



# Annual Report

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024





## **OUR MISSION**

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.

# OUR BOARD of DIRECTORS

<b>Mary Timmons</b> – President	7/1/20 – 6/30/26
<b>Hugh Silk</b> – Vice President	2/8/21 - 6/30/24
<b>Alexis Forest</b> – Treasurer	7/1/22 - 3/31/24
<b>Kelli Hnath</b> - Treasurer	4/1/24 - 6/30/27
<b>Beth Walker</b> – Clerk	7/1/21 - 6/30/24
<b>Merle Adelman</b>	7/1/23 - 6/30/26
<b>Susan Edgett</b>	7/1/20 - 10/31/23
<b>Jeff Howe</b>	7/1/19 - 6/30/25
<b>Patrick Kelly</b>	7/1/23 – 6/30/26
<b>Ramasree Pitla</b>	5/1/24-6/30/27
<b>Leslie Row</b>	5/1/24-6/30/27
<b>Heidi Siegrist</b>	7/1/23-6/30/26



*“This is like a miracle. You have no idea how much this helps us.”*

-Joanna, Ayer resident

*hope*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This year, Loaves & Fishes celebrated its 40th anniversary. It was a fun-filled, reflective year. We had lots to celebrate, and celebrate we did! Our Soup for the Soul event was a huge success, as was our Cheers to 40 Years celebration at Dirigible Brewery. Throughout the year, we focused on what we did to get to 40 years... and what we can do to celebrate our 50th and 60th anniversaries and beyond.

A huge thanks goes to Patty and the staff, the volunteers, our corporate and individual donors, and the Board for getting us to 40 years. We officially launched online ordering, available via our website in multiple languages, which has allowed many new clients to take advantage of our services. We are pleased to report that online orders are now available for pick-up during every open pantry session. We have started work on several key strategic initiatives to enhance how the Pantry evolves so that we continue to support our neighbors in the best way possible in the years to come. We have expanded the variety of food we offer, including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free options, providing important choice for those on restricted diets.

Our clients don't know all the behind-the-scenes work the staff and volunteers do each and every day to provide food and compassion to them, and that's the magic of Loaves & Fishes. This gift feels natural, like it “just happens,” leaving our clients feeling supported, respected, and seen.

On behalf of the Board, thank you to all who bring the mission of Loaves & Fishes to life every day – our work makes such a difference!

Mary Timmons  
President – Board of Directors

## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

It has been a year of significant growth and challenge, as evidenced by an astounding 34% increase in clients since the summer of 2023! It has also been a year of reflection as we acknowledged the Pantry's 40th Anniversary. The generosity shown by our community, coupled with a dedicated staff and volunteer crew and a supportive Board, has allowed the Pantry to continue its mission and become a beacon of hope for so many of our neighbors who are struggling.

Although we have accomplished much in the past 40 years, we realize that our work is far from over. The increasing demand for our services highlights the ongoing challenges many of our neighbors are facing. The rising cost of housing, utilities, and medication leaves little left for food. As a result, we have welcomed an unprecedented number of new families to the Pantry and witnessed the return of others who have not visited in years. Thanks to the support of our community, we have been able to sustain the operation and respond to the growing need.

It is unclear what the next 40 years will look like for the Pantry, but I suspect that with your unwavering support, Loaves & Fishes will thrive, and together, we will continue to provide not only food but also hope.

My sincere thanks,

Patricia A. Stern  
Executive Director

# OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Patricia Stern** – Executive Director  
**Melissa Richard** – Senior Administrative Assistant  
**Grace Miller** – Client Services Coordinator  
**William Loehfelm** – Client Counselor  
**Tara Hanley** - Food Coordinator (through 7/23)  
**Jocie McCaffrey** - Food Coordinator Assistant (through 7/23); Food Coordinator (as of 7/23)  
**Karin Menard** - Food Coordinator Asst. (8/23 - 2/24)  
**Diane Bishop** - Food Coordinator Asst. (as of 3/24)  
**Sarah Smith** - Food Coordinator Asst. (as of 8/23)  
**Edward Clapp** - Truck Driver  
**Karl Anderson** - Truck Driver (as of 2/24)  
**Eileen O'Dea** – Volunteer Coordinator

*“I just took a second job because everything is so expensive now. The gas and food prices are ridiculous. I can't work any more than I am and I still can't pay my mortgage and taxes. Your food is so important to us - now more than ever.”*

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\*Names and photos used in the client stories and quotes are fictitious to protect the privacy of our clients.

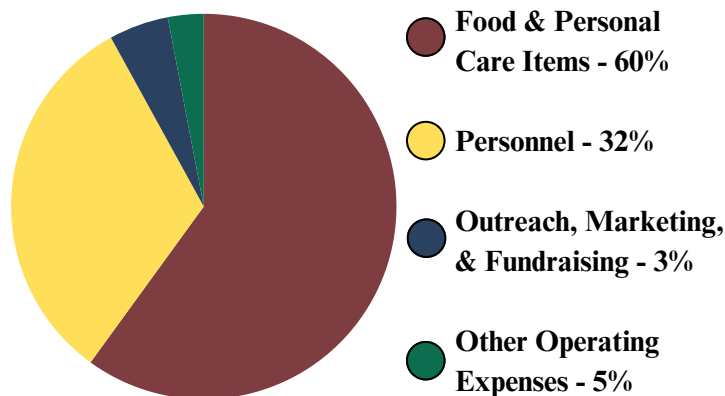
# FINANCIAL PROFILE

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**CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR  
DONATED WENT TOWARDS  
CLIENT SERVICES!**

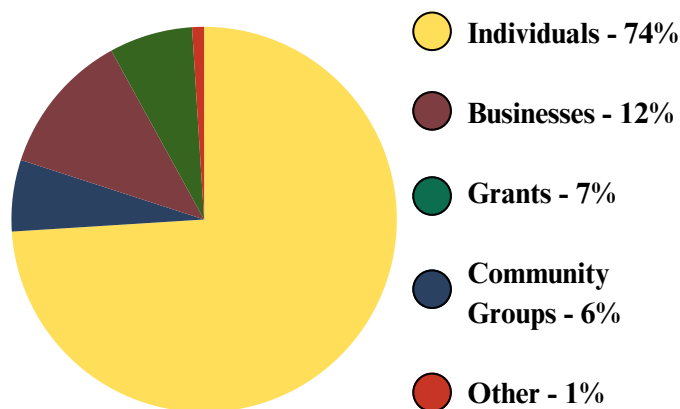
MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 739,017
VALUE OF DONATED GOODS & SERVICES	\$1,596,526
VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS	\$ 545,659
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT*</b>	<b>\$2,881,202</b>
EXPENDITURES	\$ 837,730
GOODS/SERVICES/VOLUNTEER TIME	\$2,142,185
<b>TOTAL DISTRIBUTED*</b>	<b>\$2,979,915</b>

## ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES\*



In-Kind Values Included

## SOURCES OF DONATIONS\*





Gloomy weather did not stop our dedicated supporters! A fun day was had by all at this year's **Spring Into Action 5K** held at Rogers Field in Devens. Approximately 100 people came out to walk, run and volunteer, raising over \$21,000 to help feed our neighbors in need!



# SUPPORT

We are beyond grateful to everyone who participated in our two major fundraisers.

Our **Annual Appeal** was well received - over \$28,000 was collected to help keep our shelves stocked!



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

Anna's dad is grateful that Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry helps him keep her tummy full.

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# GENEROSITY

Many businesses and community organizations supported Loaves & Fishes.



Four local car clubs have donated over \$110,000 since 2009! Our thanks to: **BMW Car Club of America, Renegade Miata Club, North Country Porsche Club of America, and the Porsche Club of America Northeast Region!**



**St. Mark's Episcopal Church** in Westford organized a yummy and successful "Chocolate for Charity" event and **Main Street Bank** continued their tradition of supporting the Pantry!





Thanks to the **Harvard Lions Club** and **Don & Janet Stevens** we were able to purchase two, new, upright merchandising refrigerators!



For 12 years, Kerry Ann Madden, pictured below with her husband Damien, of **KAM Fitness and Nutrition** in Groton organized an annual Plank-a-thon!



**Nashoba Valley Medical Center** in Ayer hosted their 9th Annual Hunger Run 5K to benefit the Pantry!

# SUPPORT

891

## FAMILIES VISITED LAST YEAR!

The Pantry helped 2,497 individuals from 891 families last year, an increase of 34% from the previous year. They struggled with job loss, health issues, fixed income, an unexpected household expense, and the dramatic increase in the cost of food, housing, and utilities. The Pantry welcomed each family and provided them with groceries, resources, kindness, and support.



*“My husband is ill; my sister is in the hospital. I’m working full-time while also caring for them and our two children. Everything feels so out of control right now. I’m so grateful that I can always count on Loaves & Fishes – you guys are always there.”*

– Susan, a Groton resident

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*“My wife and I both work, but sometimes it’s hard to make ends meet. At the Pantry there’s never any shame or embarrassment, just good food and kindness. It makes it easy to ask for help.”*

- Enrique and Adriana, Ayer residents

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## **NEW FAMILIES VISITED THE PANTRY!**

The need grew as the cost of food, rent, and other necessities continued to rise. Loaves & Fishes was there to help community members who never dreamed of needing a food pantry.

# ASSIST

17%

## WERE OVER THE AGE OF 65!

Many seniors struggled to survive on their fixed income and were forced to make some very difficult decisions about heating their home, paying their rent or mortgage, or purchasing necessary medications. This generation was hesitant to ask for help but was relieved when they found the courage to visit the Pantry.



*"After my food stamps were cut from \$48 to \$2 a month, I was worried about how I'd manage. Loaves & Fishes has been a lifesaver. I'm so grateful for all of the wonderful nutritious food I receive."*

-Adele, Dunstable resident

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# NOURISH



Jenny has so much fun learning at school everyday! Thanks to Loaves & Fishes, Jenny's mom can make sure she has three nutritious meals a day, keeping her happy, healthy, and ready to learn!

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## WERE CHILDREN!

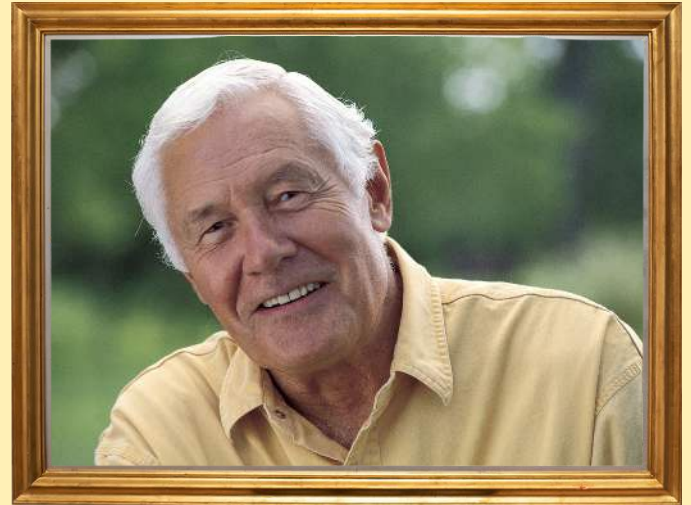
Many parents told us they were struggling to provide adequate, nutritious food for their children. Trying to stretch a box of pasta or a can of soup was the norm for many until they came to the Pantry. The fresh produce, meats, eggs, and milk vouchers they received provided the little ones with the nutrition they needed to be healthy and succeed at school.

# SUSTAIN

16%

## WERE RETIRED OR DISABLED!

Their stories were heartbreaking. They were struggling to survive on a fixed income. Some re-entered the workforce, but others could not work due to illness or a handicap. They were doing their best to survive. The support they received from the Pantry sustained them and lightened the burden.



*"I've had such a hard time affording food that I was only eating one meal a day. Thanks to all of the fresh, nutritious food I get from Loaves & Fishes, now I have plenty to eat."*

- Joseph, Harvard resident

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*"I'm supporting our household on my own right now - my husband is sick, so I can only work part-time. We had no food in our house. If it weren't for all of the nutritious groceries from Loaves & Fishes, my husband and I would starve."*

- Julia, Shirley resident

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# COMFORT

60%

**EARNED LESS THAN \$25,000!**

With the cost of living skyrocketing, surviving on less than \$25,000 annually is nearly impossible. Many reported living in low-income housing, area hotels, or were homeless. Many did not know where their next meal was coming from. Some survived on crackers and peanut butter; some went hungry. The support they received from the Pantry helped, in a small way, to comfort them.

# COMMUNITY

781,974

## POUNDS OF GROCERIES DISTRIBUTED!

It took a lot of food to feed 2,497 individuals! Thanks to the support of many local businesses and community groups, the Pantry was able to meet the need and provide nutritious groceries and necessary support to our neighbors who were struggling.



The annual **Postal Worker Food Drive** yielded over 21,000 pounds of food from the community!



**Golden Girl Granola** in Shirley made a yummy, nutritious donation!





The **Davis Family**, supporters of the Pantry since the 1980's, delivered their annual after Thanksgiving contribution!



The residents at **Newbury Court** in Concord had some fun at their 4th Annual Turkey Trot and collected hundreds of pounds of food!

## **EVERY PENNY COUNTS! Our Coin Canister Hosts**

Acton Toyota, Littleton  
 Archer Mobil, Ayer & Littleton  
 Aubuchon Hardware, Ayer & Littleton  
 Blood Farm, West Groton  
 Connections Physical Therapy, Harvard  
 Craven's Liquor, Groton  
 Du's Tailor and Cleaners, Ayer  
 Great Road Farm and Garden, Littleton  
 Great Road Liquors, Littleton  
 Groton Liquors  
 Groton Market  
 Haffner's, Groton  
 Harvard General Store  
 Jack O'Lantern Liquors, Ayer  
 Littleton Liquors  
 Moison Ace Hardware, Groton  
 Moore Lumber & Hardware, Ayer  
 Moore Lumber & Hardware, Shirley  
 Net Variety & Liquors, Shirley  
 Professional Hair Design, Ayer  
 Rapid Refill, Devens  
 Shin's Dry Cleaning and Alterations, Ayer  
 Shirley Package Store  
 Sorrento's Pizzeria, Harvard  
 Tiny's Restaurant, Ayer  
 The Vineyard, Ayer  
 Westward Orchards, Harvard  
 Wok N Roll, Ayer

# YOUTH



The **Littleton Boy Scouts Troop 20** raised funds from their Photo Booth with Santa!



**Groton Dunstable Youth Soccer Club** collected food for our Summer Kid Bags!



The **Ayer Shirley Middle School Junior Honor Society** raised funds for the Pantry by hosting a dunk tank!



**Quinn and Delaney** went door to door in their Littleton neighborhood collecting food for the Pantry!



**Landis and Hollyannah**, from the **Hildreth Elementary School** in Harvard, collected cans of soup during their SOUP-er Bowl integrity project!



Students at **Lura A. White School** in Shirley collected over 400 boxes of cereal for the Pantry, set them up like dominos and watched the chain reaction!

# ENRICH

117,277

## **POUNDS OF FRESH PRODUCE!**

The benefits of fresh produce in a healthy diet are undeniable. However, many of our neighbors simply could not afford it. Thanks to many local gardens, orchards, farms, area grocery stores, and home gardeners, the Pantry was able to distribute 117,277 pounds of fresh produce.





# THANK YOU

Autumn Hills Orchard - Groton

Bolton Orchards

Boston Area Gleaners - Acton

Community Harvest Project -

North Grafton and Harvard

Gaining Ground - Concord

Garden at Church Meadows - Littleton

Garden Club of Harvard

Gove Farm - Leominster

Little Leaf Farms - Devens

\*Plus many grocery stores, organizations  
and individuals

*"We can't afford to get much food at the grocery store so we just get a few things to get by - no more buying the healthy food we like. We're so thankful for the Pantry! We get so much nutritious, fresh food! Especially the vegetables!"*

Eric and Amy, Shirley residents

*Hope*



# NEIGHBORS

50,527

## POUNDS OF GROCERIES COLLECTED BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD FOOD PROJECT

The "Green Bag Program" provided a consistent flow of donations each month. A total of 70 neighborhoods with approximately 600 neighbors kept this highly effective program going.





# SERVICE

Many of our supporters donate their services to the Pantry, taking care of everything from our landscaping needs, our snow removal, our marketing and graphic design needs, supporting our website and technology needs, helping us create professional productions and much more!



Our grounds are nicely groomed thanks to **Sidney Landscaping** in Ayer



**Littleton Community Television** supported all of our production needs!

## LEWIS STUDIOS

**Lewis Studios** in Dunstable provided website, database and other technology support!



**Bemis Associates** in Shirley provided all of our snow removal needs!



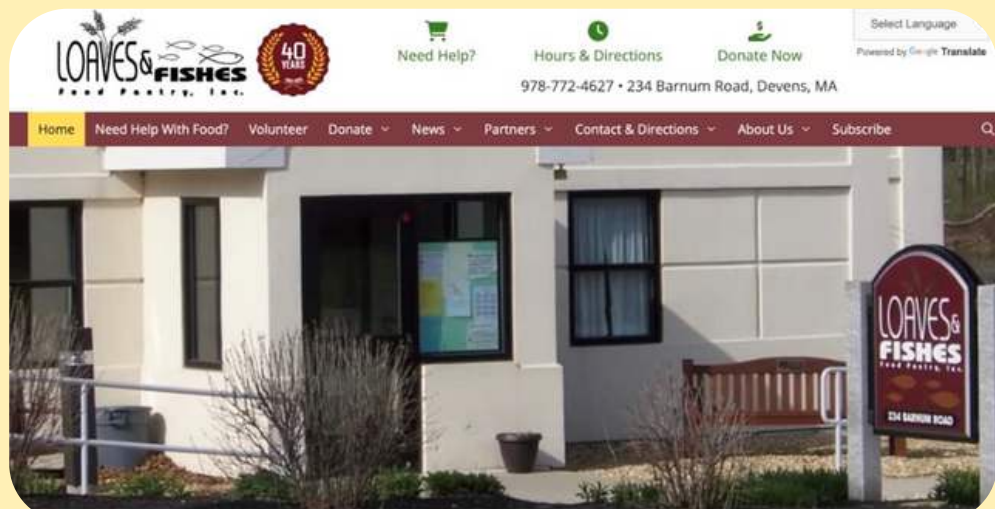
**CBHstudio** in Groton provided marketing and graphic design support!

# NEW AND EXCITING THINGS AT THE PANTRY



We introduced our **On-Line Ordering System** which our clients love!

We launched our **New Website!**





We hosted **Town Officials** at the Pantry and shared ideas about how we can work together to support our neighbors!



Groton & Dunstable



Ayer & Shirley



Devens & Harvard



Littleton

# 40th Anniversary Fun



## Our Sincere Thanks To:

Bull Run Restaurant-Shirley  
Forge & Vine-Groton  
Lucia's Tavola-Ayer  
Marty's Corner Cafe & Deli-Devens  
Stevie's Cafe-Littleton

The Farmhouse Cafe-Dunstable  
Siam Pepper Thai Cuisine-Harvard  
Jack O'Lantern Liquors-Ayer  
Bisousweet-Shirley  
Tag Vennard-Musician



Thank you to our new friends at **Dirigible Brewery** in Littleton for being a great host!



# 40th Anniversary Fun

# VOLUNTEERS

421

## INDIVIDUALS GAVE THE GIFT OF TIME!

Over 13,300 hours were donated by our awesome volunteer crew! They off-loaded trucks, delivered donations from area grocery stores and gardens, date-checked, sorted and stocked donations, prepared client orders, provided clerical support, and served on committees and task forces. The gift of time is precious, and the Pantry could not survive without these exceptional individuals!

volunteer  
*do good, feel good*

Merle Adelman  
Maria Albright  
Isabel Albright  
Fadiya Ali  
Susan Allardice  
James Allen  
Rosemary Anderson\*  
Jacob Andre  
Ross Andrews  
Romie Antony  
Amy Apigian  
Ardent Mills  
Elizabeth Arimento  
Susan Arruda  
Dave Astolfi  
Patricia Atkins  
Chase Avalos  
Ayer Shirley Middle School  
Stephanie Babson  
Diane Baker  
Gemma Baker  
Doris Barreiro  
Charline Barron\*  
Anchal Behl  
Dave Beigel  
Heidi Beigel  
Nanci Bell  
Katherine Bell  
Veronica Bellerose  
Sheryl Belley  
Bemis Associates  
Bob Benson  
Karen Bergan\*  
Cathy Berse-Hurley  
Robert Bigelow  
Mary Bilodeau  
Ioni Bishop  
Diane Bishop  
Linda Blackwell  
Cathleen Blair\*  
Dennis Blair  
Charlotte Blount  
Chris Bottger  
Cathy Bowles  
Denise Boyd  
Kevin Boyd  
Megan Brady  
Dawn Brantley  
Aiden Brantley  
Jim Breslauer  
Victoria Brier  
Michael Broderick

Zachary Brumbaugh  
Jake Bryant  
Cynthia Burghard  
Wanda Burns\*  
Stewart Cady\*  
Sarah Cameron  
April Campbell  
Melinda Carlson  
Robin Caron  
Sandra Cartee  
Rosanna Casavecchia  
Jack Casey  
John Cauley  
Ruth Cavanagh  
Janet Chambers  
Angela Chang  
Emil Chiauzzi  
Roberta Chiauzzi  
Nathan Chiou  
Aldea Choquette\*  
Luke Ciarfella  
Cisco Systems  
Maureen Clapp  
Ed Clapp  
Kelli Codner  
William Cole\*  
Michelle Collette  
Kate Connolly  
Micki Conway  
Renee Cook\*  
Elizabeth Brennan  
Joshua Cosgrove  
Donald Costa  
Renee Courtney  
Katharine Covino-Poutasse  
Rebecca Cross  
Ginger Cummings  
Elias Currier  
Sheril Danforth  
Lori Daniells  
Roxanne Darrell  
Nicole Darrell  
Heather Davis  
Ralph Deflorio  
Lynn DeLorenzo  
Paul DeLuca  
Deluxe Corporation  
Michelle Devereaux  
Paul DiCenzo  
Jeff Dickinson  
Heather Dickinson  
Sofia Dickinson

Bella Dickinson  
Ann Diep  
Lorraine DiNardo\*  
Jeanne DiSanto\*  
Kirby Dolak  
David Dolan  
Kathleen Dollard  
Diane Douglas  
Korry Dow  
Clare Duci  
Nick Dutkewych  
Susan Edgett  
Jody Ellis  
Miles Ellis  
Macie Ellis  
Mary Jane Ellison  
Alison Enright  
Rich Enright  
Ann Essman\*  
Stephen Essman  
Susan Evans  
Carol Evans  
Anna Fadden  
Brenda Ferguson  
Kate Ferriola  
Jackson Ferriola  
Ken Ferris  
Kelly Fitzgerald  
Ellen FitzPatrick  
Tracy Flory  
Sally Foley  
Maribeth Ford\*  
Alexis Forest  
Naomi Friedlauer  
Volunteer Friends  
Alex Fusegni  
Peter Galluzzo\*  
Lynn Gannon  
Thomas Geary  
Joanna Gerwig  
Sarah Gibbons  
Dorie Gibbons  
David Glynn  
George Gogas\*  
Eileen Gorss\*  
Manon Goulding  
Michael Graves  
Marilyn Gray  
Dorothy Greco  
Carol Greenfield  
Carole Greenfield  
Tess Grynock  
Peter Guercio  
Thomas Gulick  
Gerry Hall  
James Hanlon\*  
Barbara Hantz  
Kathy Harlow  
Susan Harvey

Tammy Haschig  
 Mary Heafy  
 Hans Heer  
 Joanne Helhowski  
 Steven Henin  
 Susan Henry  
 Colin Henry  
 James Herberich  
 Crystal Herrmann  
 Kelli Hnath  
 Sarah Hocking  
 Beth Hodge  
 Ann Hodson\*  
 Nancy Holden  
 Andra Hollis  
 Leah Honor  
 Ellie Hood  
 Maureen Hopper  
 Paul Horrigan  
 Jeff Howe  
 Yu-Chi Hsu\*  
 Susan Hudlin  
 Clinton Huff  
 Deirdre Huff  
 Nancy Hughes  
 Patricia Jackson  
 David Jackson  
 Isabel Jackson  
 Knowles Jake  
 Larkin Jennifer  
 Kim Johnson\*  
 Greg Johnson  
 Glynn Johnson  
 Deb Johnson  
 Deborah Johnson  
 Christopher Jones  
 Joanie Jones  
 Machael Kalil  
 Patrick Kelly  
 Barbara Kemp  
 Janice Kendall  
 Carol Keohane  
 Tim Khuu  
 Gwen Kimball  
 Katherine Kimball  
 Jenn Klein

Alfreda Kovach  
 Ann Krajewski  
 Barry Kroening  
 Adam Kuang  
 Julie Kulchuk  
 Manu Kumar  
 Neil Lacey  
 Lynn Lagace  
 Trisha Lamb  
 Thomas Lamont  
 Patricia Lane  
 Spencer Lane  
 AJ Lanoue  
 Megan Lanoue  
 Scott Larson  
 Mari Laundree  
 Huguette Leahey\*  
 Eileen Leduc\*  
 Jacob Lee  
 Linda Lee  
 Olivia Lee  
 Scott Lewis\*  
 Kathleen Lizotte  
 Kevin Lizotte  
 Jane Logee  
 Jeff Lowe  
 Julia Lowe  
 Mary Ellen Lyons  
 Dick Lyons  
 Linda MacDonald  
 Joseph Madill  
 John Majeski  
 Carlos Malore  
 Susan Mangual  
 Kanti Mann  
 Aleta Manugian  
 Noah Martin  
 Marcia Matthyse  
 Christa Maxant  
 Cindy McAuley\*  
 Vincent McCawley  
 Judy McDermott\*  
 Connor McDermott  
 Karen McDonald  
 Kerry McGee  
 John McMahon

Tate McMurray  
 Renee Meehan  
 Marcia Melanson  
 Karin Menard  
 Andre Menard\*  
 Chris Menard  
 Renee Mercurio  
 Yonathan Mesfin  
 Robin Miller  
 Rebecca Miller  
 Elizabeth Miskin  
 Anna Morel-Paletta  
 Pam Morris  
 Piper Morris  
 AnnMarie Mula  
 Andrea Myette  
 Jennifer Nichols  
 Paul Niemira\*  
 Dana Noble  
 Paula Noeth\*  
 Mike Noeth  
 Michael Noisin  
 Renee North  
 Cynthia Ober-Ressijac  
 Gayle O'Brien  
 Gretchen O'Connor  
 Kathleen O'Connor  
 Violetta O'Donnell  
 Nancy Ohringer\*  
 Emily O'Keefe  
 Julia O'Keefe  
 Lisa Oldham  
 Olympus Corporation  
 of the Americas  
 Kristen Osborn  
 Joanne Ouellette  
 Lisa Palmer  
 Jessie Panek\*  
 Jonathan Panek  
 Jason Pare  
 Kross Parker  
 Susan Parker  
 Isabella Paul  
 Karla Paxton  
 Desiree Pellot-Rosa  
 Nicole Penella  
 Shreya Pentapalli  
 Anne Perkins  
 Robby Perkins-High  
 Scott Peterson\*  
 Kathleen Phelps  
 Donna Piche  
 Elsa Pierpont  
 Hannah Pierpont  
 Bonnye Pillar  
 David Pillitteri  
 Ramasree Pitla  
 Russell Poutasse  
 Jeffrey Protentis



Cindy Proulx  
 Janet Providakes  
 Derek Puschel  
 Michael Quinn  
 Lukas Rabbie  
 Kymberly Rabbie  
 Kathleen Raftery\*  
 Zorina Rahman  
 Juan Rauan  
 Clara Real  
 Kathy Reiff  
 Richard Ressijac  
 Matthew Richards  
 Karen Riggert  
 Brenda Riordan  
 Gloria Rios-Monarez  
 Jody Robinson  
 Jessica Roetzer  
 Alex Rohrberg  
 Lukas Rohrberg  
 Lars Rohrberg  
 Isabel Rojas  
 Donna Romilly  
 Carrie Rooney  
 Lynne Roper\*  
 Jonathan Rosario  
 Bonnie Ross  
 Deb Rosson  
 Clarke Rouisse  
 Jayne Rouisse  
 Daniel Routhier  
 Leslie Row  
 Cristine Roy  
 Charlene Rubin  
 Nancy Ryan  
 Donna Ryan  
 Gina Ryan  
 Anthony Ryan  
 Izzy Ryan  
 Laurie Sabol

Michael Sabovik  
 Linda Sagor  
 Dot Samsi  
 Nancy Sarlan  
 Cadeeja Sawad  
 Joseph Schmidt  
 Fred Schnepfer\*  
 Lewis Scott  
 William Scott  
 Jayne Severens  
 John Sewell\*  
 Robin Sewell  
 Charlene Shorey  
 Owen Shuman  
 Heidi Siegrist  
 Don Siegrist  
 Hugh Silk  
 Madeline Silk  
 Laura Silk  
 Josie Silk  
 Nilgun Sir  
 Kristine Sjostedt  
 Grace Slocumb  
 Sarah Smith  
 Jacob Solon  
 Gail Somers Sun  
 John Sopka  
 Brian Spadafino  
 Vera Spohr  
 Julie Staraitis  
 Cory Stasko  
 Marisa Steele  
 Christine Stelzer  
 Leah Stelzer  
 Janet Stevens\*  
 Donald Stevens  
 Sinta Stoddard  
 Mike Stoops  
 Liz Strachan  
 Judi Stuer-Moore

Kate Sullivan  
 Debra Tassone  
 Kathleen Taylor  
 Glean Team  
 The ARC of  
 Opportunity  
 The Darnell School  
 The Glean Team  
 The Groton School  
 Mary Timmons  
 Sandra Tobies  
 Laura Tomaino  
 Carol Lee Tonge  
 Megan Toombs  
 Tracey Toombs  
 Cheryl Townsend  
 Jon Turner  
 UMASS Chan  
 Library  
 Tonia Valeri  
 Dipthi Venkatesh  
 Carolyn Waite\*  
 Charles Waite\*  
 Elizabeth Walker  
 Sarah Walker  
 Kathrynne Walsh\*  
 Cheryl Walters  
 Beth Washington  
 George Watkins  
 Michael Wells  
 Jennifer White  
 Juliet Whitehill  
 David Wittek  
 Brian Wong  
 Annette Woodle  
 Merilee Wright  
 Ying Xie  
 Anlu Yan  
 Jia Zheng  
 Rebecca Zolla



*\*Volunteer with 100 or more volunteer hours this year.*

# HARVEST CLUB PARTNERS

## PLATINUM LEVEL \$10,000 AND ABOVE

Alltown Fresh  
Anstiss Certified Public Accountants  
Ayer Shop 'n Save  
Steve Bakke and Julie Staraitis  
Berry Global, Inc.  
Boston Area Gleaners  
Community Harvest Project CPF, Inc.  
Donelan's Supermarket - Littleton  
Hannaford Supermarket - Townsend  
John C. and Eunice B. Morrison Charitable Foundation  
North Country Porsche Club of America  
Northrop Grumman  
Nvidia  
Nvidia Employees  
Postal Workers' Food Drive  
Roche Brothers Supermarket - Acton  
Shaw's Supermarket - Groton  
Shaw's Supermarket - Stow  
Shirley Scout Drive  
Donald and Janet Stevens  
Albert Stone  
The Greater Boston Food Bank  
Trader Joe's - Acton  
United Way of North Central MA  
Richard and Jean Walsh  
Whole Foods - Westford

## GOLD LEVEL \$5,000 - \$9,999

Aubuchon Hardware - Littleton  
Bemis Associates  
Eugene Buzderewicz  
Cisco Systems  
Commissioners of Trust Funds - Town of Groton  
Data and Business Solutions, LLC  
Emergency Food and Shelter Program  
Gaining Ground  
Harvard Lions Club  
Richard High and Anne Perkins  
Holy Trinity Parish  
Timothy Ingraham  
Rose Joseph  
Kobe Henro Pet Food Bank  
Warren and Meredith Kundert  
Manchester Motor Freight  
Paul and Mimi Matisse  
Stephen and Stella Matson  
Nashoba Valley Medical Center  
Porsche Club of America - Northeast Region  
Janice Raguin  
Stephen Roach and Amy Hilbert  
Robert & Joan Dircks Foundation  
Christopher Ryan and Lily Baddour  
Ted and Mary Shasta  
Richard Shurtleff  
Sidney Landscaping Services, Inc.

Our Harvest Club Partners support the Pantry in many ways, including financial support, donating goods and services, and by volunteering.

*\*We made every effort to include all of our Harvest Club Partners. Please accept our apologies and let us know if you have been missed. Some of our Partners wish to remain anonymous and have not been listed here.*

## SILVER LEVEL \$2,500 - \$4,999

AbbVie, Inc. Employee Giving Campaign  
Bake N Joy Foods  
BJ's Wholesale Club  
Bristol Myers-Squibb  
Catania Oils  
Chelmsford Church of Christ  
Chubb Bermuda Insurance Ltd.  
Clear Path for Veterans of New England  
Community Foundation Of North Central Massachusetts  
Congregational Church of Littleton  
James Curran and Yolanda Rigali  
Custom Contracting, Inc.  
Guilford Dube and Marcia Melanson  
Dunkin' Joy In Childhood Foundation  
Dunkin' - Harvard  
Jim and Lorraine Farnsworth  
Read Fleming  
Deborah Gray and Thomas O'Donnell  
Groton Post Office  
Groton Public Library  
Groton-Dunstable Reg. High School  
KAM Fitness & Nutrition

Scott Lewis and Judith Taylor  
Brendan and Veronica Lowney  
Lura A. White Elementary School  
Massachusetts Youth Soccer - Town Select League  
Michael McDonald  
John McNamara and Karen Duggan McNamara  
New England Apple Products Co.  
Olympus Corporation of the Americas  
Dan and Gina O'Neil  
RTX Corporation  
Saint Anne Church  
Peter Schulz  
Thomas and Verna Sefranek  
Andrew Sigel  
Thomas and Heidi Sikina  
Sheila Smith  
James and Margaret Soucie  
The Bromfield School  
The Gore Charitable Foundation  
Robert Tosi and Jo-Ann Dery  
Union Congregational Church of Groton  
United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley, Inc.  
Elizabeth Walker and Dan Routhier  
Welch Foods Inc.



Our friends from CISCO, located in Boxborough, are always there to lend a hand!



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!



## BRONZE LEVEL - \$1000 to \$2,499

AFA Obstetrics & Gynecology PC  
Autumn Hills Orchard  
Avago Technologies / Broadcom  
Gift Matching Program  
Ayer Fire Department  
Ayer Post Office  
Ayer Shirley Regional Middle  
School  
Davida Bagatelle and Arthur  
McEvily  
Albert and Catina Barbieri  
William Barnes Jr.  
Brett and Karen Benyo  
Blessed Trinity Parish  
Stephen and Corinne Bodtman  
BoomX Cannabis  
Boston Metrowest Bible  
Boston Ultimate Disc Alliance  
Boy Scout Troop #20 - Littleton  
Thomas and Susan Brando  
Carter and Letitia Branigan  
Jessica Brown  
Tim and Cassie Buck  
Burrroughs Charitable Foundation  
Michael and Julie Campisi  
Peter and Diane Carson  
CBHstudio  
Central One Federal Credit Union  
Jennifer A. Clancy, LLC  
Herbert and Lori Cogliano  
Congregation Shalom  
Louis Conrad and Lois Bisson  
Mary Abigail Coolidge  
The Davis Family  
Devens Enterprise Commission  
DF Murphy Insurance Agency  
Louis DiMola and Ginny Koslow-  
DiMola  
Jennifer Engel

Enterprise Bank - Lowell  
Steven and Carolyn Fader  
FBS Tire Recycling, Inc.  
First Church Unitarian  
First Parish Church of Groton  
Florence Roche Elementary  
School  
FMC Devens  
Forge & Vine  
Paul and Donna Funch  
G. W. Archer, Inc. Mobil Station  
Peter Galluzzo  
Francisco Garcia  
Garden at Church Meadows  
Garden Club of Harvard  
David Gaynor and Bernice  
Goldman  
Richard and Elinor Gentilman  
Gervais Ford  
Gove Farm  
Greater Twin Cities United Way  
Groton Knights Of Columbus  
#13140  
Groton Woman's Club  
Groton-Dunstable Regional  
School District  
Gary Gumuchian  
Hannaford Fight Hunger Bag  
Program  
Harvard Unitarian Universalist  
Church  
Harvard Woman's Club  
Ross Hawley  
Henry Vincent Couper Charity  
Foundation  
Emery and Nancy Herman  
Hildreth Elementary School  
Andra Hollis  
Michael Horton

Ronald and Donna Horvath  
Jabil  
Sarah Jordan  
Vinod Kamalaraj  
John and Isabelle Katter  
Stephen and Diana Keaney  
James Kendall  
Stephen and Mary Keville  
Paul Kouyoumjian and Lisa Webb  
Lazaro Paving Corporation  
Rebecca Lewis  
Little Leaf Farms  
Littleton Community Television  
Littleton High School  
Littleton Middle School  
Littleton Rotary Club  
John Llodra  
Douglas and Eileen Long  
Lucia's Tavola  
Scott and Deborah MacDonald  
Main Street Bank  
Betsy Malynn  
Bruce and Lynne Man  
Marty's Corner Cafe & Deli  
Karen McCloskey  
Larry and Judy McDermott  
Raimund Merkert  
Middlesex Savings Bank  
Charitable Foundation  
Stephen Morris and Karen Levitt  
David Moulton  
Edward Murphy  
David Newsham and Rebecca  
Day-Newsham  
Janine and Mark Nichipor  
Maureen O'Hagan  
Charles and Dana Oliver  
Robert O'Neill and Mary Ystuenta  
Kathleen Oosterman

Open Table  
Ronald and Susan Osterg  
Bhavesh Patel  
Renegade Miata Club  
Steven and Claire Robinson  
Elizabeth Romano  
Susan Ross  
Leslie Row  
Russell and Linda Shappy  
Heidi and Don Siegrist  
Anthony Simonenko  
Dorothy Solbrig  
Joseph Spinelli  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
St. Matthew's United Methodist  
Church  
St. Anthony of Padua Church  
Kathy and Gary Stanley  
Stryker Corporation  
Sidney Sundheimer and Elizabeth  
Gelfand  
Timothy Szczesuil and Ann  
Broomhead  
Tahattawan Masonic Lodge -  
Littleton  
The Bull Run Restaurant  
The Farmhouse Cafe  
The Groton Inn  
Edward and Penny Thomas  
Torrice Family Charitable Trust  
Michael Tosi  
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc.  
Wag 'N Wash  
Leon and Ann Weaver  
Douglas and Beth Williams  
Dawn Wilson  
WIN Waste Innovations  
Jeanine Wood  
John and Ann Wortman

# HELP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Area families received all of the fixings for their holiday meals -  
334 families for Thanksgiving and 304 families for the December holidays!



*“It was really nice to be able to have a turkey for Thanksgiving. We thought we were going to have to go without this year. Thank you so much!”*

- Sharon, Groton resident

*hope*



*"I heard about you from a lady at the Shirley COA. I thought it would be hard to get food but this was really easy! My son has pneumonia and is out of work and he has a new baby so I thought this would help. I had no idea how much food I'd get! This will last quite a while! Thank you!"*

*"I tell my friends about Loaves & Fishes and how you can come here and get food. Everyone is really nice - it makes a big difference."*

*"I'm diabetic. I love the nutritious food I get from you - lots of vegetables and fruit. I love it. Thank you."*

*"When I got home after my first visit, I unpacked one bag and started crying. I was so relieved to see all the food. Thank you."*

*"We are so lucky to have you nearby. Thank you so much!"*

*"We are so thankful for this food. You are good to help us."*



*"I can't believe how nice everyone is and how generous you are with the food. This is unbelievable."*

*"I'm so happy to have my Loaves & Fishes family. Without you I'd be completely heartsick - I wouldn't have anyone to love."*

This "Exploding Heart" quilt was handmade and donated by long-time volunteer Maureen Clapp to be raffled off to raise funds for the Pantry in honor of our 40th Anniversary.

*"We really appreciate all you do. You are a blessing. We use everything you give us; we never put anything to waste. My kids eat a bigger variety of foods because of the food you give us."*

*"I've never in my life had to ask anyone for any help before. But I can't make it right now. In the last two days I've only had a chicken sandwich to eat. I wouldn't be here if there was any other way. I'm grateful for your help."*

# LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY, INC.

## A Work of Heart

1983 - 1993

- **50 households served in 1983**
- Hot meal program
- Established by the Federated Church & St. Andrew's Church in Ayer
- Switched to a pantry model in 1984

1994 - 2003

- **560 households served in 2003**
- Moved to Vicksburg Square, Devens
- Converted to a "free choice" pantry model
- Expanded services to include: counseling, emergency housing, fuel and rental assistance

2004 - 2013

- **968 households served in 2013**
- Temporary move to MacArthur Avenue, Devens
- Purchased 234 Barnum Road, Devens for \$1 and a can of peas.
- Capital Campaign raised \$1.4 million
- Moved to Barnum Road facility in 2006

2014 - 2023

- **697 households served in 2023**
- Neighborhood Food Project begins
- Refocused on mission of food insecurity
- Pantry renovated in 2018
- Added Dunstable to the service area in 2019
- Supported 69 federal employee families during government shut-down
- COVID Pandemic hit in 2020- Pantry converted to a drive-thru with pre-packed groceries
- Purchased truck in 2021 & began delivery program to assist six other pantries
- Piloted an on-line ordering system

## What will the next 40 years bring...







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