BACM Food Pantry
Food For Thought Newsletter

November 2026

Thank you, Barberton Moose Lodge #759

Friends of BACM,

The holidays are upon us and the needs of those we serve have never been greater. Fortunately, our caring and loyal donors are faithful. Devoted individuals, churches, service groups, and businesses always come through. The Akron Canton Regional Foodbank has had major cuts to their programs which also impacts BACM. Please keep this in mind as you plan your charitable giving this holiday season. BACM is reaching out to partner with other essential non-profits to help ensure that our neighbors receive the help they need.

Happy Thanksgiving! Dave Stephens, BACM Board President



Thank you to the Barberton Moose Lodge #759 for the very generous donation! Pictured: Dave Stephens, BACM President; Joy Polacek, Pantry Aide; Dawn Cobb, Pantry Operations Manager; Dolores Juriga, Interim Director; and Ken Dollison Representative of the Moose.



Wayside Giving Event

Wayside Furniture is donating $100,000 to local non-profits! Help us receive a portion. If you are in the position to give, hand deliver a check to Wayside at 1367 Canton Road in Akron and they will match it. Make check payable to BACM, written for up to $100 and deliver to the store Nov 27-30



Main Street Barberton Collection Drive

Main Street Barberton is hosting 20 Days of Gratitude Collection Drive now through Nov 20. Donation boxes are set up at Clem's, Art of Karate, White Rabbit, Kave, Rubber City Bargains, Ignite, Sydmor's, Right Field Sports Cards, and Lake Anna YMCA. Help fill the boxes and bellies.



New Franklin Police Food Drive

New Franklin officers are willing to stop by New Franklin homes on Nov 21 between 9am-12pm to pick up your donations to BACM. Call (330) 882-3281 to provide your address. Donations can also be dropped off at the police department, 5611 Manchester Road, any time Nov 16-20.



Tri-M Music Honor Society Food Drive

Tri-M is hosting a friendly competition encouraging Barberton HS students to donate non-perishable food items to BACM. The winning class will win an ice cream party provided by Skoops and get to pick a holiday playlist to be played as classes change, the day before Thanksgiving break.



October 2026 BACM Stats

192 Deliveries to Homebound Seniors

1,011 Households Received Groceries

2,999 Individuals Received Groceries

766 Children Served This Month

44,985 Estimated Meals Provided

6 Birthday Bags Collected

725 Volunteer Hours Logged

78 Referrals to Other Service Agencies



Volunteer Spotlight

Sue Underation is October's Volunteer Raffle Winner. She has been volunteering since January 2023. She assists with food distribution on Thursday afternoons by filling grocery carts. She always has a smile on her face and a warm hug to offer. Sue is a dedicated volunteer, mother & grandmother of 9 grandchildren. Congratulations!



BACM Bingo Update

BACM Bingo was a huge success! Thank you to all guests, donors, sponsors, and volunteers for showing your overwhelming support. By Akron Canton Regional Food-bank's calculations we will be able to distribute 33,000 meals with the proceeds.



BACM Open House

BACM held an Open House this month to invite the community to visit. We appreciate everyone that stopped by. We really have an open-door policy every day. Feel welcome to stop by anytime or call ahead for a true pantry tour.



Acme Community Cash Back

Now until February 15, we encourage you to save your Acme Community Cash Back receipts for BACM. When you buy store brand products, Acme will share 5% of your spending with us. Drop off or mail your receipts to the office. Last year, we raised $852.87 -- can we beat it this year?



Holiday Schedule

BACM Food Pantry will be closed November 26 to celebrate Thanksgiving with our families. Our Holiday Break will be December 21 thru January 1. Please plan ahead, if you need groceries. There are 6 other food distribution days in December.

Make a donation

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