

# Our History



## Providing food and hope for over 40 years

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.



**A full tummy and a warm hug from Dad...that's what Anna is grateful for!**

**Anna's dad is grateful that the Pantry helps him keep her tummy full!**

### Contact Us

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*"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



***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.***

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# NEED HELP?

*No Income Requirements!*

## CONTACT US

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## NOW OFFERING

- **Online Registration** for new clients
- **Online Ordering** to provide more choice in the food you receive.
- **Councils on Aging Partnerships** to help home-bound clients receive food.
- **Drive-thru Pantry** - just get in line to receive your food!

## WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE

You will receive groceries including meats, cheese, eggs, produce, shelf stable items and personal care products. You may visit the Pantry twice each month.

## DRIVE-THRU PANTRY SCHEDULE

**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](http://loavesfishespantry.org) for complete calendar information.

# WANT TO HELP?

*Visit [loavesfishespantry.org](http://loavesfishespantry.org) to learn more!*

## MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Monetary donations are critical to the operation of the Pantry. Your monetary gift could be made in honor of, or in memory of, someone special. Gifts of stock are also appreciated.

## VOLUNTEER

Make a difference! Join the fight against hunger in your community! Volunteers are needed in a variety of roles and we offer easy, flexible scheduling. Online registration is now available.



*"Loaves & Fishes is saving my life. I'm 79 and my social security check just wasn't enough to pay my bills and buy groceries. It was such a relief to receive plenty of nutritious food from Loaves & Fishes."*

-Greta, client from Shirley

## DONATE FOOD

Non-perishable food items that are still within their "best by" dates are always needed. 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 visit our website.



## NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD PROJECT

Join or start your own Neighborhood! 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.