BACM Food Pantry
Food For Thought Newsletter

October 2026

BACM Open House & Main Street Barberton Food Drive

Dear Friends of BACM,

On November 4th from Noon to 2pm BACM will be hosting an open house at BACM. All are welcome to come in and tour and meet and greet the BACM staff. BACM is located at 939 Norton Ave in Barberton. Please stop in and see us.

I am pleased to announce that BACM is teaming up with Main Street Barberton for their 20 Days of Gratitude Collection Drive from November 1-20. Non-perishable food items will be collected at businesses throughout the City of Barberton. Thank you, Main Street Barberton, for your efforts to help BACM and those in our community in need!

Dave Stephens
President BACM Board of Directors



BACM Bingo Fundraiser

Our BACM Bingo fundraiser is on October 28 at Prince of Peace church, doors open at 4:30pm. Pre-sale only, no tickets at the door. Leach's Meats & Sweets dinner will be served from 5-6pm followed by 10 games of bingo. Our thanks to all of our donors, sponsors & supporters. Any questions email fundraiser@bacm.org.

A Whole Community Inc

Thanks to Board Member, Ralph Dowling,

and A Whole Community in Wooster, BACM clients received fresh produce all summer long. AWC Community Food Project provides local fresh produce direct from the farm to local food pantries and community meal sites. Visit www.awcinc.org for details.



Community of Christ Swiss Steak Dinner

For many years, Community of Christ, located at 265 W Summit St in Barberton, has been offering a homemade Swiss steak dinner the 5th Wednesday of any long month. It's a free-will offering, allowing diners to contribute what they can. They share 20% of their proceeds with BACM, plus a generous annual donation. Our thanks to Pastor Ruthellen Moore and her congregation for supporting BACM.



Volunteer Spotlight

Megan Shaw volunteers on Thursday after-noons with her husband. She helps add groceries to carts, loads cars, and on occasion helps check-in clients. She also delivers groceries to homebound seniors. Megan's upbeat attitude and friendly smile makes her this month's spotlight volunteer. Photo shows Megan (left), our September Volunteer Raffle Winner with Interim Director, Dolores Juriga



Acme Community Cash Back

Save your Acme Community Cash Back receipts for BACM. When you buy store brand products, Acme will share 5% of your spending with BACM. We encourage you to drop off or mail your receipts to the office.



Office & Pantry Hours

BACM Office is open to answer questions and accept donations on Monday & Wednesday 9am-2pm and Tuesday & Thursday 9am-noon. Food is distributed on Tuesday & Thursday from 1pm-5pm.



The J.M. Smucker Co

The J.M. Smucker Co has been a loyal donor of BACM providing clients with jellies and jams. They also recently donated their 19K square foot building, garden and 30 acres of land to the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank. Way to go, Smuckers! They are doing their part to combat food insecurity!



BACM Coin Jars

BACM has two coin jars positioned around town at Leach's Meats & Sweets and The Enchanted Cafe. All those coins added up to $59.64 from Enchanted. Our thanks to all staff and customers for chipping in. If you are interested in displaying a collection jar at your business, Dolores would love to hear from you (330) 745-3693.



September 2026 BACM Stats

183 Deliveries to Homebound Seniors

1,021 Household Received Groceries

3,160 Individuals Received Groceries

854 Children Served This Month

47,400 Estimated Meals Provided

25 Birthday Bags Collected

605.5 Volunteer Hours Logged

45 Referrals to Other Service Agencies



Pet Food Pantry

BACM does not spend donated funds on pet food, but we have a generous anonymous donor that sure does. Each month this donor provides 40 bags of dog food, plus 40 bags of cat food. With this, along with monthly donations from The Humane Society of Summit County, we are generally able to fill all clients' requests for pet food.

Make a donation

Contact us

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