



Good Works, Inc. — A Community of Hope since 1981

Celebrating 32 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)

Greetings from Good Works!

Because of your encouragement and generosity, YOU are an extension of this living, joyful community found in the hills of Athens County. Together, we are bringing care and hope to our neighbors who are suffering: widows, children in poverty, and people without homes. Every day, I get to see the good things God is doing among us, and want to share a glimpse of them with you!



The Timothy House

In 2012, we provided a home and loving community to 207 men, women and children experiencing homelessness, and were forced to turn away 248 people due to lack of space.



Good Works WALK

Our mission is to creatively inspire and inform participants of all ages about the problems people without homes face, and raise one third of the annual support for the Timothy House.



Nutrition and Health Education

Each year, Good Works provides an estimated 21,000 meals to people in need, and we are working to give our friends greater access to nutritious food and hands-on health education. Here, a participant in one of our initiatives called "Health for Life" shops at the Athens Farmer's Market.



Friday Night Life

We are celebrating our 20th year of this community experience— offering food, friendship, and opportunities for personal and spiritual growth across the lines of class.



Friday Night Life Kids' Club

Our staff and team of college-age volunteers are actively engaged in loving and mentoring local kids and teens every Friday night.



Transformation Station

This Transformation Station volunteer received the 100th car Good Works has been able to provide since the beginning of the program! We are always seeking donations of good, working vehicles to provide to families in need, which they receive in exchange for their time serving others.



Internships

Participants in last summer's "Kingdom Internship" for local teens are pictured here! In addition, we offer summer and yearlong internships for young adults who desire to grow in their love for God and their neighbor.



Agricultural Initiatives

Connecting people from all walks of life with people in poverty through growing fresh, nutritious food together! Last year, we maintained 17 gardens at the homes of our neighbors in the county.



Service Living

Connecting Ohio University students with the people, history, beauty, values and needs of rural Appalachia. Each semester, we lead 7 or 8 different "Transformation Groups" as contexts for students to serve others.



The Hannah House

Our house of hospitality in which staff, interns, and participants in our transitional living opportunity share life and faith together, welcoming short-term guests and volunteers.



The Hope Center

Thanks to many volunteers who helped complete this facility, much community-building and education happens in this space, benefiting our staff, volunteers, visiting groups and Friday Night Life participants.



Summer Service

Each summer we expand our capacity through the leadership of 6 to 8 interns and hundreds of volunteers, enabling us to serve widows at their homes and offer an everyday community lunch, club for kids, and agricultural internship for local teens.



Work Retreats

Offering life-transforming opportunities for groups to serve and build relationships of dignity with people in need. We host over 40 groups each year.



Senior Friends

"Making the widow's heart sing" by facilitating friendships between seniors and individual volunteers!



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Building long-term relationships with our neighbors who are older, widowed or experiencing disability by doing practical service at their homes.



Volunteer Opportunities

Half of our mission is to care for people who are struggling and the other half is to create ways for people from all walks of life to do so with us. We invite you to explore one of our 40 different volunteer opportunities!



A Special Celebration

In May of 2012, Asbury Theological Seminary awarded Keith an honorary doctorate for his faithful leadership and ministry with Good Works. Pictured here are Keith, Darlene and their son, Timothy.

Behind each of these snapshots are real people, relationships, experiences, and most of all, tangible expressions of love for our neighbors in poverty. For us, it is the well of God's love that we share from. Thank you for yours!

Love is a verb,

Keith Wasserman