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BARNESVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY



2018 Annual Report



Message from the Executive Director

I am pleased to share the 2018 Annual Report of the City of Barnesville Housing Authority. This report reflects some of the achievements and strides we have made this past year to provide the more than 390 people we serve with safe, quality, affordable housing.

As one of the many providers of affordable housing in Barnesville, the Barnesville Housing Authority serves as a safety net for low-income individuals, senior citizens, and families who without our services could experience homelessness. Our goal each year is to: 1) improve agency performance 2) increase quality of housing 3) increase resident self-sufficiency 4) increase customer satisfaction and 5) increase community engagement and participation. As we plan for another successful year, I thank you for your support and look forward to your feedback.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Waterman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Linda Waterman
Executive Director





Barnesville Housing Authority's mission is to assist low income families with safe, decent, and affordable housing opportunities as they strive to achieve self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives. The Housing Authority is committed to operating in an efficient, ethical, and professional manner. The Housing Authority will create and maintain partnerships with its clients and appropriate community agencies in order to accomplish this mission.

Board of Commissioners

Bruce Akins - Chairman

Jimmy Lyons - Vice Chairman

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Sherry Farr

Carol Moore-Resident Commissioner

Administration Staff

Linda Waterman - Executive Director

Renee' English - Administrative Assistant

Crystal Cato- Housing Manager

Sarah Corley - Resident Services Coordinator

Maintenance Staff

Jeff Eubanks - Maintenance Supervisor

Jay Ethridge- Maintenance Mechanic

Tristan Reid- Maintenance Assistant

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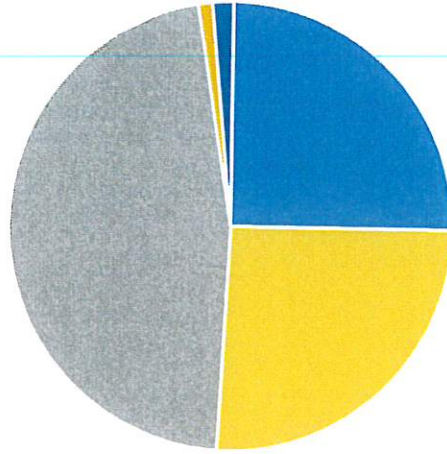
WORK ORDERS COMPLETED THIS YEAR:	867
CURRENT VACANT UNITS:	8
NEW TENANTS HOUSED:	46
MOVE OUTS THIS YEAR:	54
TOTAL APPLICANTS YEAR TO DATE:	275
ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS YEAR TO DATE:	44

Conventional Housing has 132 units

Section 8 Housing has 72 units

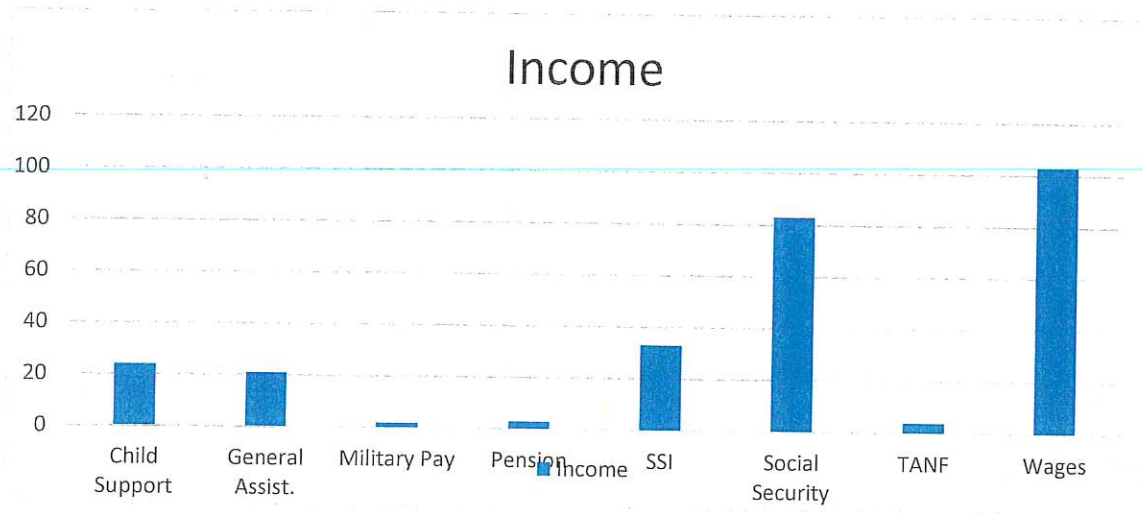
**Total Housing Units provided by the Barnesville Housing
Authority: 204**

OUR TENANTS: HOW DO THEY LIVE?



■ ELDERLY AND DISABLED
 ■ CHILD SUPPT; GEN ASST; TANF
 ■ WAGES
 ■ MILITARY PAY
 ■ PENSION

Tenants receiving Child Support:	24
Tenants receiving General Assistance:	21
Tenants receiving TANF:	4
Tenants receiving Military Pay:	2
Tenants receiving a Pension:	3
Tenants receiving SSI:	33
Tenants receiving Social Security (ELDERLY):	83
Tenants receiving Wages:	89
TOTAL NUMER OF PEOPLE HOUSED:	391
NON WORKING SINGLE MOTHERS/ADULTS:	16
WORKING ADULTS:	103



Non-Working Single Mothers With Children: 16

Working Families: 103

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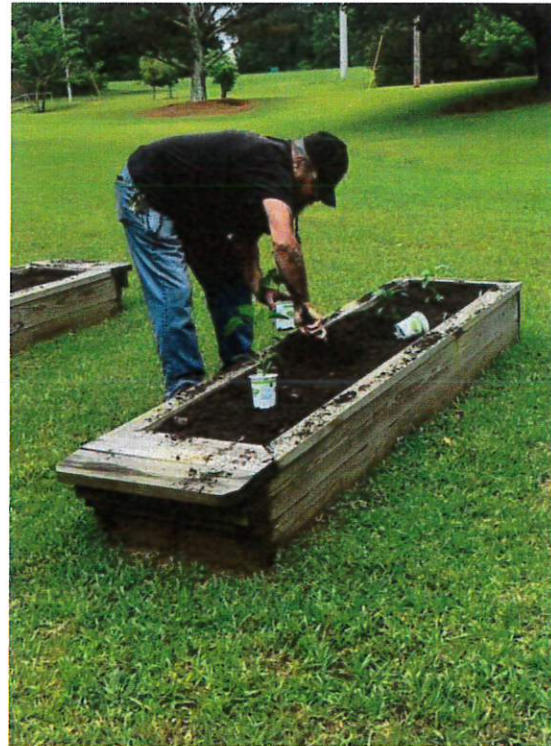
Tenants receiving SSI: 33

Tenants receiving Social Security: 83

Tenants receiving TANF: 4

Tenants receiving Wages: 103

Barnesville Housing Authority's Community Garden had a rough start this summer. Our raised beds received too much fertilizer during a dry month then weeks of rain without a break. We were finally able to grow a variety of peppers, tomatoes, and even egg plants this summer. Our garden struggled this year but was still able to produce some delicious vegetables.





Our mothers enjoyed an afternoon of fun during the May resident meeting. Mothers were greeted with a variety of violets to choose from to take home, enjoyable snacks and of course played several rounds of Bingo!!



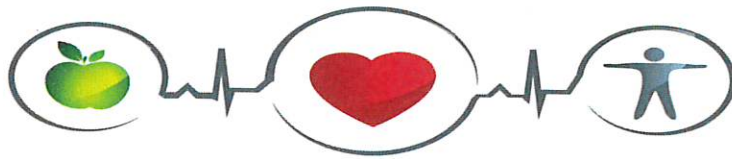


Congratulations Class of 2018!

Every year Barnesville Housing Authority recognizes all graduating seniors in our community. The monthly newsletter announces the graduates and any additional information that may be given by the individual or family.

BHA gave a total of five graduates in our community a check for \$25.00 each. Graduation is an exciting time. It's both an ending and a beginning. We at the Housing Authority want to encourage our young adults to continue to strive and show we support them all the way.

Registered Nurse Sherry Farr, County Nurse Manager from Lamar County Health Department attended a monthly resident meeting to share tips for healthier habits and awareness of annual vaccines for all ages. Mrs. Farr also shared the benefits of our local health department with detailed information on programs for all ages as well as everyday health needs.





During the hot months of summer, what better way to cool off than a Block Party with a water slide and sprinklers.

With about fifty attending residents, kids had a blast.

Sidewalk chalk, games, watermelon and getting to know your neighbors made a hot afternoon lots of fun.





The Housing Authority supplied school items for all grades at the Block Party. Most of the parents collected needed items while the kids played and enjoyed the fun activities. Students were able to start with five items then add more to their bag once everyone had visited the school table.

Safe Alone, Inc. Wants Public Places to Be Safe Again.

Paige Slocomb spoke at our September resident meeting to let others know that we will no longer sit back and accept violence as a part of our lives. She works to create safer, fear-free environments through awareness and women's empowerment.

Safe Alone, Inc. goal is to invite others to join the fight to take back our public places. By setting up a self-defense and safety class, she hopes to educate others with good tools while in public and tips for when you are out alone. Paige reminds everyone there is always safety in numbers and it is best not to go alone.





Residents show their support during October for Red Ribbon Week. Each participant added their name to a hand and formed a ribbon in our office lobby. Others displayed red ribbons on their porch to let others who visit know we support a drug free community.



After a childhood of being shuffled from house to house and not having a stable home, Sabre Talley decided in 2015 after what she describes as “hitting rock bottom”, she would own her first home before the age of 30. With two small girls to care for she began to pay off debt to improve her credit while working a steady job. She applied for public housing in Barnesville and was finally approved in 2017. She admits there were days she felt like the world was against her and the odds were not in her favor. She continued to believe God had His hand on her and she would succeed. With His help and a lot of hard work, Sabre is the proud owner of her first home. Ms. Talley lived in public housing for about a year and feels this program served its purpose for helping her achieve her goal. She was excited to share her story in hopes that others would take advantage of these programs to better their future.



Trick-or-Treater's stopped by the office on Halloween for a bag of goodies. Each bag had a cup full of candy, fire prevention coloring book with fire hat, stop bullying tattoos, spider rings, vampire teeth and more. The kids were all so cute and received a special gift for visiting in costume.



Residents who regularly attended monthly meetings enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner at Maxi's. Each resident also received a small gift from the Housing Authority as a thank you for being involved in our community.

