



Food for Thought

Barberton Area Community Ministries

Winter 2025

A Message from Dorothy

We Are Now in a Food Emergency

Our community is facing a growing food emergency. Food insecurity occurs when people are unable to access food, even though it is available in stores. The cessation of SNAP and WIC payments has created an urgent need in our area. Many individuals and families who rely on these programs are now struggling to obtain food. This situation is especially challenging for aging seniors and others without transportation, who often depend on delivery services like Walmart or DoorDash to receive groceries.

Understanding Our Current Food Crisis

A food crisis occurs when a community lacks physical and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food. This often results from disasters such as conflict, natural events, or economic collapse — and it requires external assistance to meet immediate needs. In our case, the government shutdown has created this crisis by disrupting essential programs like SNAP and WIC. Addressing this situation requires both emergency food assistance to meet urgent needs and long-term livelihood protection and promotion programs to help our community recover and build resilience.

Together, we can ensure that everyone has access to the food and support they need. BACM is committed to doing everything possible to support those in need during this critical time. Together, we can make sure no one in our community goes hungry. Wishing you a safe and Happy Holidays — God bless, Dorothy Somerville



BACM Remains Open During Government Shutdown

We understand that SNAP benefits may be withheld or delayed due to the government shutdown. Please know that BACM will remain open and ready to serve our community.

We are working closely with the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank and local retailers to purchase additional food for families who may need extra support during this time.

Residents of Barberton, Norton, New Franklin, Clinton, and Doylestown are welcome to visit our drive-thru pantry twice per calendar month.

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Distribution Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays | 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Barberton Area Community Ministries' mission is to extend household resources in our communities through programs targeting food insecurity and basic needs. BACM is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization recognized by the IRS.



Mark your calendar for **Spring BACM**
Bingo on Wednesday, March 18, 2026.



BACM Bingo Night Success!

October 22, 2025, was a fun-filled night of BACM Bingo! Thanks to an enthusiastic crowd of 200 attendees, the generosity of 65 donors, and the dedication of 23 loyal volunteers, we raised an incredible \$9,582 to help fill our pantry shelves and freezers.

Your support makes a real difference in feeding our community — thank you for being part of this amazing event!



Photos by Bethany McKenney



Bethany McKenney & Tina Ludwig

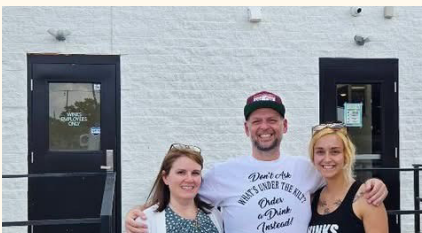


Dorothy Somerville & Megan Eberhart

Wink's Wednesday Donating to BACM!

What a fantastic night!

Owners of People Check, community leaders, BACM representatives, community members, and the dedicated Winks staff came together for an amazing event featuring the Kilted Bartender! The signature drink of the evening, “The Tartan Teaser,” helped raise funds in support of BACM. People Check is proud to collaborate with local organizations that make a positive impact in our community. A big cheers to Barberton Print Craft for helping create Eric’s popular event shirt — it was a hit!



Melissa McCoy
Eric McCoy



Luke Markland &
Eileen Robinson



Eric McCoy &
Rhonda Robinson



**Help Support
Our Organization!**

**SHOP  & EARN
5% CASH BACK**

Save your Acme Fresh Market receipts dated August 1, 2025 – February 15, 2026 to help us raise money!



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BACM continues to participate in the ACME Community Cash Back program. Anytime you shop at ACME through February 15, 2026 and purchase store brand items, ACME will share 5% of your spending with us. Mail in or drop your receipts at:

BACM
939 Norton Ave
Barberton, Ohio 44203.



WAYSIDE FURNITURE AFTER THANKSGIVING GIVING EVENT

DONATE UP TO \$100 TO BACM & WAYSIDE WILL MATCH IT

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO BACM, HAND-DELIVER

TO WAYSIDE AT 1367 CANTON RD IN AKRON

FROM NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 1, 2025

OPEN FRI. 10-7, SAT. 10-6, SUN. 12-6, MON. 10-7

NO CASH OR CREDIT, NO MAILING CHECKS, ONE PER PERSON



IGNITE THE COMMUNITY

**NON-PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE BENEFITING
BARBERTON AREA COMMUNITY MINISTRIES**

DROP OFF NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS AT
IGNITE TO SUPPORT BACM.

11/1/25 - 11/28/25

RECEIVE A RAFFLE TICKET FOR EVERY ITEM BROUGHT
IN FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A RAFFLE BASKET WORTH
OVER \$250.

Ignite Brewing Co, located at 600 W Tuscarawas Ave in Downtown Barberton, is hosting a non-perishable food drive until November 28. For each item donated, the donor will receive a raffle ticket for entry to win a basket valued at over \$250; full of gift cards, lottery tickets, games, and snacks



Holiday

**NON-PERISHABLE
COLLECTION DRIVE**

NOV 2025-JAN 2026
FOOD/TOILETRIES/MONETARY



All donations will be split between
Barberton Area Community Ministries
(BACM), Barberton Salvation Army and
Common Threads Closet

DROP OFF LOCATIONS:
CITY HALL
LAKE ANNA YMCA

What an Amazing 5th Annual Bikers for BACM Poker Run!

Even through the rain, our incredible riders and volunteers persevered to help feed the community. This marks the 5th and final year of the event — a milestone made possible only through the amazing partnerships within our community.

To all the riders, volunteers, donors, event staff, and supporters — we extend our warmest thank you for your dedication and generosity. Together, we made a lasting impact.



Dorothy Somerville, Mellisa & Eric McCoy, & Rhonda Robinson



Photos by Eric McCoy



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Welcome our New Staff Member Rae Ann Holley

We are thrilled to welcome Rea Ann to the BACM team!

Rea Ann joins us from the Summit County JOBS Program and is a proud member of the Barberton High School Class of 2025. We celebrate her accomplishments and eagerly look forward to all that she will achieve with us in the future.

BACM Donation Form

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

Donor Name _____

Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Make online donations at:



Make check payable to: BACM
Mail to: 939 Norton Ave, Barberton, OH 44203

2025 BACM Statistics

Service Provided:

Food Boxes Delivered	920
Senior Home Deliveries	1,845
Families Visited Pantry	9,967
Individuals at Pantry	30,848
Meals Provided	497,964
Non-Food Services	817
Volunteer Hours	9172

BACM Hours

Office Hours

Mondays & Wednesdays	9am – 4pm
Tuesdays & Thursdays	9am – 5pm

Pantry Hours (Pick Up Food)

Tuesdays & Thursdays	1pm – 5pm
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