



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,

Thanksgiving 2012

Greetings with gratitude and joy! I am privileged to write to you on behalf of the Good Works community as we look towards the end of our 32nd year together — years filled with loving our neighbors in need and experiencing the grace of God. For your invaluable contributions, we *give thanks*.

And now, I invite you to listen in to just a small part what the Good Works staff is grateful for this year:

"I am thankful that Janet (a resident of the Timothy House) found a full-time job. She is caring for people with mental and physical limitations and says she finally feels like herself again. The joy her work gives her is inspiring." — Andrea Horsch

"Here is what I am thankful for in the Transformation Station: I am thankful that we are never without a safe, reliable car to give away to those who are working for one. I am thankful for every person who comes to volunteer with us and helps us to keep Good Works running as good as it does each and every day." — Jim Todd

We are all grateful for the many people who gave of their time, resources, and expertise to complete the Hope Center.

"I am thankful for the opportunities I have had through the ministry of Good Works to tell teenage girls that they are valued and loved. These relationships have made me a better person and I have discovered a passion in my heart for this specific population." — Emily Axe

"I am thankful to see many men and women overcome substance addictions in the past year at the Timothy House. I have been thankful to continue these relationships as the residents move out, and see them receive work and become productive members in different communities." — Steven Barth

"I am thankful for how much Jerry participated in Friday Night Life's Seven Signs of John group this summer. To hear him read scripture and contribute to the conversation gave me much JOY since Jerry is seen by many as being a little socially awkward." — Keith Wasserman

"I am thankful for the firewood we have to keep us warm this winter— donated by local tree companies and split by many volunteers." — Paul Richard

"I am thankful that we have two loyal Training for Life Computer Class volunteers. Their names are Andrew and David. They have been offering the class to our residents for a long time. — Matt Carlyle

Emily is grateful for the opportunity to watch children laugh and play during Friday Night Life Kids' Club. Her favorite memory is meeting children who are staying in the Timothy House and creating an environment on Fridays where they simply get to laugh and play with no additional worries.

"I'm really thankful for opportunities to cook with people together at the Timothy House. This is such a basic and beautiful way to share our lives and to learn from each other who we are and who we hope to be." – Anne Wilson

"I am thankful for a strong group of student leaders who have desired and accepted more responsibility in Service Living. Their faithful attendance and leadership has helped encourage other Ohio University students to be excited and committed to serving their neighbors in Athens County." – Kara Stricker

Paul is grateful that Michael was able to get a job after completing a season of Supportive Employment with us.

We are thankful for Basil's willingness to provide Christmas dinners to around 40 families we know through Neighbors Helping Neighbors. We are so grateful that we are able to invite volunteers to join us as we deliver this special meal people's homes and share a visit with each person.

Keith is thankful for Andrea Horsch's leadership at the Timothy House and how she lives in the tension of compassion, grace, firmness and tough love with the residents who stay there (which is more than 170 people so far this year).

Give thanks to the LORD for he is good; his love endures forever. Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD or fully declare his praise? Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right. (Psalm 106:1-3)

We are grateful for Jaime's relationship with Ellyn (a Senior Friend) and how this was so life giving for both them.

*"I am thankful for the hospitality Steve and Megan Rogers provide to people in the Hannah House."
– Paul Richard*

"This year, I am particularly thankful for all of the creative, community-building experiences we've been able to offer our friends at Friday Night Life: gardening, music, birthday celebrations, a clothes swap, bible studies, and more!" – Dawn Tobin

"We are so very thankful that so many people care about our neighbors in need. The work that we do at Good Works, namely, caring for our neighbors, we do in partnership with thousands of people every year. This is essential, because we cannot do it alone." – Chris Linscott

In closing... I want to express my heart-felt gratitude to each of you who give financially to sustain Good Works. Your support and partnership with us gives us hope as we carry on in this great work of loving people. Thank you. Words truly come short of the deep gratitude we all have in our hearts for you.

Love is a verb,



Keith Wasserman

PS: If you have not given financial support to Good Works (or have not supported us financially this year), would you consider giving generously to Good Works this month? We NEED you.