

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)

To our dear friends,

Many of you reading this letter have extended yourselves and your resources to give grace to people who are suffering in a situation of poverty or homelessness. For your love and kindness, we say thank you; in Spanish, "¡Gracias!"

In our community, we are discovering life in this intersection of grace, where people whose lives are surrounded by need are met with tangible gifts: of meals, a home, friendship and dignifying work. But that's not all— many of those who have received such favor are forever surprising us with humbling expressions of kindness in return. This is grace, and we understand it to be grounded in the deep and undeserved love of God through Jesus.

Today I want to invite you deeper into this experience of grace and gift through Good Works. Would you continue investing financially in our work of loving our neighbors? For some of you, this may mean giving, or deciding to give regularly, for the first time.

Those of us who are on the frontlines of reaching out to people at their point of vulnerability see ourselves as both benefactors and recipients in this work of service. We genuinely desire this same experience for you: that as you give, you too will be caught up in rich blessings that shape your life in profound ways. Every one of the 20 different Good Works initiatives for offering practical care to our friends in need exists as an avenue for grace, and that grace is experience by all parties: those receiving help, our volunteers, us as a staff, and you our supporters!

Taking physical resources and creating this "intersection of grace" is the work of trust. Ever since our beginnings 32 years ago, we have done our utmost to be good stewards of your gifts. I would like to share that Good Works is in no debt and operates with a conservative fiscal philosophy. Every dollar we receive goes toward fulfilling our mission to *connect people from all walks of life with people in poverty so that the kingdom of God can be experienced.*

Practically speaking, the largest portion of our budget goes toward empowering people to lead our initiatives. Good Works has 20 to 25 staff members and a similar number of paid interns each year. In addition to our commitment to give of ourselves in love for our neighbors here in Appalachia, every staff member has an important role in facilitating life-transforming experiences for the 1,100 different volunteers that serve with us annually.

Thus, when you support Good Works financially, you are not only giving people in poverty access to the food, shelter and compassionate help they need, you are also nurturing a dynamic, hands-on learning environment in which ordinary people are empowered to grow in love for *their* neighbors.

We offer 40 distinct volunteer opportunities for children, teens, and adults of all ages to contribute their skills and abilities to grace others' lives. Both groups and individuals can find a place of service among us whether they are seeking a one-time immersion or a long-term relational partnership.

I consider it a privilege that God has invited me into this work, and it is with joy that I give my energy for the purpose of love. Will you join me in giving generously of yourself and your resources? Grace begets gratitude, and we are grateful for you!

Love is a verb,



Keith Wasserman

PS: I hope you will consider our invitation to continue to investing in Good Works' mission of loving children, widows and people without homes (Job 29:12-13).

Did you know that you can contribute to Good Works online via the **Network for Good**? To do so, go to www.good-works.net and click on "Make a Donation." All online donations are secure and confidential.

We have many other **creative ways you can give**, including matching gifts programs through your workplace, non-cash giving, wills and benefits, tax-deductable in-kind giving, and gifts in memory and honor of your loved ones. Good Works is a non-profit, 501(c)3 organization and all gifts are tax-deductable. Year-end receipts will be provided before January 31, 2014 unless otherwise requested. Questions? Contact us at our Administrative Office at 740.594.3339.

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



YES! I want to do my part to directly help people in need of food, shelter and compassionate care.

Name _____ **Address** _____

- ☐ I want to begin or continue to support Good Works financially. Enclosed is my gift of _____.
- ☐ Please send me information on how to set up an automated donation to Good Works through my bank.
- ☐ Please send me information about your current needs for food, supplies, or special items that would really benefit you.
- ☐ I want to invite my church, organization or network of friends to become involved with Good Works! Please contact me to share ideas for holding an event or fund-raiser.

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

Phone _____ **Email address** _____