

MISSION

Loaves & Fishes exists as a mission of love and faith by providing food and temporary support services to residents of Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton and Shirley and advocates for changes by its clients that will promote independence and self-reliance.

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OPEN PANTRY HOURS

Wednesday and Friday
 9:45AM-12:30PM
 (Doors open at 9:30AM)
First and third Saturdays of the month
 9:00AM-11:00AM
 (Doors open at 8:45AM)
Second Tuesday of the month
 6:00PM-8:00PM
 (Doors open at 5:45PM)

Closed when Ayer Shirley Regional School District is closed or delayed due to inclement weather.

FOOD DONATION TIMES

During all Open Pantry Hours and Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00PM-8:00PM

CLOTHING DONATION TIMES

Monday 10:00AM-12:00PM and 7:00PM-8:00PM

LOCATION

234 Barnum Road
 Devens, MA
 Mailing address:
 PO Box 1
 Ayer, MA 01432
 Telephone: 978.772.4627

Partnering with Loaves & Fishes

“Partnering” with Loaves & Fishes means many things. We are grateful to the two recipients of our annual Outstanding Community Partner Award—Hannaford Supermarket in Ayer, whose donations of food and other support exceeded \$29,000 last year, and St. Anne’s Parish in Littleton, whose contributions and support are immeasurable and longtime partnership is invaluable. We are also as grateful for the generous individuals who partner with us.

Mike recently attended a new volunteer orientation session and has since made multiple donations of over 100 loaves of sliced bread. His partnership with us enabled children from many of the 910 families we serve to have sandwiches for lunch during the summer break.



Partnering to help end hunger

Mike also generously offered to help by donating landscaping services on a regular basis. This great news comes on the heels of another recent partnership with Pinard’s Landscaping of Ayer. Pinard’s recently donated their services to shape up our grounds!

Another partner, Tammy, donated three entire grocery carts full of food and personal care items—including expensive essential items such as diapers and laundry detergent. Tammy is a single mom who had, at one time, experienced food insecurity and sought assistance at her local food pantry. She partners with us through her desire to pay it forward.

Each and every partnership is valuable and instrumental in continuing our mission of lifting and feeding our neighbors.

Some of our Partners



Students from Shriver Job Corps work hard on the pantry grounds!



Members of Bare Hill Rowing presenting a donation to Patty Stern.



On the same day, Dave Allen brought us a donation from Merry-Mac Valley Campers!

A Very Special Thank You

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“Food – there’s no greater gift...”—Dikembe Mutombo, Congolese American retired professional basketball player who last played for the Houston Rockets of the NBA.

Volunteer for your health!

Have you ever thought about volunteering? It may be just what the doctor ordered! Harvard University's Thomas H. Sander says "Engagement and volunteering is the new hybrid health club for the 21st century that's free to join." "Research shows it miraculously improves both your health and the community's through the work performed and the social ties built."

Stephen G. Post, a Director at Stony Brook University School of Medicine in New York says "If the benefits of volunteering or altruism could be put into a pill, it would be a bestseller overnight." A report by UnitedHealth Group, Doing Good is Good for You: 2013 Health and Volunteering Study, found that "76% of US adults who volunteer report that volunteering has made them feel physically healthier, and 78% report that volunteering lowers their levels of stress, leading to feeling better than adults who do not volunteer."



Are you thinking about volunteering *now*? Aside from the reported health benefits, there are other reasons volunteering can be good for you. Volunteering can help kindle community spirit, allow you to make new friends and help you learn some new skills. Volunteering can also be a helpful addition to your resume. Whatever your reasons for volunteering, Loaves & Fishes and your community needs your help! Visit our website at www.loavesfishespantry.org to learn about our volunteer opportunities!

Coming Up...

Business after Hours

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Wednesday, September 24, 2014
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
5:30PM-7:30PM, Refreshments

To Benefit Loaves & Fishes!
Huff & Cuff 5K & Fitness Walk
Saturday, October 4, 2014
10:30AM Race Start
42 Patton Road, Ayer
www.huffncuff5k.com

Open house
Loaves & Fishes Open House
Tuesday, October 7, 2014
5:30PM-7:30PM, Refreshments



To Benefit Loaves & Fishes!
The Hunger Run 5K
Nashoba Valley Medical Center
Saturday, October 18, 2014
Race starts at 9:30AM

Annual MEETING
Loaves & Fishes Annual Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2014
5:30PM-7:30PM, Refreshments

National Certification!



Loaves & Fishes has been selected as one of five non-profit organizations in Central Massachusetts to participate in a pilot program to strengthen our volunteer engagement practices and improve processes.

Our dedicated volunteers are the backbone of the pantry. The Service Enterprise Initiative will strengthen our organization by empowering volunteers to make a more significant contribution—coming together to build partnerships and relationships that better serve community needs and help us continue our mission. In the coming months, you will be hearing more about this exciting initiative!



Volunteers are working hard sorting donations from the Postal Worker's Food Drive in May.

A Word From a Client...



June, 2014
To the wonderful folks at Loaves & Fishes:

"I have been the beneficiary of the Pantry Program for several months now. I am retired, disabled and on Social Security...Without Loaves & Fishes I would be without much needed supplies. The staff is extremely professional & friendly and I thank one and all for your assistance." —L&F Client

Need Assistance?

If you need food, we can help you. We can also locate other important services in your community. Every food recipient is treated with dignity and respect. The food is free.

If you live in Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton or Shirley, please call (978) 772-4627 x312



Loaves & Fishes 30th Anniversary Golf Tournament

was held on June 9, 2014 at *Shaker Hills Country Club*. Thanks to the many sponsors, donors, golfers and volunteers, the event was a huge success and more than \$6,500 was raised to benefit Loaves & Fishes! Save the date for next year's tournament!

Monday, June 8, 2014.



The Holidays Are Around The Corner!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution Event

Monday, November 24th

Shop For Your Parents

Shriver Job Corps Center, Devens
Saturday, December 13th



Shop for Your Kids

Bob Eisengreen Community Center, Devens
Thursday, December 18th



Holiday Dinner Distribution Event

Monday, December 22nd



More Partners...



Fourth graders from Hildreth Elementary School in Harvard collected 1,376 pounds of food during their annual food drive valued at \$2,298!



The Studio, Fitness Your Weight, in Groton held their second annual Plank -A-Thon raising over \$3,000 for Loaves & Fishes!



Rock Tenn, Devens, MA, held a food drive and donated 426 pounds of food!

Community Partnership Awards



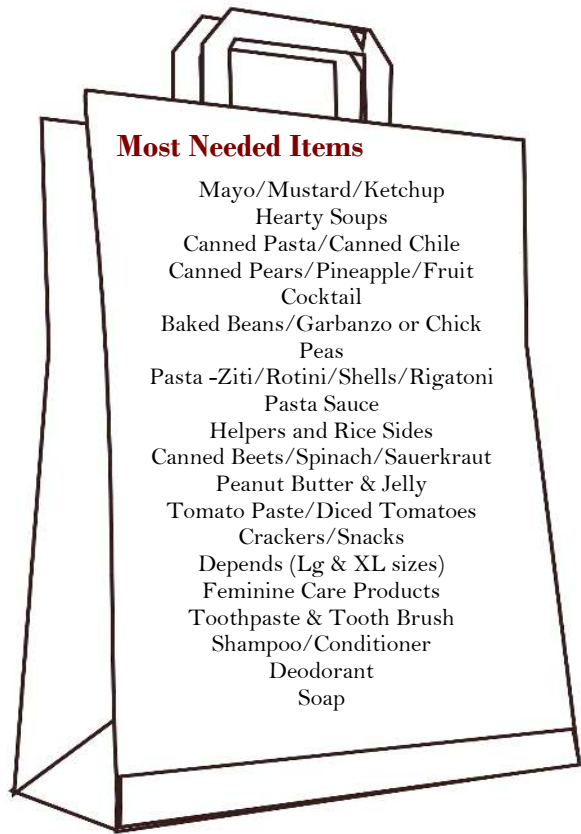
Outstanding Partner Award recipients—St. Anne's Parish, Littleton (pictured above) and Hannaford Supermarket, Ayer

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What's New?
 Loaves & Fishes
 distributes
 approximately 5,500
 pounds of food every
 time we are open!



Most Needed Items

- Mayo/Mustard/Ketchup
- Hearty Soups
- Canned Pasta/Canned Chile
- Canned Pears/Pineapple/Fruit Cocktail
- Baked Beans/Garbanzo or Chick Peas
- Pasta -Ziti/Rotini/Shells/Rigatoni
- Pasta Sauce
- Helpers and Rice Sides
- Canned Beets/Spinach/Sauerkraut
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Tomato Paste/Diced Tomatoes
- Crackers/Snacks
- Depends (Lg & XL sizes)
- Feminine Care Products
- Toothpaste & Tooth Brush
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Soap

Collection Box Locations

AYER	HARVARD
Ayer Post Office	Harvard Post Office
Nashoba Valley Medical Center	LITTLETON
North Middlesex Savings Bank	Citizen's Savings Bank
The Cottage Restaurant	Donelan's Supermarket
The Markham Group	North Middlesex Savings Bank
DEVENS	Northern Bank & Trust
North Middlesex Savings Bank	Littleton Police Department
GROTON	Littleton Post Office
Donelan's Supermarket	Knox Realty
Groton Post Office	SHIRLEY
Groton Public Library	Shirley Post Office
Middlesex Bank	Hazen Library
North Middlesex Savings Bank	North Middlesex Savings Bank
Town Hall	Phoenix Park, Building D
Groton Senior Center	

Donation boxes can also be found in many places of worship in all six towns served by Loaves & Fishes

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