Oberlin Community Services
Annual Report July 2019–June 2020
Mission Statement
Oberlin Community Services is a responsive community organization that provides direct assistance, referrals, and other services to Oberlin area residents and groups who need help meeting basic needs.

Vision Statement
We envision a community in which all of its members have access to the resources they need to flourish.

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If “life is a series of transitions,” this year has been full of life at OCS! We said a sad goodbye to Hannah Rosenberg, our Food Programs Coordinator, who headed off to grad school, Peter Jensen, our Education and Outreach Coordinator, and Holly Whiteside, our gardener. We are grateful for all they contributed to OCS during their time with us.
Dear Members of the OCS Community:
This year, 2019-20, marked OCS’s 65th anniversary of Offering Caring Support. What a year it has been!

Monday morning, March 9th, I arrived at work early to prepare for the busy week ahead. As I walked into the dark office, I felt a strange squishiness under my feet; when I flipped on the light, there was water everywhere—the water heater had sprung a leak! I immediately called Turnbull plumbing and began sopping up the mess. Thankfully, as staff arrived, they joined in the effort, and the plumbers were wonderfully responsive; in short order, we had all systems back up and running. That was the beginning of the week when everything changed. COVID-19 struck the county, rearing its ugly, invisible head, and by Wednesday afternoon it was clear that we needed to change operations drastically and quickly in order to limit exposure for clients, volunteers and staff. But how?

I was not alone in my concerns; all of our partners were struggling to find answers: How do we take care of our community, particularly the most vulnerable among us? How do we keep everyone safe so that we can continue to serve? How do we ensure we have the resources for what will surely be intensifying need?

OCS forged on, adapting quickly and agilely to ensure that people have access to food and other resources they need to avert crises. In order to minimize potential exposure to the virus, we chose to close our building to all but staff and two interns, and suspended our educational and outreach programming. Although we have greatly missed our friends—volunteers, network luncheon attendees, collaborating partners, women in the Women’s Empowerment group, community service workers, and everyone involved in the Juneteenth kick-off picnic (that couldn’t happen)—this will be our way of operating until COVID is no longer a threat. I am pleased and deeply grateful for all we have been able to do despite the circumstances, thanks to our indefatigable, mission-driven staff and the hugely generous response by community members—individuals and organizations alike.

Just as the plumbers came to our rescue that Monday morning, to make sure that we could continue to operate with as little disruption as possible, so too has this generous community pitched in to help us help others!

COVID-19 changed how we do things, but we are still bustling with activity and anticipating growth as we continue to embrace our fundamental principles: to provide basic needs and to nurture resiliency in an atmosphere of mutual support and dignity. I am confident that OCS is fit and prepared to assist people this coming year, as our community struggles with the economic fallout from the pandemic and the importance of advancing equity. OCS will need to grow—but perhaps in different ways than we had envisioned for now—to ensure that we are ready and able to help.

Thank you for being a part of our team. Together, we will see the community through these challenging times and will work toward building a thriving community in which all of its members have access to the resources they need to flourish!

In gratitude,

Margie L. Flood

In my first year working for OCS, I have not only established relationships with many of our clients, but also with the wonderful volunteers and student workers we have had in our office. I quickly learned that the work OCS does is sustained primarily through this additional workforce. It has been so heartwarming to see the variety of people who believe in the work we do and want to be a part of it. I am deeply grateful for those who have worked or volunteered their time at the OCS front desk this past year: Madi, Jessie, Kathy, Ann, Jocelyn, Ella, Austin, Hannah, Liv, Katie, Skky, and Ty. It was an honor to have you there and your work is so appreciated!

Shelby Fickel, Office Coordinator
Client Services

It has been another great year at Oberlin Community Services, even in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, which changed how I do my job dramatically. I am now doing all of my client services remotely, via phone and computer, and from time to time someone will stop by and we will talk outside with masks on. For the most part this has worked out, but you definitely miss the human connection a face-to-face conversation gives.

Right off the bat, things were extremely busy, and I worked with a record number of people in March. As people were laid off and lost their jobs, there was intense worry about how bills were going to get paid. As best I could, I tried to calm people’s nerves and due to the generosity of our community and the outpouring of support I have been able to meet the needs of those who have been reaching out for help.

People have needed a greater amount of assistance throughout this pandemic, as unemployment approval delayed help for weeks, and made it more difficult for people to begin getting help. One family struggled for over a month to get unemployment approved for just one of them and up to two months for the other. All the while, they were stressing and worrying about the bills that needed to be paid, and making difficult decisions around what to pay and what could wait. We were able to support them with rent and utility assistance, freeing up whatever other money they had for their other living expenses. There are so many similar stories affecting our friends and neighbors and I feel fortunate to have been in a place that allowed me to not only listen, but to help as well. We have all been affected here, but we came together to support each other, strengthening our team in order to support those who so desperately need our help during this trying time.

Kathy Burns,
Client Services Coordinator

Katie Krueger,
Social Work Intern

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
Total Provided = $159,461
Utilities 51%: $81,604
Rent and Mortgage 46%: $73,738
Other 2%: $4,010

TOTAL NEW CLIENTS
(27% increase from 18–19)

2017–18
2018–19
2019–20

82
88
112

TOTAL CASEWORK
(22% increase from 18–19)

2017–18
2018–19
2019–20

861
755
918

This year, I had the privilege of completing my Bachelors of Social Work internship under the instruction of Kathy Burns at OCS. During my time, I worked with many vulnerable populations and gained insight into the commitment it takes to be a competent and empathetic social worker. Kathy was an outstanding role model and teacher; my experience was incredibly fulfilling because of the countless lessons she taught me. OCS sets the bar high for social service agencies. Not only does OCS work endlessly to empower the clients they serve, but the staff is remarkably welcoming, kind, and accepting. I am grateful to the amazing staff and all the wonderful clients I was fortunate enough to work with. As I embark on my professional career as a social worker, I will think of Kathy often, and bow I hope to one day be the kind of social worker she is.
In the wake of COVID-19, I stepped into a new role as combined Volunteer and Community Outreach Coordinator, and tasked with determining how to continue providing vital services without our regular volunteer network. Before COVID-19, we worked with over 300 volunteers from all over Lorain County: they ran delivery routes, stocked the Choice Pantry, and lent a hand for countless community projects. Our network featured groups like Saturday Distribution volunteers, students from the Bonner Center for Service and Learning, and many more dedicated community members.

At the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, a few dedicated volunteers really stepped up and were crucial to our operations: Tony Gadsden, Charles Peterson, Jordan McBride, Nancy London and family, Daniel Spearman, Greta Arbogast, Meredith Gadsby, and Linda Miller.

In March, it became clear that our volunteers could not safely continue at OCS: as many of our volunteers are students or senior citizens, the risks to health and safety that in-person volunteering posed resulted in the difficult decision to suspend most of our voluntary operations.

Fortunately, most of our volunteer drivers were able to keep going, delivering Meals on Wheels, SoLoCo, and CSFP Senior Boxes, making sure that the homebound continued to get the food they needed.

As the spring wore on, OCS Staff and two interns soldiered on without any in-person volunteers, but as we started looking toward the future, we realized we would need help. Our solution was to create the JETI (Job Experience Training Intern) program, and though they have not been here long, these youth have shown incredible diligence as they pack and organize food for hundreds of people. It is inspiring to see the JETIs work.

Through all of this, the commitment our community has to each other is abundantly clear. Even now, as we consider how best to welcome back volunteers, OCS could not do what it does without your support.

Rosa Gadsden,
Volunteer and Community Outreach Coordinator

Job Experience Training Interns

One of OCS’s fundamental commitments is to offer opportunities for people to work toward improved resiliency, largely through educational outreach. In an effort to provide income-insecure youth with work experience, job training and professional development, OCS has partnered for several years with OhioMEANSJobs’ TANF program to be a worksite for a number of their youth aged 16–24.

In this time of COVID-19, when OMJ was not able to offer such opportunities, OCS held fast to its pledge to the youth of the community. We hired four local, income-qualified youth to serve as our Job Experience Training Interns (JETIs), working about 20 hours a week to pack hundreds of bags of food, assist with the drive-up food distributions, unload the trucks, and generally help us keep our food programs running. Through these difficult times, they have received professional mentoring, gained valuable work experience and have become an invaluable part of the OCS team. They have had some fun, as well!

My internship at Oberlin Community Services has been an amazing experience. I’ve been able to practice and learn new skills, which have helped me with the challenge of adapting to our COVID-19 operations. Before we closed the building, I was used to restocking shelves, grabbing meat and eggs out of our freezers and refrigerators, and working to make sure our Choice Pantry could serve clients all day. At the beginning, our Drive-Up Distributions felt very hectic: although I’m now used to running carts of pre-packed food out to the parking lot, it was a challenge to stay organized and work quickly so we could continue serving people with our reduced space and reduced staff. I’m incredibly proud of the work we do here, and I am excited to be a part of it. I am inspired by the dedication and passion of the people here and the impact our work has on the community, and I’m very grateful for my time here.

Jace Comings,
Warehouse Associate Intern
This has been an eventful year for the food programs! First, in early March, Hannah Rosenberg left OCS after four years as our Food Programs Coordinator. That very same week (what a welcome!), the COVID-19 pandemic forced us to completely rethink the way our food programs operate. Since mid-March, our largest program, the Choice Pantry, hasn’t been a choice pantry at all. Instead, we are serving all of our clients via a drive-up system in our parking lot. COVID has also prompted us to pause our walk-in events, like our Second Saturday distributions, in favor of expanded and streamlined pop-ups, drive-ups, and deliveries. We are still serving 200+ households per week, and some clients have even reported that they find this new format more accessible and convenient than the old choice pantry!

Despite these changes, this has also been a year of growth and expansion. In August 2019, we greatly expanded our Food Rescue project with the help of a generous grant from the Nord Foundation. The rescued food from both these initiatives goes to our pantry and delivery clients. With the help of our VISTA, Ashley, we expanded our Build-A-Garden program from two recipients in 2019 to over 40 in 2020, even despite COVID. We successfully completed a pilot of our future pantry at Oberlin High School before schools closed, and, lastly, we implemented 3 new monthly delivery routes in January for clients for whom the regular pantry is inaccessible, in Oberlin, Wellington, and Huntington Township.

**Food Rescue**
Our Food Rescue program recovers pre-prepared food from dining halls, cafeterias, and other locations serving meals in bulk that would otherwise go to waste. The donated food is frozen and packaged into whole meals that we then offer in our pantry and with our deliveries. New donor partners this year included Lorain County JVS and Keystone Pointe. The initiative has provided thousands of meals to OCS clients.

**Gleaning**
OCS is excited to partner with Oberlin College through the Mellon Foundation New Presidents’ Grant on a number of new initiatives, including our gleaning program. The grant allowed us to hire two Food Rescue Associates, Leah and Santiago, during the school year to prepare for the program, and Leah has stayed on this summer to implement it. Through this program, OCS staff and volunteers harvest unsold produce from local farms, which then supplements our fresh produce offerings. We have already received over 3,000 pounds of produce from farms involved in the program!

Liv Hanson, Food Programs Coordinator

Ashley Frangos, Americorps VISTA

I had the pleasure of working at OCS through the AmeriCorps Volunteer in Service to America program for the 2019-2020 service year. One of my main achievements was being able to help redesign, implement, and coordinate OCS’s Build-A-Garden program. It was a wonderful experience working with all the participants. Even though my term was only a year, I grew close to the wonderfully caring and passionate people that form OCS. It was truly a great experience to learn from each and every one of them. Getting to interact with those OCS cares for, as well as all of OCS’s many partners, donors, and volunteers, made for a memorable and inspiring year.
Something I am very grateful for at work is that it helps me meet people who live in Oberlin whom I probably would never have met if it wasn’t for the People’s Garden. Audely first came to the Garden this summer and on his first visit, he didn’t say much. He just looked at the garden and left.

The second time Audely stopped by, he started speaking in Spanish and unfortunately I couldn’t understand what he was saying. Thankfully, Charlotte speaks fluent Spanish and translated for me - Audely had previously volunteered at the garden and was hoping to continue this summer. This was good timing because I had just started taking a Spanish course as one of my summer semester classes and I could have the opportunity to speak with and learn from both him and Charlotte. I was determined to be able to have a conversation and slowly, throughout the summer, I kept learning more in class and at the garden. As Audely helped us smash rotten food to turn into gorgeous compost, I listened and learned. When he helped us plant our first watermelon seeds, he taught me the words for most of the plants and tools around the garden. It has always been frustrating to me when I can’t understand someone or when I can’t make a connection with someone because of a language barrier. Even though I can still communicate without language, I want to make the effort to try my best to learn. I signed up for another Spanish class so I don’t lose what I have learned.

In the garden, we are making the effort to become more conscious of translating our signs to include Spanish so that community members who are native Spanish speakers feel comfortable, included, and welcomed in the garden and also to help other people learn the Spanish words for different vegetables and tools. I am excited to continue learning Spanish and to welcome more people to the garden!

Sarah Prill, Lead Gardener

**Food Statistics & People Served**

| 44,998 lbs | 515,793 lbs |
| Total Food Donations | Total Food Received |
| (17% Increase) | |
| We gave food to | We gave food to |
| 2,373 households | 7,190 individual people |
| through | through |
| 15,731 service visits | 47,188 points of service |
| 965 households were served for the first time (40% increase) | 2,572 individuals served for the first time (36% increase) |

**2,634 CSFP Boxes** were given to Seniors in Lorain County

**4,096 meals** were given to Oberlin residents through Meals on Wheels

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“Gardening is slow work that requires infinite patience. It involves a great deal of care and flexibility. This life philosophy of the People's Garden permeates all of the work that OCS does. It is long term and patient, repetitive work that centers around growing relationships with both staff and members of the Oberlin community.”

—Charlotte Price, Summer Garden VISTA Member
The People’s Garden is a place of abundance; it is a space where people can seek solace from the outside world, where they take part in the creation of resilience and community. In the garden, just like in the world at large, we faced challenges of being in community with people from many different walks of life. The garden taught me a lot about how to be in community with people across great differences.

Charlotte Price, Summer Garden VISTA Member

This summer I spent working in the garden at OCS in tandem with Sarah, the lead gardener. Through this experience I learned skills such as direct seeding, companion planting, composting, and harvesting a great variety of fruits and vegetables. I helped out with food distributions, and participated in the Gleaning/ Food Rescue Program. As COVID19 cases climbed in Ohio, I learned so much from the dynamic response of the staff to the needs of the community, to make sure that everyone was fed and had their needs met during these difficult times.
The largest annual fund-raising event on behalf of OCS celebrated its 7th anniversary with a large and generous crowd again this year at the First Church In Oberlin. Attendees were treated to lively holiday music, a spirited auction, Oberlin Pottery Co-op offerings, as well as additional pottery from several community artisans, fresh cookies, and beverages supplied by local businesses. A spirit of generosity is fueled by an evening of holiday delight, making this one of the largest community gatherings during the Holiday Season. OCS deeply appreciates the hundreds of hours that many volunteers put in in order to make the evening the success it is! **Close to $10,000 was raised**, all of which went directly into our emergency assistance programs, to help us serve those in our community who seek help meeting basic needs.

**Holiday Helping Hands**, one of OCS’s longest running programs, brought much needed extra cheer to many in the community, as **more than 44 donors provided holiday gifts for 336 children in 125 Oberlin families.**

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![The Empty Mugs Holiday Brass and Organ Spectacular](image)

**Revenue**

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In Gratitude

Foundations and Grants

Appleby Charitable Lead Trust
Bill Long Foundation
City of Oberlin
Community Foundation of Lorain County
Community West Foundation
Lorain County Community Action Agency
New Russia Township
Nordson Corporation Foundation
Oberlin College Green EDGE Fund
Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio
The Nord Family Foundation
Thomas Piraino & Barbara McWilliams Family Foundation
United Way of Greater Lorain County

Donors FY 2019–20

Green Thumbs $1000+

Taylor Allen & Pam Snyder
Claudine & Terry Carlton
Jan Cooper
Adam & Elizabeth Eck
David & Susan Egloff
Nancy Flogge & Marie Chiariucci
Linda & Bruce Fowler
Nancy B. Garver
Sam & Marcia Goldberg
Barbara & Marvin Gordon-Lickey
Nancy Gray
Ruth & Tom Green
James J. Hamilton
Robert & Ursula Haslun

Shirley & Tom Taylor
Kimberly Thompson
Ralph & Rebecca Thompson
Robert & Janis Thompson
Kevin & Susan Weidenbaum
Elizabeth Wilmer & Robert Calhoun
Benjamin Wisner & Sonia Kruks
Christopher Worthy
Grover Zinn

Ann Mary Francis & Nancy Lombardi
Cindy Frantz
Ann L. Fuller
Brian Hedges
Lisa Ho
Joshua Levy & Jan Miyake
Nancy London
Manish Mehta & Radhika Atit
Ruth Miller
Ted Nowick & Robert Taylor

Butterflies $201–$500

Martin & Susan Ackermann
Sally Allen & Pete Harriage
Katie Allen
Geoff & Cindy Andrews
Judy Appleton
David Ashenhurst
Joyce Babyak
William & Mary Behm
Julia Binder & Ferdinand Protzman
Roger & Edith Binkley
Jane Blodgett
Sigrid Boe
Janet Bolland
Alan Boyd & Jessica Grim
Brenda Brill
Jacqueline Brooks
Catharine Brown
Mindyl Brueggemann & Michael Fritz
Dwight Call
Ana Cara
Rebecca Cardozo
Ann Carney
Alan & Polly Carroll
Wuu Shung & Mann-Mann Chuang
Dennis & Janet Cook
Vera Cooke

Julie Chase-Morefield, President and CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio, speaking at our 2019 Donor Event

Gardeners $501–$1000

Erik & Michele Andrews
Leo Braid
Scott & Ellen Broadwell
Lee Drickamer
Tim & Susan Egan
Dennis & Sue Flood
Samuel & Emily Flood

R. Peter & Prue Richards
Isobel Rutherford
Liz Schultz
Pamela Snyder
Lori Taylor & Helmut Jungschaifer
Francine Toss
Thomas Van Nortwick & Mary Kirtz
David Walker

Carl & Barbara Whitehouse
Nanette Yannuzzi-Macias

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E. Daniel Ayres
Anne Helm
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Kathy Hetsko
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Jeffrey & Bethany Hobbs
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Erika Hoffman-Dilloway
Clyde & Maryann Hohn
Ralph Holloway & Sandra Lavis
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David & Alana Kelley
Evan Kresch
Jennifer & Luc Lagasse
Cinda & Paul Lipke-Benn
Dayton & Ann Livingston
Sylvan Long
Melissa Lyle
Laura Jane MacDonald-McInerney & Peter McInerney
Mike & Betsy Manderen
Amy Margaris
James & Diane Mason
Jane Mathison
Sandra & Doug McClenen
Jennifer McClintock
Gregory & Karen McFarland
W. Jeanne McKibben
Dominique & Janet Michal
Linda Miller
Tom & Michi Morgan
Max Morgan
Thelma Morris
Susan Murphy
Christina Neilson
Don & Joanne Norenberg
Catherine Oertel
Susan Opel
David & Elaine Orr
Eileen Payton
Jeanne Pease
Andrew Wilburn
Mary Lou & Erik Pettet
Mary Picken
Robert & Barbara Pierce
Laurel & Rhys Price Jones
James Pugsley
Elizabeth Rumics
Eve Sandberg
Karla Sanderson
Janice & David Scheufler
Michael & Pam Schmid
Pat Serio
Doug Sheldon &
Dorothy Dawson-Sheldon
Bruce & Sue Simonson
Eric & Jo Anne Steggall
Joy Harrison
Peter Takacs
Sally Takada
Thomas Taylor
Cynthia Taylor
Heidi Thomann Tewarson
Gavin Tripp & Julie Min
Mary Ann &
William Trost
Carol Tufts
Carla & Robert VanDale
Steve & Dinah Volk
Ed & Anne Wardwell
Elizabeth Weinstock
Lee & Jennifer Wilson
Jeff & Merrilee Witmer
Kenneth & Joyce Wolfe
Reid & Gail Wood
Ed & Sandy Wood
Nancy Yood

Sprouts
$51–$200

Marie Anderson-Miller &
David Miller
George & Marlene Andrews
Bo & Linda Arbogast
Agnes Bacon
Thomas & Rebecca Bandy
Barbara Barna
Linda & Bob Bauer
Roland & Phyllis Baumann
William Baylis
Fred L. Bell
Olivia Berke
Martha Binford
George Blomgren
Tania Boster
David Bowlin
Elizabeth Braverman
Kathryn Stuart & David Breitman
Barbara Bruer
Bev Burgess
Marilyn Burns
Eric J. & Kathy Carpenter
Kelly Cassidy
Ron Cheung
Chris Howell
Susan Jane Colley
Rollin & Ann Conway
Deborah Lee Cormier
Norman & Ann Craig
Rebecca Crawford
Conleth Crotser &
Peter Crowley
Nancy Darling &
Andrew Burns
Martin & Elizabeth David
Marc Davidson
Michel & Kathy Debost
Kathleen & MJ Deruyter
Konstanti Mavromatis
Carol Donovan
Teresa Drda
Mary Beth Ebben
Tamar Eckstein
Sheila Eckstein
Ernest & Jane Eddy
Farah & Justin Emeka
Brook Escobedo

Kenyon & Elizabeth Glor
John & Kimberly Gorman
Carol Graham
Suzanne Green
Leona Grigsby
David & Margaret Gueulette
Amanda Guttman
Will Hagan
Naomi Harbeck
Jean Heller
Jim & Jan Heron
David & Vicki Hill
Emily & Thomas Hopkins
Angela & William Houston
Florence Hughes
James & Donna Hutchinson
Tony & Peggi Ignagni
Yumi Ijiiri &
Stephen FitzGerald
Linda Iroff

Roger & Fran Cooper
William & Janis County
Gerald & Marianna Crawford
Leslie Curtis
Colin Dawson
Nelson & Rosanne DeJesus
Suzanne & William Denneen
Andria Derstine
Mae Alice Donner
Jim Donovan
Lawrence & Arlene Dunn
Richard & Louise Dunn
Monique Duphil
Elizabeth Edgar
Heather Elmer & Mark DeYoung
Matthew & Elizabeth Elrod
Sebastiaan Faber
Gerry & Elizabeth A. Findlan
Terry Flores &
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Jennifer Fraser
Rich Fredrickson &
Melanie Satterfield
Stuart & Diane Friebert
William & Barbara Fuchsman
Jennifer Garcia
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Tania Boster
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Business, Churches, and Organization

19th Century Club
Adeva Salon
AgriNomix
AJLC (Lewis Center)
Ben Franklin
Brickyard Bar & Grill
Broadwell Painting
Business Advisory Services
Case Western University
The Child Garden
Christ Episcopal Church
Cleveland Clinic Avon Hospital
Community Peace Builders
East Oberlin Community Church
The Hotel at Oberlin Kendal at Oberlin
Residents’ Association
Keystone Pointe
LaGrange Lions
Legion Field Garden
Lorenzo’s Pizzeria
Mavrich & Mavrich Insurance
Mercy Allen Hospital
Mercy Health – Lorain Hospital
Meyer Hatchery
Mount Zion Baptist Church
Murray Ridge OOVVC
Northwest Bank Oberlin Area Cooperating Ministries
Oberlin Cable Co-op
Oberlin College
Oberlin High School
Oberlin IGA
Oberlin Rotary Memorial Fund
OCOPE Local 502, OPEIU
Panera Bread
Peace Community Church
Pizza Hut
Prospect Elementary School
Rotary Club of Oberlin
Rust United Methodist Church
Sacred Heart Church
TRIAD
Tyler’s Farm
Watson Hardware
White Oak Farm

Thank you for Your Support

$1000 can help repair a vehicle used to get to a job.

$500 can keep from being evicted.

$250 will help stock the food pantry for a week.

$150 will help pay a monthly heating bill.

$50 will reconnect a utility that has been shut off.

$25 will help pay for necessary prescriptions.