

Feeding Hope, One Meal at a Time

It has been a year of significant growth and challenge, as evidenced by an astounding 35% increase in clients since the Summer of 2023. This milestone is more than just a statistic—it is a testament to the resilience of our community and the impact of the collective efforts of donors, volunteers, our Board of Directors, and staff.

As we reflect on this achievement, we recognize that our work is far from over. The rising demand for our services highlights the ongoing challenges faced by many in our community and also reinforces the critical role of our supporters—like you.

Our commitment to delivering high-quality and nutritious food remains at the heart of our work. We believe everyone deserves access to healthy food in an environment where they feel valued and respected. With your continued generosity, we can build on this success and strive to reach even more individuals and families in need. Together, we are not just providing food. We are fostering hope.

LAST YEAR WE
PROVIDED
NUTRITIOUS
GROCERIES TO
891 FAMILIES
(2,482 INDIVIDUALS)



"After my food stamps were cut from \$48 a month 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

Donate Today



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

Every Wednesday and Friday - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. 1st Tuesday of the month - 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. 3rd Saturday of the month - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Last Thursday of the month - 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Learn More on Our Website:

loavesfishespantry.org/need-help



"My wife and I both work, but 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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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.
- · Quick, easy online registration available
- · Ask about our convenient online ordering





Generosity at Its Freshest!

Summer at the Pantry is bountiful, thanks to local farms donating nearly 11,000 pounds of fresh produce!

Many, many thanks to these farms:

Boston Area Gleaners – Acton
Community Harvest Project – Grafton and Harvard
Dick's Farm Stand, courtesy of Devens Enterprise

Commission – Devens
Gaining Ground – Concord
Garden at Church Meadows – Littleton
Garden Club of Harvard – Harvard
Gove Farm – Leominster

Little Leaf Farms - Devens

It's Beautiful!

Have you seen how meticulously groomed our grounds are? We owe it all to the generosity and hard work of **Sidney Landscaping** in Ayer. They are providing all of our 2024 landscaping needs free of charge!

Thank you, Sidney Landscaping!



Fitness Feeding Families

For 12 years, Kerry Ann Madden (pictured with her husband, Damien) of **KAM Fitness and Nutrition** in Groton has organized the annual Plank-a-thon to benefit local food pantries. It has raised over \$20,000 to help feed our hungry neighbors!

This year, the Plank-a-thon raised over \$3,300 for the Pantry. Twenty people, aged 6 to nearly 60, collectively held their planks for 30 minutes! Eileen Hackney held her plank for an astounding 6 minutes!

Cisco Helps Again!

Many hands made our annual inventory a breeze!

Our friends from **Cisco Systems** in Boxborough have volunteered to assist us with this project for many years. They brought muscle, humor, and smiles with them and helped to make this task fun for all!





Please Join Us

Join us for a relaxing outdoor evening under a beautiful tent for a night of celebration, refreshments, recognition, and stories of hope.

Monday, October 21, 2024 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Red Tail Golf Club The Worcester Tent 15 Bulge Rd., Devens

R.S.V.P. by October 11 to Mellissa 978-772-4627 x300 or office@loavesfishespantry.org



Join the Neighborhood Food Project!

Every time you do your family's grocery shopping, purchase something for the Pantry, too! Store it in the provided green bags and every two months your Neighborhood Coordinator will pick up your green bags right from your front porch.

It couldn't be easier!

Visit our website to learn more! loavesfishespantry.org/nfp

Most Needed Items

Everyday Items

- Ensure & Glucerna
- Coffee & Tea (no K cups)
- Albacore Tuna
- Condiments
- Jelly & Jam
- Baking Mixes
- Helpers (such as hamburger, tuna, dry potatoes, etc.)
- Snacks
- Hearty Soups
- Flavored Rice
- Canned Pasta (such as SpaghettiOs)
- Poise: #1, 2, 4, & 5
- Depends (unisex): Sm, Med, Lg & XL
- Diapers: size 3, 4 & 6

Holiday Items

- Stuffing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Crackers

- Baking Mixes
- Gravy
- Broth & Stock

Please visit our website for drop off times.





Opportunities for every schedule and skill set!

- Communications
 Develop Content for and maintain our Social Media platforms
- Open Pantry Help
- Administrative Support
- Clerical Help
- Sorting and Stocking Help*
- Truck Offloading*
 - *May require lifting 50 lbs. or more

And many more!
Visit our website to learn more today!



Thank You to Our 2024 Harvest Club Partners!

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

Visit our website today to learn more about how you can Partner with Loaves & Fishes!

*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.



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 - Harvard 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 - Stow Shirley Scout Drive Donald and Janet Stevens Albert Stone The Greater Boston Food Bank Trader Joe's - Acton United Way of North Central Massachusetts Richard and Jean Walsh

Gold Level \$5,000 - \$9,999

Richard Shurtleff

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35% ON ONE INDIVIDUALS SERVED SINCE JULY '23

The mission of Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry 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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