalk.net



A Community of HOPE!

Each year, we welcome about 1,100 different volunteers to serve with us, not just to complete a task *for* someone in need, but work alongside them and build a mutually dignifying relationship. There is no age limit—these two young ones came to serve with their parents!

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Friday Night Life

We are in our 22nd year of holding this weekly community meal where people from all walks of life sit down and eat together. Dinner is followed by many community-building activities for adults and children, such as our initiative called Celebrate YOU! Pictured here, a participant receives a birthday gift and some special attention on his special day.



Investing in Kids and Teens

Our team of staff, interns and volunteers are actively involved in the lives of about 25 to 40 kids and teens through Friday Night Life. Then for 7 weeks each summer, we hold our everyday Kids' Discovery Club– a blast of fun and education!



Summer Lunch and More!

Each year, Good Works provides an estimated 21,000 meals to people who are struggling with poverty and homelessness, through the generosity of many supporters. One avenue for this is our Summer Lunch, which we hold every weekday for 7 weeks during the summer.

Good Works Gardens

Thanks to a dedicated team from a supporting congregation, we have a newly rebuilt greenhouse (pictured). This will help us grow plants throughout the year to populate our 19 gardens in Athens County, which will produce healthy food for our neighbors.



Internships

Last year, Good Works provided internship experiences for about 20 different individuals: summer opportunities for local teens and college-age adults, tailored learning experiences for Ohio University students, and our yearlong Appalachian Immersion Internship. Pictured here are participants in our Summer Service Internship– young adults who live in Christian community at the Good Works Hannah House and spend a season growing in service and leadership.



Service Living

Through this campus initiative, we are in our 6th year of providing Ohio University students an opportunity to build relationships with the people of rural Appalachia, while exploring its beauty, culture, values, and needs through service. Here, two students volunteer to help a local organization provide affordable housing.



Transformation Station

Here, you can see us gathered for what we call a "Car celebration"– when a participant completes their time of volunteer service, we surround them with prayer and words of affirmation before they drive away in a vehicle they receive as a gift! Since the program began, we have given away 131 vehicles in addition to appliances, bicycles and non-emergency food.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Pictured here, members of a Work Retreat group build a home-access ramp for a couple near Millfield, Ohio. Each year about 40 volunteer teams come to us from all over Ohio and surrounding states, and we send them to serve and build relationships with our neighbors in Athens County. In this way, we are able to help widows or people with disabilities with practical needs such as property maintenance and vital home repairs.

In closing, we want to again express our gratitude to each one of you as you support the ministry God has trusted us with. Thank you for enabling our community to extend ourselves into the lives of those who are so vulnerable. Thanks for empowering us to persevere with "a long obedience in the same direction". Thanks for believing in us.

Love is a verb,

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Keith Wasserman



Timothy, Darlene and Keith Wasserman (pictured). The Wassermans have dedicated themselves to developing the ministry of Good Works for 34 years.

PS: To learn more about our initiatives, or to make a donation online, please visit our website at www.good-works.net