

# ANNUAL REPORT

2019

Barnesville Housing Authority





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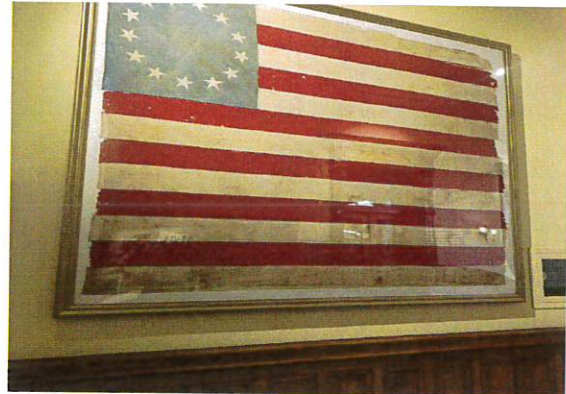


Barnesville Housing Authority's mission is to assist low income families with safe, decent, and affordable housing opportunities as they strive to achieve self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives. The Housing Authority is committed to operating in an efficient, ethical, and professional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



# GAHRA DAY AT THE CAPITOL

GAHRA's lobby day was on February 7, 2019. There was a record number of attendees. The Thrash-Haliburton team thanked volunteers and GAHRA leadership who worked to get the word out and ask members to attend. It was great for both our members, attendees, tenants, Commissioners and legislators. We heard from leadership from the Senate, House, and other agencies. Attendees were able to let them know of our concerns, interests, likes, and dislikes. It is one of the highlights of the year for members and it is vital to our industry's representation and effectiveness. It was a great use of our time and a great service for our Association. After the speeches were over, attendees were able to meet with our local State Representatives and Senators.





The second Monday of each month, Housing Authority resident's gather in the Community Room at 6:30pm. Attending residents discuss any concerns and upcoming events, host speakers, celebrate monthly holidays, and enjoy refreshments. We like ending the evening with friendly rounds of bingo and prizes.



## Annual Recertification

Our residents are notified by letter and newsletter of recertification time. Towaliga Village property is met individually with their housing manager by appointment while public housing residents are able to meet in the community room within designated days for their community.





## National Prevent Child Abuse Month

Throughout April, The Housing Authority displays pinwheels to show our support in the mission to prevent abuse and neglect of our nation's children.

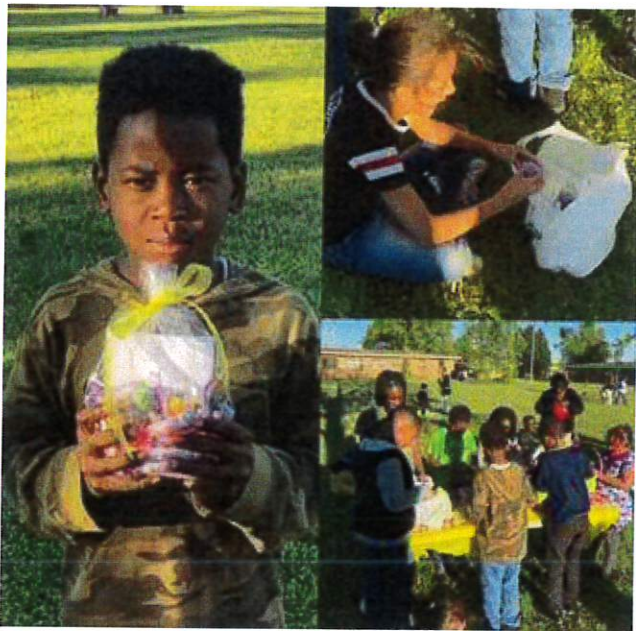
We recognize that every day we each have the opportunity to help create the kind of nation we want to live in. We also recognize that when all children don't have equal opportunity for healthy growth and development, we put our future as a society at risk.







Our first EGGstravaganza in the courtyard of Smith Homes was a great success. Everyone enjoyed egg dyeing. Children 13 and under participated in an egg hunt with the pink bunny to find a prize egg of \$25. Kids were accompanied by an adult who also enjoyed the activities.





## Little Free Library

This library belongs to everyone and is located at the Housing Authority office! It was specifically built and donated for the Housing Authority so the residents can

“Take a Book, Leave A Book”.

Books have been donated from the local schools and police department to help replenish the library as needed.





## Community Clean-up Day

The Housing Authority encourages our residents to help keep our communities clean by having a community clean-up day. Each year our staff gathers with residents to clean a property that has accumulated trash dumped on property. After several hours of working, we were able to carry off a dump truck of trash. Afterwards we enjoyed pizza.





The Housing Authority provides all new residents a Welcome Bag with household items that are useful during the moving process. This year the Housing Authority distributed over 470 applications. BHA worked tirelessly achieving the goal of housing low income and homeless individuals by providing housing for 32 families which consisted of 81 members.





## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

The Housing Authority enjoys recognizing our oldest seniors that are approaching a century of birthdays. They are all smiles when we appear with simple gifts to sing Happy Birthday!





## Community Garden

Barnesville Housing Authority's Community Garden is planted every year for our residents. Our raised beds grow a variety of peppers, tomatoes, and squash. We have several residents who also grow their own vegetables in pots on their porches.







Delisa McAdoo met with residents in our community for “Your Family Medical Tree”.

Ms. McAdoo swabbed each participant's mouth to test for various medical conditions such as cancer.







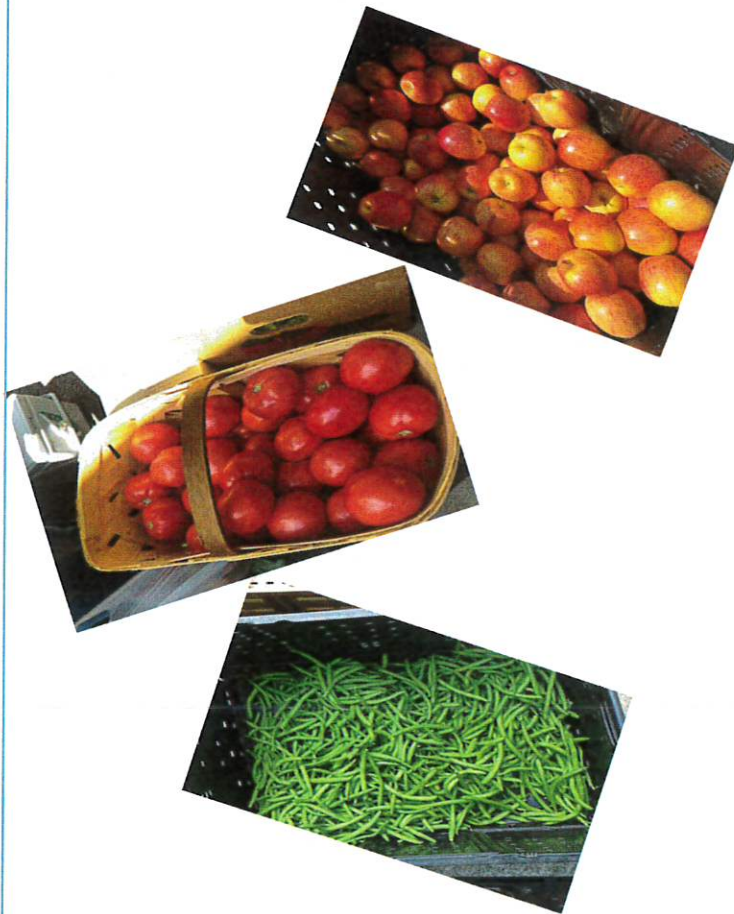
### Congratulations Class of 2019!

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 six 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 them we support them all the way.



## Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

Three Rivers Area Agency on Aging provides fresh, nutritious, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables, herbs, and honey from farmers' markets, roadside stands and community supported agriculture programs to low income seniors 60+. The market was able to provide fruits and vegetables for over 30 residents in our community.





## GAHRA Youth Leadership

Theme: D.O.P.E. “Deleting Obstacles,  
Preparing to Excel”



The purpose of this conference is to provide opportunities to enhance leadership skills and personal development of public housing youth as they strive to become successful citizens. This year our youth met at beautiful St. Simon Island stayed at Epworth By The Sea. We attended sessions with topics such as Credit: “Chasing Paper”, Proper Communication Skills: “Think Before You...”, Gangs, Social Media, Laws: “Unlocked”, Preparing for After High School: “The Right Choice for Me”, Sex & Healthy Relationships: “It’s a Wrap” . After a day of sessions, everyone gathered at the Summer Waves Water Park for a day of fun in the sun then an evening of dancing. Prizes were given to participants.





## Best Dressed



## Trick-or-Treat

The residents were caught Trick-or-Treating at the Housing Authority office on Halloween.

Our Best Dressed won a gift card to Walmart!







## Merry Christmas

Residents celebrated Christmas with Santa and at the Housing Authority while staff and regular meeting attendees had a luncheon at Deraney's Two City Tavern.





# **BARNESVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY**

<b>WORK ORDERS COMPLETED THIS YEAR:</b>	<b>852</b>
<b>CURRENT VACANT UNITS:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>NEW TENANTS HOUSED:</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>MOVE OUTS THIS YEAR:</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>TOTAL APPLICANTS YEAR TO DATE:</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS YEAR TO DATE:</b>	<b>47</b>

**TOTAL HOUSING UNITS PROVIDED BY  
THE BARNESVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY:**

**204**