

Good Works, Inc. – A Community of Hope

Celebrating 32 Years!



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*"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,

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Hello from all of us in the Good Works community! I write with gratitude for your many gifts, prayers, encouragements, and visits. You are enabling us to bring much-needed help and companionship to our friends who are struggling economically, and who are without homes. Thank you for your faithfulness!



Top row from left to right: Ken Weinkauf, Seth Lundeen, Emily Axe, Chris Linscott, Paul Richard, Jim Todd, Keith Wasserman, Alex Young, Steve Rogers, Steven Barth, Matt Carlyle, Terri Woodson. Second row: Sherilyn Weinkauf, Andrea Horsch, Larry Nichols, Darlene Wasserman, Sharon Hudson, Marlene Scheck. Bottom row: Doug Schmaltz, Timothy Wasserman, Dawn Tobin, Frances Garrett, Anne Wilson, Meg Bruno, Kara Stricker. Not pictured: Megan Rogers, Zack Mullikin, Tad Cuckler. To read our bios, go to the Good Works website and click on "Who We Are".

With each of us doing our part to love our neighbors, what beautiful things happen! Families with nowhere to go, find a safe place to start again. In a million little ways, a child comes to understand that she is precious. Grandma's stories, once unheard, settle in to kind, listening ears.

Like you, each of the people pictured above play a vital role in carrying out these acts of love, and today I would like to share some of their stories. Unfortunately, space limits us to just a few!

SHERILYN WEINKAUF has served on the staff for almost 17 years and, in her words, "still loves her job!" Originally from Niceville, Florida, she first came to know the Good Works community when she and her two children were residents of the Timothy House. Now, many years later, Sherilyn's children are adults and she owns her own home, which she helped to build. These days, Sherilyn fills the Administrative Office with her joyful spirit while serving as the Office Manager. One important role she fulfills is scheduling the many groups who sponsor our meal during Friday Night Life.

We are so thankful to have **STEVEN BARTH** sharing his gifts of hospitality and discerning care for the residents of the Timothy House in this season! Beginning as a volunteer, Steven soon took on responsibilities of a part-time staff member, supervising the house overnight. After completing a Masters degree in Sociology at Ohio University in 2012, he began serving as a full-time Care-giver. His personal experience with the love of Jesus has propelled him to express this same love and friendship with people who are vulnerable. Steven is newly married and enjoys reading many kinds of books.

EMILY AXE loves the teen girls in our community! And she does so with consistency, generosity, and laughter...along with numerous trips to Sonic. This is Emily's fifth year on staff, a relationship that began in 2006 when she visited Good Works with Wright State University's branch of Chi Alpha, a Christian ministry on campus. Emily currently oversees our Friday Night Life Kids' Club and Summer Kids' Discovery Club. Along with her steady investment in the lives of children and teens, Emily maintains the Good Works Facebook page and has a significant leadership role in our annual Good Works Walk.

TERRI WOODSON has been part of the Good Works staff for 14 years, and she currently graces the Hannah House with her presence and leadership. In particular, Terri administrates a large portion of the Transformation Station, guiding an individual from their first inquiry to their subsequent volunteer commitment. On any given day, Terri is scheduling, welcoming and orienting these many volunteers with love. Originally from the Northeast part of the state, Terri's journey with the community began as a resident of the Timothy House in 1996. She currently lives in Nelsonville, Ohio with her husband, Bill and son, Benjamin.

In 2004, **SETH LUNDEEN** left his home and coaching job in South Dakota to follow God's call to full-time ministry. While completing a degree at Asbury Theological Seminary, Seth participated Good Works' Summer Internship, and soon after found a place to serve full-time as a Care-giver at the Timothy House. Seth, now married and in his third year with the community, continues to love God and people by heading up our Neighbors Helping Neighbors initiative. Teacher, craftsman, and friend: we are grateful for Seth!

A Cincinnati native, **DOUG SCHMALTZ** followed God's path to Appalachia almost two years ago. While spending time with a ministry called The Navigators, Doug found sustaining Christian community and was propelled to make God's concern for justice and the poor a priority in his life. After a season of living and serving in a struggling neighborhood in Cincinnati, Doug and his wife Emily trusted God for employment and made the move to Athens. Doug is doing a phenomenal job leading both our Service Living initiative and agricultural opportunities here at Good Works.

We are simply ordinary people... who together, God is using to bring love to our neighbors in need: people who are widowed, strangers without community, and children who are vulnerable. As you receive this letter, we are welcoming six Summer Interns and embarking on a summer full of connecting people from all walks of life with people in poverty so that the kingdom of God can be experienced. Thank you for believing in us, and for offering YOUR love and participation!

Love is a verb,



Keith Wasserman