



## From the Executive Director...



BOB BEGGS

### **Do not grow weary... Victory is nigh!**

Poverty is a malignant and relentless foe. Too often, a home in disrepair is a product of a life devoid of hope, joy and dignity. Poverty doesn't discriminate who it afflicts. Babies are born into it. Children's futures are destroyed

by it. Marriages are broken by it. Senior citizens have their security stolen by it. Poverty can reduce a person's world to survival, hunger, shame, and fear. The sad fact is, many of us are one disaster, accident, illness, job loss or bad decision away from an economic catastrophe and a life battling against poverty. This is a war and the battles are fought family by family, neighborhood by neighborhood.

The Bible tells us: "If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be...For the poor you will always have with you in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'" (Deut 15:7-11)

For nearly thirty years, Good Works has served on the front lines of the war on poverty in Chester County by repairing homes for low-income families and sharing the hope found in Jesus Christ. Poverty is complex, so Good Works combines physical assistance

(home repairs) with relational and spiritual support (ministry) to the families we serve. The soldiers in this war are ordinary people who invest a portion of their time, talent and treasure towards a worthy and God-ordained purpose – to bring hope, joy and dignity to people marginalized by the rest of society. Good Works staff, volunteers, donors and prayer partners are truly benevolent people and many have remained faithful for decades.

But, we live in a time where we find ourselves bombarded daily by news of conflict, tragedy, natural disasters and injustice around the world. It is easy to become fatigued, even overwhelmed by everything competing for our compassion. It is natural to want to back out of the fight, to focus on ourselves, our own family, our own security and our own happiness. But this is not what God commands us to do. He tells us to make helping the poor a lifetime mission. The scriptures say: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Gal. 6:9). Note God's promise – If we keep fighting, victory is assured. A harvest is promised!

To our faithful supporters, THANK YOU. To those who have taken some time off, please consider rejoining us. And to those who have stood on the periphery, today may be your time to sign on with us. This newsletter describes many ways that people can respond to God's calling in their lives and my prayer is that you accept the challenge. Do not grow weary...  
Victory is nigh!

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grow weary  
of doing good."**

Gal. 6:9

## Thank You...

Thank you for reading our Fall 2017 Newsletter. This semi-annual publication is distributed to over 4,400 friends of Good Works and we hope that you enjoy receiving it as much as we enjoy writing it. Good Works has been experimenting the past few years with multiple methods to communicate the great things God is doing through this ministry. Our goal is to more effectively connect with you.

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repairing homes and restoring hope

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## Ability or Availability...



So you are not the next Greg Laurie, Beth Moore or Chip and Joanna Gaines, but that doesn't mean that the Lord can't use you! In fact, 1 Peter 4:10 urges us into action by saying "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Ephesians 2:10 reminds us why we were created, "to do good works that He already prepared us to do!" Each of us was created to do great things through Him! Look

through the Bible. It is full of a cast of unlikely characters: Abraham was too old, Jeremiah and Timothy were too young, Naomi was a widow, Elijah was suicidal, Sara was impatient, Samson was arrogant and a womanizer, Gideon was afraid, Moses stuttered, Martha was a worrier, Jacob lied, and Peter was impulsive. If God could use them, He can use you! It doesn't matter who you are or what you've done, God wants to use you! Keep in mind that the same power that conquered the grave lives inside of you! Make yourself available to God. Roll up your sleeves and pitch in. We need YOU! Here are a few volunteer positions within our ministry. Visit [www.goodworksinc.org/volunteer](http://www.goodworksinc.org/volunteer) for details.

### Volunteer Work Crew Leaders & Technical Advisors

Lead a crew of volunteers to complete repairs of a substandard home from one of our four

warehouse locations: Coatesville, West Chester, Phoenixville or St. Peters Village. *Commitment: One Saturday per month.*

### Volunteer Data Entry Clerk

Assist our office staff with data entry into various digital systems used to manage the many aspects of the ministry. *Commitment: One day per week in Coatesville.*

### Volunteer Public Relations

Develop promotional materials about Good Works for various media outlets and support events to advance the ministry and recruit volunteers. *Commitment: Virtual work, one day per week.*



## Spreading the Word!...



### Faith Metrics

*Prayer, Share, Decision, Discipleship, Church Referral, Community Referral, Tracts*

Good Works Executive Director, Bob Beggs was asked to speak on the topic of Faith Metrics & KPI's for Ministry at the national meeting of the C12 Group in San Antonio, TX. C12 is North America's largest network of Christian CEOs, business owners, and executives. Their goals are to improve their companies, strengthen marriage and family relationships, and pursue true success in the eyes of God. The conference is attended by over 800 business leaders who want to use their businesses to further God's Kingdom. Bob shared how Good Works measures the effectiveness of its ministry and outreach to homeowners, neighborhoods, volunteers and others through

its Ambassador program. The role of Ambassadors is to pray, evangelize, disciple, make church and community services referrals along with distributing faith tracts. "Faith Metrics and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are simply a method to verify that we are actually doing what God has called us to do," says Bob. "By asking our Ambassadors to report on the kingdom work they are doing, we can better share what God is doing through Good Works and understand how to equip our Ambassadors to be more effective in their ministry." The opportunity to speak to hundreds of CEOs and business owners was a great opportunity to inspire and encourage them to make ministry prominent in their businesses as well as to promote Good Works to a national audience.

## Get Your Good Works Gear



Good Works volunteers love the new design of Good Works' T-Shirts and hats. New volunteers earn a T-Shirt after their 2nd day of service. You may not be able to volunteer on a Good Works workday, but you can still purchase a T-Shirt or hat by shopping at: [www.goodworksinc.org/gear](http://www.goodworksinc.org/gear).

## An Amazing Journey...

Christian churches are the backbone of Good Works. A sizeable percentage of our volunteers and donors are members of local churches and parishes. They see Good Works as an outlet for living out their faith and helping others. A broad spectrum of Christian denominations find the Good Works mission aligned with their goals and objectives. Twenty one Partner Churches have made a commitment to “adopt” one or more low-income families by repairing their home and nurturing relationships that often extend beyond the workdays. Other churches support Good Works financially enabling general volunteers to represent God’s love on their behalf to families in communities where their congregants live and work. In the case of St Elizabeth Ann Seton of

Whiting, NJ, they have been making an annual pilgrimage to Coatesville for the past 9 years. Rosemary MacMaster leads the youth group at the parish. She recalled their first experience with Good Works in 2008, the year of the destructive arson fires that racked Coatesville. “We came over Spring Break and it rained solidly for all three days we were there.” But, that didn’t put a damper on their experience. “The work crew leaders and technical specialists at Good Works are the best!” she says, “They let our kids do the work.” The next year they decided to try a Saturday workday in early August to dodge the rainy season and that clicked with the team. “Our youth unanimously identify Good Works as their favorite activity of the year. They see the difference they can make in someone’s life.” This summer, the

St Elizabeth Ann Seton team consisted of 15 youth and 8 adults and they worked on 4 homes.



“Our experiences with Good Works creates lifetime memories for our youth,” Rosemary concluded, “We are already looking forward to our 10th anniversary trip in 2018!”

**“Good Works has become part of the fabric of our parish.”**

*Rosemary MacMaster*

## Sharing Faith... God doesn't call the equipped, He equips the called



Our Ambassadors are some of my heroes of the faith. They aren't perfect and would be the first to tell you so. Actually that is what

makes them so amazing! Each of them, just like you and me have a past and yet that hasn't stopped them from being used. They are yielding themselves to God to use them “warts and all” to encourage, evangelize and disciple those who come across their path during a Good Works workday. Each month God sets up divine appointments using their past hurts, hang ups and struggles in incredible ways to bring hope, healing and help through Jesus Christ. Our Ambassadors are seeing that they are able to do more than they could do in their own strength because they are following the prompting of the

Holy Spirit! They are living out 2 Corinthians 12:9 “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” If God is prompting you to consider a ministry role with Good Works, please contact Deb Lego, Outreach Coordinator at outreach@goodworksinc.org. We would love to have you join us! If not, please be praying for the Lord to work in and through us as we strive to help transform lives and restore hope for the Kingdom!

Please provide your email so that we can reduce our paper/postage costs and be better stewards of our resources.

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**Website** – The Good Works website contains a wealth of information on many

topics, including great videos, volunteer opportunities, charitable giving, applying for assistance and much more. Check us out at: [www.goodworksinc.org](http://www.goodworksinc.org)

**Emails & Appeals** – From time to time, we communicate via email or letter for special initiatives, like asking you to contribute financially to an important project, to vote for us as a candidate for a grant or to receive invitations to special events.

### Win a Good Works ball cap!



**What is the purpose of this tool?**  
 Respond at [www.goodworksinc.org/tool-contest](http://www.goodworksinc.org/tool-contest). Winner will be drawn from all correct answers received by December 1.

Spring 2017 Issue winner was:  
**Brandi Timm** of Middletown, DE who correctly identified that tool as a rope maker.

### We love hearing from you.

Please provide feedback via the “Contact Us” page on our website, by email at: [office@goodworksinc.org](mailto:office@goodworksinc.org) or by phone at 610.383.6311. We never share your information with any third party, so please keep us up to date if your email or mailing address changes.

## Ways to Partner With Us...

To help you help us, we have some convenient options that can be used to send donations to Good Works through:

- Direct deposit from your credit card company or bank to Good Works
- Planned Estate Gift Giving
- Our Web site: [www.goodworksinc.org](http://www.goodworksinc.org)
- Donation of stocks

We continue to offer the following opportunities to give via:

- United Way of Chester County (simply designate to Good Works)
- United Way of Southeastern PA (code number 10255)
- Matching Funds at your place of business
- Amazonsmile.com

Please contact our office for further information (610 383 6311).

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### PARTNER SUPPORT

Some helpful information to keep in mind if you need the services of a good local business... try using a company that supports Good Works!

Go to the Good Works website **[www.goodworksinc.org](http://www.goodworksinc.org)** and look for companies under the “Partners” tab.

We thank God for your faithful support and know that “every good and perfect gift is from above.”

JAMES 1:17