



Never Forget  
the Difference  
You Make

## April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month!

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of our operation!



volunteer  
do good, feel good

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator today! [volunteer@loavesfishespantry.org](mailto:volunteer@loavesfishespantry.org)



## Shout Out to Our Volunteer Drivers!

Our valiant crew of 20 Volunteer Drivers work tirelessly behind the scenes to pick up donations from area grocery stores, gardens and donation boxes. We are also fortunate to have a team of six volunteer Delivery Truck Drivers who work together with our staff to pick up food from the Greater Boston Food Bank for Loaves & Fishes AND the six other area pantries we serve.

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU  
TO ALL OF OUR DRIVERS!**

# SPRING INTO ACTION 5K



## LACE UP YOUR SNEAKERS!

Walk or run to help us raise money for  
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry!

Enter as an individual,  
or for extra fun walk with a team of  
friends, family, or co-workers!

### CAN'T WALK?

Support someone who is!

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

**1 p.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Rogers Field, Devens, MA**

**For details visit [LFWalk.org](http://LFWalk.org)**

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### IN KIND SPONSORS

Golden Girl Granola  
Table Talk Pies



## Now Offering Online Ordering!



Our Online Ordering system is working really well. This simple, easy-to-use program allows you to customize your orders and select the day you'd like to pick up your food!

**Contact our Client Counseling Team today for more information.**



*"Thank you so much for what you do, it makes such a difference. There were times before I came here that I didn't have anything to eat."*

Jimmy, a Littleton resident

**Last year we provided nutritious groceries to 697 families, 1,841 individuals. 43% were either children under 18 or seniors over the age of 65.**



## How Do I Become a Client?

- Be a resident of Ayer, Devens, Dunstable, Groton, Harvard, Littleton, or Shirley
- No income requirements!
- We only ask that a proof of residence be provided for each member of the household
- Homeless? No problem! Just let our Client Counselors know.
- Still not sure? Contact our Client Counseling Team - they'll be happy to help you figure it out.

## Need Help with Food?

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry provides nutritious food to individuals in need who reside in Ayer, Devens, Dunstable, Groton, Harvard, Littleton and Shirley.

**NO INCOME REQUIREMENTS!**

**Contact our Client Counseling Team**  
(978) 772-4627 x312  
clientservices@loavesfishespantry.org

**Or Visit During Any Open Pantry Session:**

**234 Barnum Road, Devens, MA**

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

Wednesdays, Fridays - 9 AM to 12 PM

3rd Saturday of the month - 9 AM to 12 PM

\*CLOSED Friday before 3rd Saturday\*

**Check Out Our Website:**

loavesfishespantry.org/need-help



## Bravo, Alltown Fresh!

This past holiday season, **Alltown Fresh** in Ayer hosted a sandwich and register fundraiser. Their generous customers donated over \$10,000 for the Pantry, their biggest fundraiser yet! The employee team and management were so excited to present this amazing gift – there were cheers and celebration when Loaves & Fishes Executive Director, Patty Stern, arrived to accept the check! Many thanks, Alltown Fresh!



## Berry Global Does it Again!

**Berry Global** in Devens has been a longtime partner of the Pantry. They provide a variety of plastic bags which we use to package our produce and protein, support us financially, and they donate special bags for the annual Postal Workers' Food Drive.

Recently they took it to another level – they had a huge inventory of bags just sitting in their warehouse which were originally made for the packaging of Ford Motor Corporation's mass production of N95 masks during the Pandemic. Owen Richardson, Vice President and General Manager, contacted us to see if we could use them. We gladly accepted these bags AND with Owen's permission, we have been sharing them with six other pantries to whom we provide trucking service! Community collaboration at its best!

Pictured above, from top left photo: Berry employees, Anthony, Owen, and Steve help unload several pallets of bags. Right photo: Just a few of the 375 cases of slider bags donated. Bottom left photo: Berry employees and L&F staff after a job well done unloading pallets of donated bags. From left to right: Anthony, Jocie (Food Coordinator at L&F), Shane, Steve, Denzel, and Karin (Former Food Coordinator Assistant at L&F).

## Most Needed Items

- Ensure & Glucerna
- Jelly & Jam
- Coffee & Tea (no K cups)
- Nuts
- Grains (quinoa, barley, millet, etc.)
- Condiments
- Snacks & Gluten Free Snacks
- Apple and Fruit Pouches
- Shelf Stable Yogurt Pouches
- Menstrual Pads: Heavy Days
- Diapers: size 6
- Baby wipes
- Bed Pads
- Bar Soap
- Depends: size sm and med unisex
- Poise: #1, 3, & 4





## LETTER CARRIERS' FOOD DRIVE

### Postal Workers' Food Drive Saturday, May 11th

Remember to leave bags of shelf stable food for your local postal workers at your mail box or in your post office! Watch your mailbox for reminders and a bag to fill.

Last year's event collected over 25,000 pounds of food for our neighbors in need!



### Annual Appeal Fundraiser

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.

Please consider supporting our neighbors like Anna and her dad by making a donation today.



### Welcome to Our Newest Team Members

Karl Anderson joined the team in January as one of our Delivery Truck Drivers and Diane Bishop just recently came on board as one of our Food Coordinator Assistants.



### And the Winner is...

Claudette H. bought the winning raffle ticket for the beautiful "Exploding Heart" quilt crafted by the talented Maureen Clapp!

The raffle was a huge success - selling over 940 tickets and earning over \$1,960.00 for the Pantry!

Thank you, Maureen!



# Neighborhood Food Project 40 for 40 Campaign

## 40 New Donors and Neighborhoods for the 40th Anniversary

### Become a Donor

It's easy, it doesn't take much time, and is a great way to get involved and make a difference!

### Start a New Neighborhood

A "neighborhood" can be your office building, place of worship, school, street, or any other group of people who are interested in an easy way to help our neighbors in need.

### Visit our website to learn more

[loavesfishespantry.org/neighborhood-food-project/](http://loavesfishespantry.org/neighborhood-food-project/)

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