

Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center acquires a new home

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The Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center has been conducting its operations from numerous temporary locations for several years. Most recently, the BNOC was conducting its Food Pantry operations from New Life Church in Bellville, and The Clothesline from the basement of the Bellville Presbyterian Church. After nearly 12 months of negotiations, the BNOC can now call 84 Main Street, Bellville, Ohio as its new, permanent home. On April 15th, the BNOC closed this real estate transaction as it purchased this 9,000 square foot, two story, turn of the century building from the Village of Bellville.

The building is a landmark location on Main Street, but it has been sitting idle for many years and the empty building lacked any TLC (tender loving care). The BNOC is anxious to get started on the clean up, repairs and remodeling so full operations can begin quickly. The building structure is solid and it is handicap accessible. However, the roof is in need of major repairs. But thanks to Community Development Block Grant monies, these roof repairs will be handled quickly. This major repair will enable the many BNOC volunteers to tackle other remodeling work to make this old building its new "home."

"We are very excited about our new home. This facility has been the dream of many long-time volunteers and it will enable our BNOC team to set up operations on a full-time, regular basis. We are looking forward to working closely with many organizations throughout the Clear Fork Valley, to expand our services to those in need. However, as with any old building, there is a lot of work ahead of us and we welcome any community help and financial contributions to aid in our remodeling, so we can begin to offer our services from this new location" said Jeff Wright, President of the Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center.