



Good Works, Inc. — A Community of Hope

Celebrating 38 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)*

Summer 2019

Dear Friends,

Greetings with JOY and gratitude!

I write to give thanks! So many good things are going on in and through Good Works this year. We continue to be very grateful for opportunities to tell the stories of God's love and faithfulness, and the transformation we are seeing in the lives of those we are serving. If you are part of a group that would enjoy hearing about our vision and mission, we would welcome an opportunity to talk with you and arrange to share about the impact Good Works is having.

Summer is a difficult time financially for Good Works. Our giving often drops and our expenses go up, because we accelerate our summer initiatives for children and adults who experience food insecurity, and for our neighbors (most of whom are elderly) who we provide with hands-on service as we care for them at their homes. We are truly a faith-based organization. We are stepping out in so many ways to love and serve our neighbors here in rural Appalachia, and we rely upon those who believe in our mission and our integrity to give generously. So, I am also writing today to ask you for your support.

Thank you for considering what you are able to do this summer.

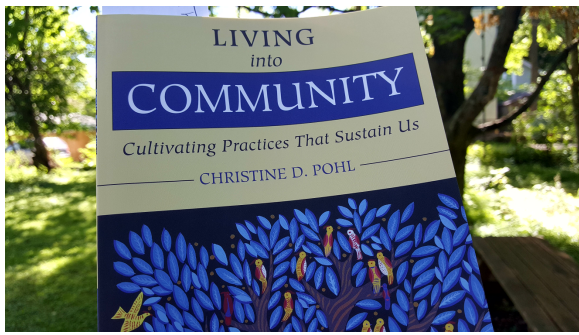
We *are* connecting people from all walks of life with people who are struggling with poverty and the kingdom of God *is* being experienced. I am aware, and I hope you are aware, of the many good things that are happening in and through this ministry God has trusted us with. We are sincerely trying to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

As some of you know, several years ago we made the difficult decision to stop receiving funding from the State because they were asking us to do things that violated our conscience and our ethics. This gap in funding (about \$64,000 a year) has been quite a challenge for us. We feel so grateful for each of you who have stepped up to support us as we "spend ourselves" (Isaiah 58:10 NIV) into the lives of those we are serving at The Timothy House. Our goal is not to fix people but to love people. Thank you for hearing my heart.

Love is a verb,

Keith Wasserman

P.S. This month, I am turning the corner of half way through year number 39. By God's grace, I feel healthy, clear minded, and certain about what we are called to do. We have many, many good and trustworthy people on the staff and also volunteering with us. Gratitude will continue to mark our vision of hospitality and the privilege we have of caring for adults and children who are experiencing vulnerability, exclusion, poverty, and homelessness.



Our interns and staff are reading this book during our summer educational times. This was a book Keith worked on with Dr. Pohl for several years.



Good Works Summer Lunch 2019. Darlene Wasserman and her team prepare a hot and nutritious lunch M-TH at The Plains UMC.



Friday Night Life gathers on the Good Works property From March to October every week from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We recently developed a new location for the Game "Nine Square" which is another way for inter-generational community building.



On Friday afternoons, our staff and interns gather in the Hope Center for a time of community building, affirmation and education. We intentionally spend time offering words of gratitude and encouragement to one another each week.



Good Works hosts somewhere between 30-40 short-term mission groups each year (we prefer the term Works Retreats). In the summer, we typically host 7 week-long groups. We very much enjoy and prefer groups which are inter-generational. The group pictured here with a few of our interns came from a community near Phoenix, Arizona,



This is the Transformation Station car #180!! We are so thankful for the 180 families who have donated a car to Good Works. We consider it a trust. Know someone who might consider donating a vehicle ? We estimate that for each car provide to a TS volunteer, as many as four families here in rural Ohio are impacted!