

# *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)

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*Since 1981*

Dear friends,

*Greetings from Good Works, a Community of HOPE!*

I am so grateful to each of you who are standing with us, as together we reach out in love to people who are facing very difficult situations of poverty here in Appalachian Ohio.



As someone connected to our community, you are probably aware that Good Works has grown substantially since I began taking people into my home in 1981. Good Works now has about 20 different initiatives! Almost 33 years later, we are still providing a safe, clean, stable, temporary home to men, women, and families with children who are without any place to live.

Today, I am inviting you to join together with hundreds of others to raise funds for the daily operations of the Timothy House.

*What does a heroic community look like? I believe it is one who sees the plight of people who are suffering, and discerns what it is that we can do to show real justice and compassion.*

What can you do?

Would you come and participate in our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Good Works WALK? Held in Athens on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 from 8:30 am to 1 pm, we will be offering five different educational experiences, each focused on the struggle of people who experience homelessness and poverty here in Southeast Ohio.

We are asking each WALK participant to find 10 people who will sponsor them at \$10 each. Our goal is to have 500 Walkers who will, together, raise \$50,000. This is approximately one-third of the annual operating budget of the Timothy House. We are relying on God for every provision needed for this ministry.

If you are not able to participate in the WALK, would you help us reach our financial goal? A gift of any amount is appreciated. Please earmark your gifts with "WALK 2013." For more information about the WALK, including a new video and descriptions of this year's themes, please visit [www.walkforthehomeless.net](http://www.walkforthehomeless.net).

The Good Works Timothy House is still the only shelter in 9 rural counties, in which homelessness is on the rise. So far this year, we have served 193 people, and turned away 248 due to lack of space. Of those we were not able to serve, 84 were children.

At the Timothy House, we are doing our very best to form a community in which people without homes can be included, and can experience both mercy and “tough love.” Each person is treated like just that—a person. We connect every resident with a staff member who meets with them one-on-one and serves as their Care-giver for the season they are with us. Through this relationship we provide encouragement, resources, and accountability for our residents to make healthy decisions. In addition, we invite carefully screened and trained volunteers to invest relationally in the members of the house.

Each week, we offer a computer class called Training for Life, where people can learn basic computer skills, apply for college, and seek employment. In addition, we’ve been able to provide a special GED class this year. We continue to find more ways to provide fresh, nutritious food to our residents, along with practical health education. Dinner is often a joyful, community occasion, with each person sharing something they are thankful for around the table. Again and again residents tell us, “*This place really feels like home,*” when reflecting on their stay.

“Most importantly, we are creating opportunities for the people we meet through the Timothy House not just to receive our help, but to do for themselves, and for each other,” says Andrea Horsch, the Director of Care-giving at the Timothy House. Giving residents responsibility in cooking and keeping the house clean communicates trust, and many residents take a great deal of pride in this. “Those times when people get to re-discover giving in the midst of their circumstances and their unmet needs... they are just precious. These experiences help one feel like a person again.”

All of this and more is what you can help us create through your gifts. I hope you will consider this invitation and do what you can.

Love is still a verb,



Keith Wasserman

PS: Please mark your calendars for the Good Works WALK on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013! If you cannot visit us in Athens on this day, will you participate by sharing a gift? We are so grateful for you!

*Please tear off this section and return it to us via the reply envelope.*



***YES! I want to join with Good Works and do what I can to help people without homes.***

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address** \_\_\_\_\_

- I want to support the Good Works WALK 2013! Enclosed is my gift of \_\_\_\_\_.
- I would like to promote the Good Works WALK at my church or community organization. Please contact me.
- I would like to do a fundraiser for the Timothy House. Please contact me to offer information and ideas.
- Send me information on how I can help with some of the daily, material needs of the Timothy House.

*If you would like us to contact you, please provide one or both of the following:*

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_