

## Operation Sharing Tennessee: Impact on Scott Co.

### Introduction:

Operation Sharing Tennessee (OST) is a 501(c)(3) that started in 2008, operating under an MOU with Appalachian Life Quality Initiative (ALQI) of Oneida, and Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) of Corbin, KY. In 2012 OST established its own Board of Directors and obtained its own 501(c)(3) and operates out of the former H.T. Hackney warehouse in Oneida. We follow IRA guidelines for charitable donations. To qualify as a member, the organization must be in Appalachia; and either have a 501(c)(3) designation or be a school or church. Hours of operation are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday of each week. Appointments are scheduled every 20 minutes each of those days.

### What we do and how we do it:

We collect donated goods from caring partners and corporations at our warehouse. We then sort and re-donate these goods to other community-based, non-profit organizations and churches who handle distribution to individuals, families, and other organizations in need.

### Social Impact:

We have over 300 signed organizations that pick up at least once each month sometimes more often if a need arises. Typical items distributed to organizations include: food, drink, clothing, toiletries, office supplies/furniture, household supplies/furniture, building supplies, and pet supplies. We also partner with ALQI, to provide public giving events at our facility in Oneida, and we work closely with agencies such as food banks, shelters, schools, and government agencies to provide added support whenever needed. For example, in a domestic situation where an individual must escape their abuser or a house fire destroys everything, we will provide clothing, furnishings, basic hygiene products, and food to assist in the transition. We provide goods to support area school's backpack and school supply programs, ALQI's Toys-for-Joy event at Scott County's Boys and Girls Club, Shop-with-a-Cop program, and many other local events and programs.



Aid to Scott Co. Public School Teachers

### COVID-19:

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, OST has held three (3) ALQI sponsored drive-thru events at our facility. Individuals were provided food items, drinks, seed potatoes, toiletries, disinfectants, baby food/diapers, and thermometers. To maintain social distancing, these items were loaded into the cargo space of each vehicle as they drove through our parking lot. Each event served approximately 350+ families. These drive throughs had an estimated value of \$369,595.

Also, during the COVID-19 Safer-at-Home order, we received 26 pallets of Lunchables with Drink: Ham & Cheese and Turkey & Cheese packs, 16oz cheddar cheese blocks, and 24oz cottage cheese containers. These items were sorted and distributed to the Scott Co and Oneida school lunch programs; the senior citizen centers; churches and local



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food banks with an outreach component; and the Scott Co. Sheriff's Department/Jail. The Scott Co. Sheriff's Department/Jail alone received approximately \$53,000 worth of food items and other related goods during the 6-week period between March 15 – April 30, 2020.

In early May, Goods360 and Toys-for-Tots donated candy and toys that valued at \$150,000, with the explicit instructions that they be given to children to "bring joy into their lives during these uncertain times." We partnered with schools' normal meals programs and with Clinch/Powell Head Start and the Scott Co. Boys & Girls Club to distribute the candy and toys to community children.



Medical safety and hygiene supplies became very scarce during the early days of COVID-19. We donated masks, gloves, gowns, and other medical supplies & cleaning supplies to local doctor's offices and clinics within the community. We also, provided hand sanitizer, Lysol spray and wipes, and 55-gallon barrels of bleach to schools and other 'essential' organizations who were finding it difficult to find these supplies.



Need

OST does not receive any government funding/grants. Most of our expenses consist of payroll for three (3) part-time staff and overhead costs such as utilities, insurance, and propane for the forklifts. We operate on an average annual budget of \$60,000. With no full-time staff or grant writers, we depend on the generosity of individuals and organizations within our community to continue our operations.

Economic Impact on Scott Co.

The charts below outline the economic impact that OST has provided to Scott Co. The dollar amounts represent that estimated value of the items we distributed to organizations located within the county's borders and are grouped by organizational type. I have taken the liberty of further breaking down donations to the Scott County Government by specific governmental office. These include, Scott Co. Drug Court, Scott Co. Election Commission, Scott Co. Sheriff Department, and Scott Co. Government (i.e. Scott Co. Mayor's Office).

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Table 1: Economic Impact for Scott Co. in 2019

<b>Organization Type</b>	<b>Sum of Amount</b>
<b>Church</b>	<b>\$ 1,269,184.00</b>
<b>City Government (Oneida)</b>	<b>\$ 8,550.00</b>
<b>City Government (Winfield)</b>	<b>\$ 33,568.00</b>
<b>Community Based-Org (CBO)</b>	<b>\$ 1,473,492.68</b>
<b>County Government (Scott Co)</b>	<b>\$ 146,995.00</b>
-->Scott Co. Drug Court	\$ 40,774.00
-->Scott Co. Government	\$ 45,293.00
-->Scott Co. Sheriff Department	\$ 60,928.00
<b>Food Bank/Shelter</b>	<b>\$ 163,037.00</b>
<b>School (K-12 Private)</b>	<b>\$ 95,047.00</b>
<b>School (K-12 Public)</b>	<b>\$ 1,102,654.00</b>
<b>School (Post-Sec)</b>	<b>\$ 18,722.00</b>
<b>State Government (Scott Co)</b>	<b>\$ 19,927.00</b>
<b>Volunteer Fire Dept</b>	<b>\$ 72,542.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,403,718.68</b>

Table 2: Economic Impact for Scott Co. in 2020, Year-to-Date

<b>Organization Type</b>	<b>Sum of Amount</b>
<b>Church</b>	<b>\$ 404,500.00</b>
<b>City Government (Oneida)</b>	<b>\$ 960.00</b>
<b>City Government (Winfield)</b>	<b>\$ 11,833.00</b>
<b>Community Based-Org (CBO)</b>	<b>\$ 641,488.00</b>
<b>County Government (Scott Co)</b>	<b>\$ 73,397.00</b>
Scott Co. Election Commission	\$ 3,200.00
Scott Co. Government	\$ 9,971.00
Scott Co. Sheriff Department	\$ 60,226.00
<b>Food Bank/Shelter</b>	<b>\$ 87,375.00</b>
<b>School (K-12 Private)</b>	<b>\$ 15,780.00</b>
<b>School (K-12 Public)</b>	<b>\$ 248,392.00</b>
<b>School (Post-Sec)</b>	<b>\$ 5,114.00</b>
<b>State Government (Scott Co)</b>	<b>\$ 4,290.00</b>
<b>Volunteer Fire Dept</b>	<b>\$ 28,002.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,521,131.00</b>

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Table 2: Economic Impact for Scott Co. during COVID-19 (3/15/20-4/30/20)

<b>Organization Type</b>	<b>Sum of Amount</b>
<b>Church</b>	<b>\$ 162,961.00</b>
<b>City Government (Oneida)</b>	<b>\$ 960.00</b>
<b>City Government (Winfield)</b>	<b>\$ 6,293.00</b>
<b>Community Based-Org (CBO)</b>	<b>\$ 441,039.00</b>
<b>County Government (Scott Co)</b>	<b>\$ 63,342.00</b>
Scott Co. Election Commission	\$ 3,200.00
Scott Co. Government	\$ 7,496.00
Scott Co. Sheriff Department	\$ 52,646.00
<b>Food Bank/Shelter</b>	<b>\$ 66,520.00</b>
<b>School (K-12 Private)</b>	<b>\$ 6,606.00</b>
<b>School (K-12 Public)</b>	<b>\$ 119,728.00</b>
<b>State Government (Scott Co)</b>	<b>\$ 1,690.00</b>
<b>Volunteer Fire Dept</b>	<b>\$ 14,044.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 883,183.00</b>

