



“Helping to enrich the lives of Clear Fork Valley Residents”

Trustees, Officers, Volunteers, and Friends of the Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center:

I am pleased to present an annual overview of the Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center and its current state of affairs. The economic climate of Richland County continues to be less than lackluster. Many county residents are still unemployed or under-employed causing a great demand on our social support system as these people struggle to put food on the table, pay their rent, put gas in their cars, and pay for medical care. There simply is not enough money in their pockets to cover all these expenses so quite often people must make the tough decision where to spend their limited amount of money – on rent, gas, medical care, or food?

The Clear Fork Valley is facing similar issues as our employment and poverty numbers are dismal. Through our market analysis and assessment of services we identified gaps in current levels of support and potential partners to help fill these gaps. This assessment process has enabled us to increase our services and provide temporary help to needy families. We have been blessed to have sufficient funding and wonderful volunteer support to empower the Bellville Neighborhood Outreach Center to provide greater assistance throughout the Clear Fork Valley.

Some of our 2010-2011 major highlights include:

- First and foremost, our community continues working together to assist our neighbors in need. We have nearly 150 volunteers which provided the BNOC with more than 13,000 volunteer hours throughout 2010 – one people, one community, all working together to help enrich the lives of Clear Fork Valley residents.
- BNOC receives financial and/or volunteer support from many area churches and civic organizations. It is this support and collaboration which enables us to put our faith into action!
- Through the efforts of many volunteers the BNOC facility was renovated and we took residence of our 9,000 sq. ft. facility Sept. 1, 2010.
- BNOC is now a partner with Ohio Benefit Bank allowing us to expedite the social support services client application process.



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- BNOC is now a partner with Catholic Charities to offer clients assistance with rent, utilities, and medical costs.
- BNOC joined the support efforts of CODA (Richland County Organization for Disaster Assistance) to jointly assist the 70 Bellville-Butler families affected by the flooding of Feb. 28, 2011. Collaborative efforts came from the BNOC, along with American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and the Lions Club.
- BNOC’s clothing store continues to offer large volumes of gently used clothes and bedding supplies, while receiving donations for these items which help to fund our Food Pantry. Since moving to our new Main Street location the BNOC clothing output has increased six-fold.
- BNOC received 450 pairs of shoes from OSU Mansfield and North Central State College as students and faculty supported the “One Day without Shoes” awareness campaign.
- BNOC is now a partner with ministry programs in Africa and South America to provide extra clothing to support mission efforts abroad.
- BNOC received nearly 4,000 pounds of food from collection drives conducted by the United States Postal Service & National Association of Letter Carriers, Deer Ridge Golf Course, and our Clear Fork Valley local schools.
- In 2010, BNOC provided food assistance to 5,424 individuals, creating 48,816 meals, as we distributed more than 124,800 pounds of food to the needy.

Thanks to the visionary leadership of our board members and officers, the support efforts of our valuable volunteers, and an extremely supportive community! Through your generosity we are able to help enrich the lives of Clear Fork Valley residents.

Sincerely,
Jeff Wright
President