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BACM Food Pantry

Food For Thought Newsletter

September 2026

Executive Director, Dorothy Somerville retires

Congratulations to Dorothy Somerville! After nearly nine years as Executive Director at BACM, Dorothy has decided to retire. On behalf of the board, staff, volunteers and donors, thank you Dorothy for all your hard work and dedication to BACM. We wish you God's blessings in your retirement.

Thank you to Dolores Juriga for accepting the role of Interim Executive Director of BACM as BACM will begin a search for a new Executive Director.

Dave Stephens

President BACM Board of Directors



BACM Bingo Fundraiser

Join us for the BACM Bingo fundraiser on Wednesday, October 28 at Prince of Peace church beginning at 4:30pm. Leach's Meats & Sweets dinner will be served from 5-6pm followed by 10 games of bingo. The night will include great raffle baskets, quick live auction, and 50/50 drawing. Tickets will go on sale Friday, September 25 at 9am at www.BACM.org. Your $30 ticket includes dinner, light dessert, and 10 games of bingo. We are looking for $50 Game Sponsors. Any questions, email fundraiser@bacm.org.



John Cominsky 10.5 Mile Tour

John Cominsky visited BACM on September 17 during his 10.5 mile Thank You Tour! He stopped at 13 local spots to show his gratitude to the community, including stops at Green Diamond, Barberton Print Craft, Lake 8 Movies, East of Chicago & Skoops. The Cominsky Family Foundation is head quartered out of BACM with a mission "To respond to what communities need" beginnng with his Blessings in a Backpack program and Youth Football Camp. Learn more at CominskyFamilyFoundation.org



Meat & Freezer Fundraiser Update

New this year we offered a Meat & Freezer Fundraiser on July 24. Donors purchased $20 tickets for a chance to win a Side of Beef from Lazy L Ranch and chest freezer donated by South Summit Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations to winner John McCollough! Thank you to everyone who contributed and to the City of Norton for allowing us to draw the winner during their Friday Night concert.



Volunteer Spotlight

On Tuesdays, Sarah, Janice & Karen pack grocery bags. Joy & Kathy check in clients. Lori, Nancy, Carl & Maureen load bags into carts. Then Bob and 2 Safe Harbor residents load up the cars. This amazing assembly line of volunteers ensures that local families get the groceries they need to help bridge the gap to families next paychecks. Photo shows Nancy, our August Volunteer Raffle Winner.



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. Drop off or mail your receipts to the office.



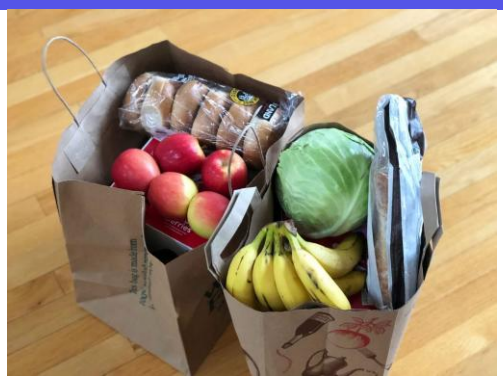
Office & Pantry Hours

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



Want to Help BACM?

We welcome your donations of unexpired, non-perishable food items, toiletries, pet food, and plastic grocery bags. Monetary donations are great too. Also, volunteer opportunities are available. Call for details.



Need Help from BACM?

BACM can provide 5-days worth of groceries to low-income residents of Barberton, New Franklin, Norton, Clinton, and Doylestown. Photo ID is required. If delivery to a home-bound senior is needed, call by Tuesday.



2026 BACM Stats

1,627 Deliveries to Homebound Seniors

7,673 Household Received Groceries

23,462 Individuals Received Groceries

6,009 Children Served This Year

351,930 Estimated Meals Provided

463 Bags of Love Toiletry Kits Distributed

15 Birthday Bags Given to Clients

600 Ben Curtis Birdie Bags to Children

6,030 Volunteer Hours Logged



New Newsletter Format

Due to the rising cost of postage, we have decided to distribute an electronic version of the newsletter monthly, instead of mailing hard copies. If you don't have email, you can still request a mailed copy. We acquired your email from a previous donation. If you wish not to receive our monthly newsletter, please email Ellen at EStokes@bacm.org to be removed.

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