OUR HISTORY

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization providing food to those in need. Chartered in 1983 by St. Andrew's Church and the Federated Church, both of Ayer, Loaves & Fishes is supported locally by houses of worship, businesses, schools, community groups and individuals.

Loaves & Fishes is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and managed by a small staff. Over 300 active volunteers give the gift of their time in a variety of roles.

Loaves & Fishes has assisted thousands of our neighbors since 1983 and we have never turned away anyone who needs food. We are committed to continuing this tradition with your help and support.



"We both have medical issues and the bills just keep piling up. We have so little money left over to buy food. Our church told us about Loaves & Fishes so we decided to visit. We received so much nutritious food!

-Juan & Chen, Ayer residents



"Thank you for feeding my family and me!"

"Hunger is not a problem just facing those in poverty—it is also a challenge faced by working and middle-class neighbors who earn too much to qualify for government-provided emergency food assistance. Many never dreamed they would need a pantry or community meal program to feed themselves and their families."

-Feeding America

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Loaves & Fishes' mission is to provide nutritious food, in an atmosphere of kindness and respect, to individuals in need who reside in Ayer, Devens, Dunstable, Groton, Harvard, Littleton and Shirley.

NEED HELP?

CONTACT US (978) 772 4627 x312 clientservices@loavesfishespantry.org loavesfishespantry.org/need-help

REQUIREMENTS

There are **NO REQUIREMENTS** to meet, just bring a proof of residence (POR) in one of our seven communities and you will receive groceries. An acceptable POR would be a current utility bill, school records or rental agreement which includes your name, street address, town and a current date.

WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE

You will receive groceries which will provide approximately 1/2 of your monthly meals including meats, cheese, produce, shelf stable items and personal care products.

DRIVE-THRU PANTRY SCHEDULE

Beginning April 1st

1st Tuesday evening of the month 5 PM to 7 PM

> Wednesdays, Fridays, & 3rd Saturday of the month 9 AM to 12 PM

CLOSED Friday before 3rd Saturday

Schedule subject to change.

Visit loavesfishespantry.org for complete calendar information.

DONATE

WAYS TO HELP

Non-perishable food items are always needed at the Pantry. Personal care products such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, diapers, feminine care products, toothbrushes and toothpaste are also appreciated. Donations are accepted at the pantry during all drive-thru pantry sessions

ORGANIZE A FOOD DRIVE

Organizing a food drive is a great way to get involved. For more information on how to sponsor a drive, email us at: foodcoordinator@loavesfishespantry.org.



NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD PROJECT

Join or start your own Neighborhood Food Project. Each week, you buy just one extra non-perishable food item when you go shopping. Store it in our green food project bag. On a designated Saturday every other month, your neighborhood coordinator will pick up the bag and bring it to Loaves & Fishes. For more information, email us at: foodassist@loavesfishespantry.org.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed in a variety of roles. Contact us at (978)772-4627 x317 or email volunteer@loavesfishespantry.org to learn more.

MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Monetary donations are critical to the operation of the Pantry. An incredible 87¢ of every dollar donated supports direct services to our neighbors in need. Your monetary gift could be made in honor of or in memory of someone special. Gifts of stock are also appreciated.



"Thank you so much for helping us feed our family with lots of good, nutritious groceries. Most importantly, thank you so much for always meeting us with a smile and treating us with dignity and respect. You have made these hard times a little brighter."

-Miguel, a client