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# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT









#### Message from the Executive Director



As we come to the close of 2024, we want to take a moment to reflect on a year full of growth, education, and meaningful progress for the Barnesville Housing Authority and our community. It's been a year filled with exciting events and valuable learning experiences that have truly made an impact on our tenants and staff alike.

For our tenants, 2024 was a year focused on education and empowerment. We were proud to offer a variety of programs and events aimed at supporting your personal growth and well-being. Whether it was workshops on health and wellness programs, or community-building activities, it has been our pleasure to create opportunities for you to thrive.

For our dedicated staff, this year has been one of learning and adapting. We've worked hard to understand and implement HUD's new programs with HOTMA, ensuring that we remain at the forefront of regulatory changes and continue to provide the best possible service to our community. In addition, we've prepared for the transition to the new NSPIRE inspection system, equipping ourselves with the knowledge and skills needed to ensure the highest standards of housing quality and compliance.

As we look forward to 2025, we are excited about the continued growth and opportunities that lie ahead. There will be more programs, more learning, and more collaboration as we work together to create a stronger, more vibrant community.

Thank you for being an integral part of this journey. We are grateful for your support, engagement, and commitment to making Barnesville Housing Authority a better place to live and work.

Wishing you all a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

Ginger Moats

## **Board of Commissioners**

Sherry Farr – Chairman Chairman Bridgette Wright – Vice Chair Bruce Akins - Commissioner Chuck Bankston – Commissioner Matthew Buttler -Commissioner Sylvia Moore – Resident Commissioner

## **Administrative Staff**

Ginger Moats – Executive Director Tiffany Bowden – Administrative Assistant Vernetta Hatcher – Housing Manager Erika Osborne – Resident Service Coordinator

# **Maintenance Staff**

Jeff Eubanks – Maintenance Manager Jay Etheridge – Maintenance HVAC Mechanic Hollis Middleton III – Maintenance Tech

### Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program

















### **Tenants Spring Meeting 2024**

### Trivia/Bingo/Cookie Decorating













# **Community Garden**









#### COMMUNITY DIAPER DASH

The Barnesville Housing Authority participated in the Community Baby Shower that included the Health Dept. and AMERI GROUP, along with other collaborative groups here in Lamar County. We were excited to be able to help educate young moms on how we could help provide housing for them along with other resources available to them through the collaborative groups on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024.







#### LUNCH AND GO!



This summer we started our Lunch and Go! Program. We had an amazing turn out of volunteers through the help of Pastor Ann Mann at the Barnesville United Methodist Church. After starting this program with a personal donation, we were able to get the attention of several philanthropic groups here in Barnesville and were able to receive a grant through Barnesville/Lamar Community Foundation for \$750.00 to complete out our summer. We were able to provide over 500 lunches to the children here in our communities. We served Peanut Butter and Jelly, Ham and Cheese, and Turkey and Cheese sandwiches along with chips, fruit and a juice drink. We hope to grow this program next year to be able to reach more low income families and elderly shut-ins in our communities.

#### ICE CREAM DAYS!

The Barnesville Housing Authority had a popsicle day each month of the Summer! This was a huge success and we loved seeing our kids waiting for us on these days to bring them a treat!

#### Clean up Day 2024

Our Barnesville Housing Authority tenants are the best! They get involved and assist on clean up day. After a morning of collecting trash, they were treated to pizzas.

#### HIGH FALLS WATER PARK DAY FOR OUR TENANTS

Our Tenants were able to have a fun day in the sun at our local Water Park.









#### TENANT APPRECIATION DAY

We had an amazing time celebrating our tenants. We served hamburgers, hotdogs, cotton candy and snow cones. Our tenants played field games and enjoyed the water slide.









# STAFF APPRECIATION DAY AT THE MACON BACON BASEBALL GAME

A fun night at the Macon Bacon Game for our Staff and their families. It was a rainout, but we did not let that stop us from having a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_fun filled evening that ended with an amazing firework show.











#### **Fire Prevention Week**

Some of our local heroes came out and spent the afternoon letting our tenants and children talk with them and learn about what they do on a daily basis.







### HALLOWEEN 2024

# Halloween was a fun filled day of giving out candy and costume contest!







### **Thanksgiving Dinner**

#### Hosted by Barnesville First United Methodist Church and The First Baptist Church of Barnesville

We are so grateful for our partnership with both of these churches. This is our second year to partner with them and were able to provide Thanksgiving Dinner to our tenants who would not have had it otherwise. Dinners were boxed and delivered to our wonderful tenants at their homes.

Our work crew that volunteered on Thanksgiving morning to make the box dinners along with Mr. Fambro our wonderful cook who helped make this possible with his love of community.



## Barnesville Christmas Parade











### **CHRISTMAS DINNER 2024**



This year our Christmas Dinner was at the Jelly Jar for several of our tenants that attended all Tenant Quarterly meetings. Celebrating our tenants is always a joyous occasion.

### Christmas Door Decorating Contest















# Barnesville Housing Authority 2024

Conventional

Section 8

Work orders completed to Date: Current Vacant Units:	708 4	347 5
Family Units Housed to Date for: Family Units Move Outs to Date:	15 16	10 2
Total Current Occupants		
Age 0-17 years	138	21
Age 18-61	129	36
Age 62+	24	39
Average Length of Residency:	7.75	7.4
Average Annual Gross:		
All Families	20,515.00 17,65.00	
Employed Members	27,148.74	26,240.62
Elderly	13,567.62	16,766.25
Disabled	17,426.21	14,454.45
Receiving TNAF	0.00	14,136.00

Total Housing Units Provided By the Housing Authority:	204
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As you can see 2024 was an amazing year for us. We added several new events for our tenants. Our Resident Service department expanded, adding more collaborative partnerships. We welcomed a new Board member into our family. We had several units that were vacated this year and we took advantage to replace countertops and cabinets that needed to be changed out. I would like to close this year out by thanking our staff who has delt with a multitude of change this year with NSPIRE and HOTMA, our Board who has also had to acclimate to the updated policies and ACOP. We have learned so much and will continue to grow in knowledge and grace to assist us in embracing these changes so that we may educate and continue to provide programs that teach our tenants how to move forward and make these homes only a stepping stone on their way to owning their own home. We are looking forward to 2025 and all the great things that are ahead for our tenants.