

# 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)*

Dear Friends,

Christmas, 2019

When I first started Good Works in 1981, I was a volunteer. I am Jewish, and after becoming a follower of Jesus in 1975, God began to heal me, give me hope, and put intense desires in me to do good. These desires led me to buy a house as a college student and invite other male students to live with me as we grew together in faith. We remodeled the basement of my house in the fall of 1980 for the purpose of welcoming strangers. I really had no idea what to expect; I just knew it was the right thing to do. Darlene and I were married in September 1981, and we continued to serve as volunteers, welcoming strangers into our home while we both worked other part-time jobs. We called what we were doing Good Works. By 1984 we had become a non-profit, established a board, and started to raise some money. Darlene and I began receiving \$300.00 a month that year and provided shelter to 114 adults and children. Good Works soon moved from our home and was relocated to the house we now call The Timothy House. Slowly, we began to grow new ways of loving and serving our neighbors who struggle with poverty here in southeast Ohio. In January I will start my 40<sup>th</sup> year.



Today, I am writing to ask for your support. We are a community committed to loving and serving adults and children who struggle with poverty, and homelessness, and vulnerability, and exclusion, and the list goes on. By grace, we are "keeping our hands to the plow"—loving our neighbors, many of whom feel they are without hope. They struggle economically, physically, and mentally, and emotionally. The work we do is hard, but God has given us grace, and wisdom, and the loving support of friends like YOU. Today, Good Works is entirely donor based and has zero debt. We rely upon people who believe in our mission, believe in our integrity, and who want to support us.

Our ministry expanded in the 1990s and again in the 2000s to be more intentional about reaching out to widows (James 1:26-27) and children here in rural Ohio. Our mission, *"to connect people from all walks of life with people struggling with poverty so that the kingdom of God can be experienced"* is bearing fruit. We are a community of HOPE for so many adults and children. We feel trusted by God. We feel grateful.

Would you support us this month through a one-time gift or a monthly donation?

We are now 15-20 staff and interns who facilitate opportunities for more than 1,100 volunteers each year who serve through thirty different avenues. For us, this is a lifestyle of love, and sacrifice, and service. Some days are very difficult, because the people we are welcoming are really hurting and broken. As a community, we rely upon one another for the strength to keep serving and loving, even when people are hard to love. On most days we have JOY in our work, in part because we see God at work in us and through us. The love of Christ moves us towards creativity, innovation, and risk, and we see change happen both in our lives and in those we are learning to love.

Would you send us a word of encouragement and a generous expression of support? We are reaching out and asking if you, too, would “remember the poor” (Galatians 2:10).

Love is a verb,



Keith Wasserman

PS- A gift of any amount is significant, because it speaks not only to our financial needs but also our need to be encouraged, supported, and loved by those who know about our ministry.

What you share with us is considered confidential and is a trust.  
We do not share any information you provide to us with other organizations.

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**YES—I would like to support the mission and vision of Good Works!**

- ☐ Enclosed is my financial gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(You can also give through our website [www.good-works.net](http://www.good-works.net) click on “make a donation.”)
- ☐ Please send me a copy of the current needs.
- ☐ I would like to learn more about arranging automatic giving through my bank.
- ☐ I would like more information about sponsoring one Friday Night Life meal for the 90 to 130 adults and children who participate weekly.
- ☐ I would like to learn more about donating a car to the Transformation Station sweat-equity based initiative or promoting this need.
- ☐ I am interested in doing a food drive for Good Works to support the 21,000+ meals provided each year.
- ☐ I would like more information about having someone come speak with my organization or church.

Send me more information at:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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