



Real People • Real Food
Real Help • Real Hope

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2017: July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017

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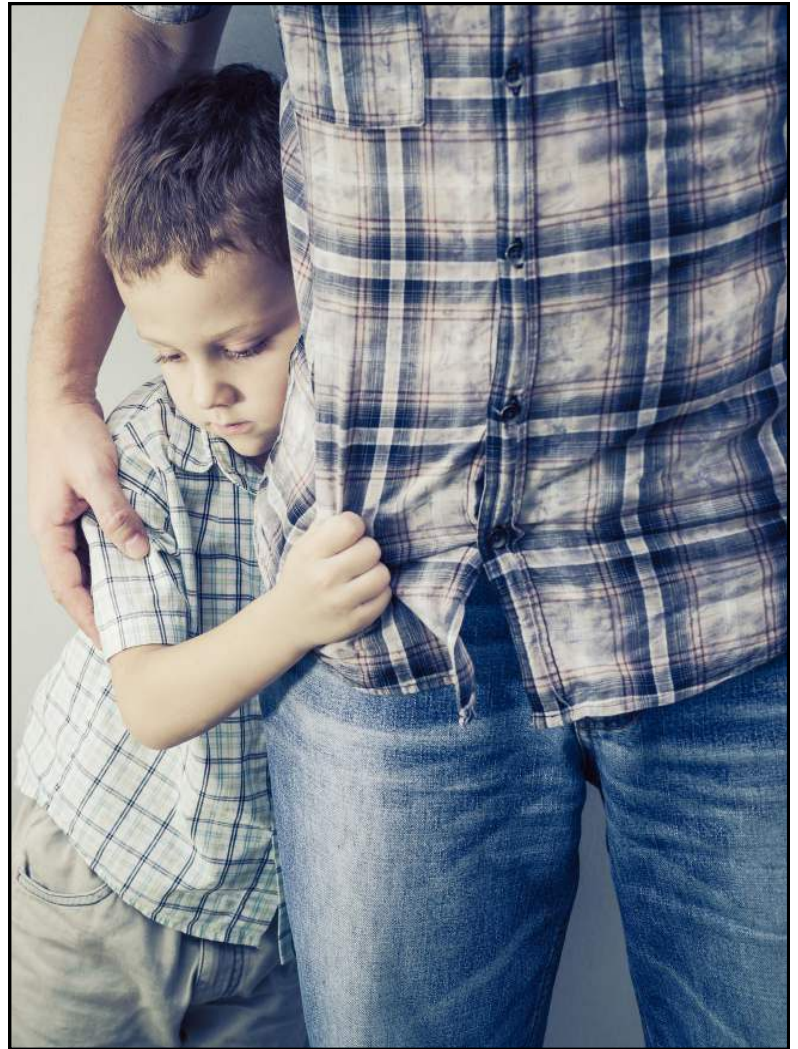
"I have never experienced a program like Loaves & Fishes. The staff are friendly, genuine and sincere and the food is invaluable when you're not sure of what problems may come tomorrow. I recently lost my position as an administrator and didn't qualify for public assistance. This is when I found Loaves & Fishes and they provided support and assistance in my time of transition when no one else would. I could never express how much gratitude and appreciativeness I have for Loaves & Fishes. Thank you for all you do to help so many." - A Client

All names and photos used in the "Stories of Hope" section of this publication are fictitious to protect the privacy of our clients.

A STORY OF HOPE

“Jim” is a well-educated, divorced dad with two young children, who was recently laid off from a well-paying, professional job. Because he has been unemployed for several months, he had to deplete his bank accounts and max out his credit cards so he could pay his bills and feed his children. Many nights he went without food so his children could eat.

Jim learned about the Pantry from a friend and although it was very difficult for him to ask for help, he knew he had to do something to support his family.



Patty Stern, Executive Director, had the pleasure of chatting with Jim recently. He told her about his exhaustive job search and his struggle to retain his dignity and provide for his family. He told her about the mounting bills. Wiping back tears, he shared with Patty how grateful he was for the support that he has received from Loaves & Fishes.

*“Hope is the thing with feathers
that perches in the soul
and sings the tunes
without the words
and never stops at all.”
-Emily Dickinson*

MISSION STATEMENT

Loaves & Fishes' mission is to provide nutritious food, in an atmosphere of kindness and respect, to individuals in need who reside in Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton and Shirley.



"I can't be thankful enough for this resource—especially since our family is trying so hard to pull ourselves up out of our situation, but are finding it extremely challenging to stay afloat and not sink further. If it weren't for the food pantry, we would have to spend that amount of money at the supermarket, resulting in less left over to pay bills or buy gas to go out job-hunting. It can be a vicious cycle, but the food pantry, through its services, gives us a small break in our constant worries over survival." —A Client

A Message from the Executive Director

FOOD truly does equal HOPE! This past year, we have heard many moving stories from our clients who visited Loaves & Fishes. They are the children, the elderly, the families and the disabled. They are the people you pass at the grocery store, in the library or at the gas station. They are the senior citizens making the difficult decisions about whether to spend their limited income on heating their homes, purchasing necessary medications or buying food. They are the single parents struggling to feed their children. They are the veterans who proudly fought for our freedom and are now dealing with physical, emotional and financial challenges. They are the families who once led comfortable lives and are now faced with job loss and health issues. They are our neighbors.

We wanted this Annual Report to not only provide an overview of the past year, but more importantly, a glimpse into the lives of our neighbors, the people who visit the Pantry. I invite you to read their stories. Please be assured that each of you has had a profound impact, whether you supported our operation financially, with a gift of food or by sharing your time as a volunteer.

My hope for the coming year is that we recommit to our mission of providing nutritious food, reaching out to more of our neighbors that need help. My sincere and heartfelt thanks to each of you for your commitment to Loaves & Fishes. Your kindness has allowed us to continue to provide not only food, but also hope.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Stern

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Executive Director

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*"Unity is strength...where there is
teamwork and collaboration,
wonderful things can be achieved."
-Mattie J.P. Stephanek*

Staff Members

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Sharon Cordero

During the past year, the Board of Directors and Staff engaged in an extensive effort to develop a strategic plan which would guide the organization through 2020. Over 300 individuals, donors, volunteers, local businesses, community members and clients participated in the data gathering phase which included surveys, interviews and focus groups. National food insecurity trends were also studied. As a result, the Board voted to refocus on the mission of providing nutritious food, in an atmosphere of kindness and respect, to individuals in need who reside in Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton and Shirley. Additionally, they established three goals:

Increase Access To Food



Build Awareness



Strengthen Systems & Infrastructure



Unfortunately, in order to allow us to refocus our efforts on food, the very difficult decision was made to transition our four special programs—Clothing Room, Backpacks, Shop for Your Kids and Shop for Your Parents—out from beneath the Loaves & Fishes umbrella. The Board recognizes the importance of these programs to our clients and is committed to working with these special teams to find new homes so that their important work can continue in the community.

A number of new initiatives are currently underway:

- Focused outreach efforts are being developed to help educate community members about food insecurity and inform them that the Pantry is here to help.
- Plans are being developed to expand our cooler and freezer capacity. This effort will allow us to offer more fresh produce and perishable items to our clients.
- In order to increase food storage space and provide an improved shopping experience for our clients, the Board explored embarking on a capital campaign to construct a new addition. Due to high costs, the decision was made to reconfigure the existing floor plan instead. Unfortunately, this plan requires that the Clothing Room be eliminated. This was a very difficult but necessary decision. Planning is underway and we hope to complete the remodeling project by the spring of 2018.
- Internal management procedures are being examined, some of which will specifically address making the facility safer and more secure.

The Board of Directors and Staff are very excited about the future of Loaves & Fishes and are confident that our new mission will serve the Pantry well in the years to come. We invite you to read the full Strategic Plan on our website: <https://loavesfishespantry.org/loaves-fishes-strategic-plan/>, and we welcome your input and questions about our new direction.

Jim Hanlon

President of the Board

812 families/2003 individuals visited Loaves & Fishes in FY 2017.

234 new families visited Loaves & Fishes in FY 2017.

"On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to reach out and thank all of you! Those of you that donate food, gifts and your time and to the resources of Loaves & Fishes! The last year has been very tough on our family, emotionally and financially, and all of you at Loaves & Fishes have eased so much worry in so many ways."
- A Client

31,890 bags of groceries were distributed in FY 2017.

6,378 client shopping trips were recorded in FY 2017.

"My neighbor suggested I visit your pantry. It was a very hard step to take, but I am grateful that I took that step. You have fed and clothed my family and treated us with respect and dignity. You've touched many more lives than you can imagine." - A Client



Chris Buchanan, Walmart Public Affairs Director (third from the right), presented a grant for \$25,000 to Loaves & Fishes through the State Giving Program. This grant was used to purchase food to assist community members who are in need.

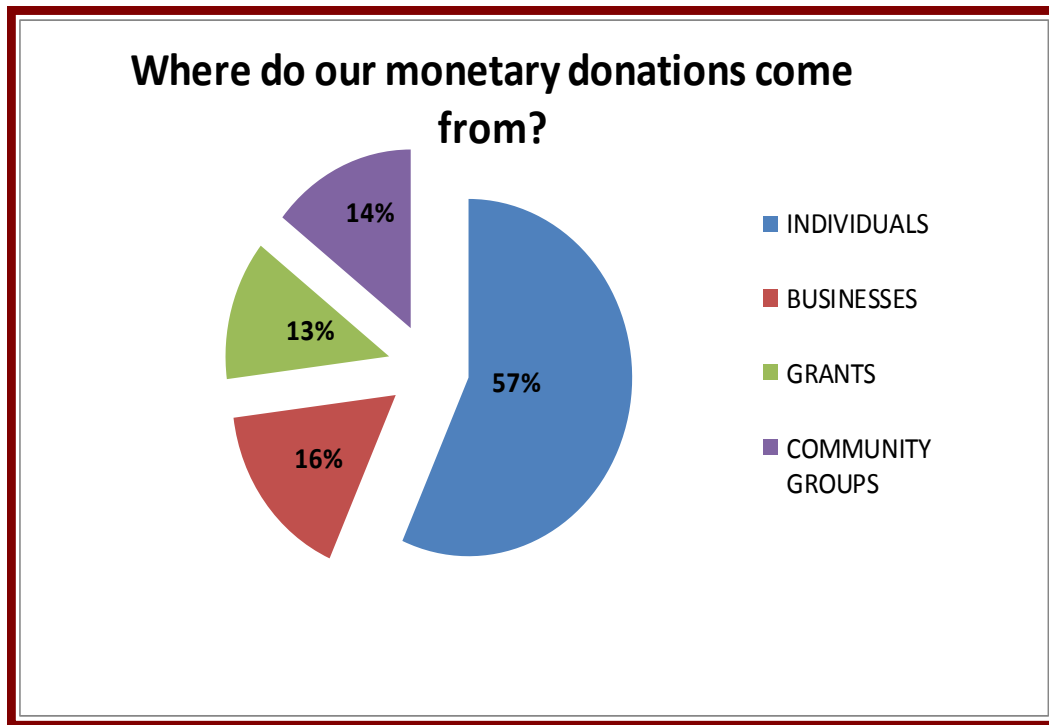


The Annual Shirley Scout Drive donated 8,319 pounds of food to Loaves & Fishes this past year!

"Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community."

-Anthony J. D'Angelo

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc. (unaudited)



88 cents of every dollar donated went towards client services.

SUPPORT		EXPENDITURES	
Public Support		Distributed Goods and Services	
Monetary Contributions	\$545,786	Food & Personal Care Items	\$912,530
In-Kind Goods & Services	\$741,131	Program Services	\$624,045
Volunteer Services	\$292,829	Other Goods	\$129,649
Special Events	\$192,777	Other Expenses	
Other Support		Support Services	\$234,019
Greater Boston Food Bank	\$225,726		
TOTAL SUPPORT	\$1,998,249	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,900,243

EVERY donation, no matter how large or small, provides food and hope to our neighbors. Several local businesses pledged to match donations up to \$16,000 during Loaves & Fishes Annual Appeal:

Allen Property Management
Acton Medical Associates
Bailey & Smith Construction LLC
Bemis Associates
Buckingham Bus Company
Catania Oils
Century Carpet & Creative Floors, Inc.
Devens Grill
Epic Enterprises
Flynn Property Services
Great Road Farm & Garden LLC
Hollingsworth & Vose
Hyde & Poor Associates
IMEC, Inc.
JK Farnsworth Company
Laddawn, Inc.
Lazaro Paving Corp.
Leslie Row, LICSW
McNulty & Associates
ODIC, Inc.
Reddy Family Dental, LLC
Wilson Bros. Heating & Air Conditioning Inc.

It was the most successful annual appeal ever.
Over \$46,000 in donations were received.

EVERY PENNY COUNTS!



Thanks to our Coin Canister collection hosts throughout the region, Loaves & Fishes received over \$7,000 in donations in the past year.

Stories of Hope

"Mary" donated to Loaves & Fishes regularly—she never expected to become a client! Up until a few months ago Mary was doing alright, and then her life was turned upside down. Her husband unexpectedly passed away. She was alone and her fixed income wasn't enough to pay the mounting bills, yet it was too much to qualify her for food stamps. Her grown son moved in with her to help, but shortly afterwards he lost his job. She didn't know which way to turn.



One day she visited the Council on Aging and they referred her to Loaves & Fishes. "My experience at Loaves & Fishes was wonderful," Mary told us. "Everyone was welcoming and kind. I received over \$250 worth of food, some from Whole Foods, Trader Joe's and Roche Bros. where I would never be able to shop." Mary is still adjusting to her new way of life, but one constant is the support she has found at Loaves & Fishes. She can count on receiving groceries and a warm welcome each time she visits.

*"The art of giving something to others is
an art of flowering your heart."*

-Vinayek

"George" is a young married veteran with a family. He suffers from PTSD and is recovering from a traumatic injury, making it difficult for him to find employment. Loaves & Fishes has been able to assist by providing groceries to help supplement his family income, relieve some stress, and provide hope.



*"Hope is being able to see that there is light
despite all of the darkness."*

-Desmund Tutu

Our Partners

The Neighborhood Food Project

The Neighborhood Food Project is a neighborhood-based food donation effort. Every two months, volunteers go door-to-door and pick up food from their neighbors and deliver it to the Pantry.



The Neighborhood Food Project and Groton's Neighborhood Food Project collected over 32,558 pounds of food from 59 neighborhoods!

4th Annual Plank-a-thon



The clients and trainers at Fitness Your Weigh raised over \$780 for Loaves & Fishes during their Annual Plank-a-thon! This was another important contribution to the fight against hunger.

Extraordinary Young People Getting Involved



The Groton-Dunstable Regional High School German-American Partnership and the National Honor Society sponsored a food and clothing drive for Loaves & Fishes! They collected 382 pounds of food and personal care items and 38 bags of clothing. The students also collected \$501 for our Thanksgiving Distribution Dinner.

Catania's Second Annual Food Drive



A great partner, Catania Oils of Ayer, delivered over 11,000 pounds of food to the Pantry, enough to feed over 26 families of four, three meals per day for 1 month!

Senator Eldridge & Staff Giving Back



Senator Eldridge and his team are wonderful supporters of the Pantry. Not only do they help our clients shop for groceries but they also spend time speaking with clients and volunteers. Thank you, Senator, for being a champion in the fight against local hunger.

Shriver Job Corps Crew At Work!



Work crews from Shriver Job Corps gave Loaves & Fishes a helping hand and power washed the building, repaired trim, painted exterior doors and railings and relined our parking lot. A great partner and hard working students!

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!"

-Helen Keller

Donors Provided Fresh Fruits and Vegetables During Summer Months

Area farms and grocery stores donated thousands of pounds of healthy and nutritious fresh fruits and vegetables all summer long!

Thank you to: Applefield Farm, Gaining Ground, Garden at Church Meadows, Gove Farm, The Greater Boston Food Bank, Little Rascals Orchard, Littleton Community Garden, Open Meadow Farm, Roche Brothers, Springdale Farm, Shop 'N Save, Springdell Farm, Still River Farms, Whole Foods and Little Leaf Farms.



Harvest Club Partners



GOLD LEVEL PARTNER **\$5,000 and above**

Steve Bakke and Julie Staraitis
Bemis Associates
Catania Oils
Cornell University Foundation
D'Ambrosio Eye Care
Digital Federal Credit Union-
Marlborough
Donelan's Supermarket—Littleton
Donelan's Supermarket-Pepperell
EFSP National Board
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
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Goldsmith, Prest & Ringwall, Inc.
Good Friday Walk, Inc.
Gove Farm
Judy Grande
Groton-Dunstable Regional
High School
Hannaford Supermarket –
Lunenburg
Hannaford Supermarket—
Townsend
Harvard Post Office
Holy Trinity Church
St. Theresa/St. Francis
Independent Church of the
Free Spirit
Timothy Ingraham
Jo Nicewicz Carville 1999 Trust
John & Eunice Charitable Fdn.
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Charitable Foundation
Nashoba Valley Medical Center

North Country Porsche Club
of America
Roche Bros. Supermarket-Acton
Rotary Club of Littleton
Saint Anne Parish
Shaw's Supermarket-Groton
Shop 'n Save-Ayer
Donald & Janet Stevens
The Greater Boston Food Bank
The MBIA Foundation
The TJX Companies, Inc.
Trader Joe's-Acton
United Way of North
Central Massachusetts
Walmart Foundation
Connie White
Whole Foods-Westford
Your Cause, LLC



SILVER LEVEL PARTNER **\$2,500-\$4,999**

Applefield Farm
Ayer/Shirley Recycle
Bright Funds Foundation
Central MA Kibble Kitchen
Chubb Bermuda Insurance, LTD
Kathleen Cole & Carolyn
Hotchkiss
Donelan's Supermarket-Acton
Donelan's Supermarket-Groton
First Parish Church of Groton
Gaining Ground
Garden at Church Meadows
Give With Liberty
Harvard Lions Club
Kimball Farm
Laddawn, Inc.
Littleton Middle School

Medtronic/Surgical Technologies
Middlesex Savings Bank-Natick
New England Apple
Products Company
Stephen Roach & Amy Hilbert
Robert & Joan Dircks Foundation
Ted & Mary Shasta
Springdell Farm
The Benevity Community
Impact Fund
United Steelworkers of America
Local 506
Richard & Jean Walsh
Wilson Brothers Heating and
Air Conditioning, Inc.
Robert Zimmer

"Partners like you tell us that supporting Loaves & Fishes benefits you as much as it helps reduce food insecurity. Businesses and employees become more connected to each other and to the community, to the benefit of all. Together, we help more than 800 families each year. A heartfelt thank you for your generosity and support."

-Patricia Stern
Executive Director

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.

Harvest Club Partners



BRONZE LEVEL PARTNER \$1,000-\$2,499

Ayer Post Office
Ayer-Shirley Regional High School
Bigelow Middle School
BJ's Wholesale Club
British Delights
Arthur Boisseau
Kent & Mary Jo Boynton
Thomas Brando
Bromfield School
Cambrooke Therapeutics
Peter & Diane Carson
John Cauley
Christian Union Church
Congregational Church-Harvard
Congregational Church of Littleton
Jim P. Curran
Ann Davis
DRM Group, LLC
John & Nancy Dwyer
Epic Enterprises, Inc.
Federal Bureau of Prisons
First Church Unitarian-Littleton
Sally Fischer
Read Fleming
Abbie Frost
Stephanie Gintner
Goss Farm
James Grier
Kirstin Grimes
Groton Cable Access TV
Groton-Dunstable Regional
Middle School
Groton Public Library
Groton Women's Club
Gary M. Gumuchian
Richard & Mary Harrington
Harvard Farmers Market, Inc.

Harvard Road Race Association
Harvard Unitarian Universalist
Church
Harvard Women's Club
Harvest Community Project
Henry Vincent Couper Charity Fdn.
Hildreth Elementary School
Michael Horton
Ronald & Donna Horvath
JK Farnsworth Company
Maureen Johnson
Keaney Household/Keaney
Family Trust
Timothy & Joan Keutzer
Stephen & Mary Keville
Warren & Meredith Kundert
Lazaro Paving Corporation.
Dee Lee
Tim Lind
Littleton Community Farm
Littleton High School Humanitarian
Club
Littleton Police Department
Littleton Post Office
Main Street Bank-Ayer
Mary Markham
Brent Maugel
John & Karen McNamara
Middlesex Corporation
Andrea Myette
McNulty and Associates, Inc.
National Grid
Ethan Nichols
Karalyn O'Hara
ODIC, Inc.
Kathleen Oosterman
Page Hilltop School
Ann & Richard Perreault
Project Bread
Philip Rayla & Diane Herlihy-Rayla
Renegade Miata Club
Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
Tom & Verna Sefranek
St. Anthony of Padua Parish
St. Mary's Catholic Church
St. Matthew's United Methodist
Church
Russell & Linda Shappy
Shirley Post Office
Don & Heidi Siegrist

Otto & Dorothy Solbrig
The Village Nursery School
Tonia Socha
Somos, Inc.
Thoughtforms
Traffic Circle Liquors
Union Congregational
Church-Groton
Richard & Nancy Washington
Willie Wickman

"My neighbor suggested I visit your food pantry. It was a very hard step to take, but I am grateful that I took that step. You have fed and clothed my family and treated us with respect and dignity. You've touched many more lives than you can imagine."

-A Client

"What began as an effort to feed the hungry became a company-wide shared cause."

-A Harvest Club

**REAL PEOPLE
REAL FOOD
REAL HELP
REAL HOPE**

326 Volunteers donated 23,217 hours



"To everyone that volunteers at Loaves & Fishes: Thank you all so much for the time you give up each time you volunteer. You make this experience very good for us during our time of hardship. You treat us with dignity." Thank you!" - A CLIENT



The Arc of Opportunity	Bob Bohling	David Dolan	Zachary Gavel	Rose Joseph
Claudia Abbes	Diane Bolivar	Angela Donahue	Adam Gentile	John Katter
Ryan Accomazzo	Cathy Bowles	Ann Donald	Kimberly Gentile	Cathy Keady
Amanda Accorsi	Denise Boyd	Robert Dooley	Glean Team	Barbara Kemp
Heather Adamczyk	Kevin Boyd	Roger Dooley	George Gogas	Susan Kim
Marie Allen	Mary Jo Boynton	Mimi Dorward	Risa Goldman	Audrey Kimball
Jan Amburgey	Jim Breslauer	Pamela Dunn	Judy Grande	Jean Klein
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Dave Astolfi	Kathy Cadigan	Zachary Engen	Emily Gulick	Barry Kroening
Lily Baddour	Cathy Cadogan	Alison Enright	Pat Hamilton	Julie Kulchuk
Edi Baker	Stewart Cady	Richard Enright	Jim Hanlon	Neeta Kulkani
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Beth Basiner	Ruth Cavanaugh	Lauren Farrell	Joshua Herrick	Abigail Lee
Joshua Basiner	Patricia Clasby	David Femia	Karen Hierman	Dee Lee
Julie Beaumont	Barbara Cobuzzi	Brenda Ferguson	Jim Hogan	Maureen Lemieux
Bemis Associates	Kelli Codner	Barbara Field	Nancy Holden	Joey Levesque
Patti Bennett	William Codner	Rebecca Fisher	Timothy Holmes	LEWA Volunteers
Robert Benson	Vera Spohr Cohen	Ellen Fitzpatrick	Niki Holtzman	Scott Lewis
Patti Bent	Marjorie Costa	Devin Fleming	Maureen Hopper	Kimmy Lloret
Ed Bergan	John Costello	Geraldine Flynn	Paul Horrigan	Curt Logee
Karen Bergan	Sara Costello	Sally Foley	Yu-Chi Hsu	Jane Logee
Maggie Billard Cosgrave	Jane Crowley	Cheryl Forrest	Anna Hueston	Janet Long
Alexis Blackwell	Becky Dailing	Anne Marie Fortin	Katherine Hueston	April Lopez
Linda Blackwell	Kathy Daly	Vickie Francis	Helen Hughson	Bob Lucy
Joseph Blakemore	Alexandra Daniels	Irene Freidel	Richard Hunt	Nicholas Lutz
Tracey Blakemore	Kara Davis	McElle Fresard	Rob Irwin	Dick Lyons
Patricia Blodgett	Madison Davis	Jared Gall	Stuart Irwin	Jane Lyons
Nicholas Boggiano	Marla Dawson	Peter Galluzzo	Eric Johnson	Meghan MacAskill
Susan Boggiano	Janice Desjean	Denis Garcia	Jamie Johnson	Glen MacIntyre
Thomas Boggiano	Dianne Dickerson	Gary Gasser	Laurie Johnson	Michele Maclaren
Betsy Bohling	Scott Dinsmore	Diane Gavel	Faith Jordan	Stacey Maillet

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Joanna Myczkowski
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Kayla Nixen
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Philip O'Keefe
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Philip Oslin
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Thomas Parda
Marjorie Payne
Rosie Pellizzari
Karen Peters
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Mary Pickard
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Peter Quinty
Elliot Raderman
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Joseph Robillard
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Donna Romilly
Robert Romilly
Lynne Roper
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Mike Rososky
Rachael Rososky
Leslie Row
Alexis Russo
Chris Ryan
Dot Samsi
Ingrid Sarmiento
Matt Schiavone
Cory Schnepfer
Fred Schnepfer
Ryan Schnepfer
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Shriver Job Corps
Don Siegrist
Heidi Siegrist
Dan Sierra
Richard Skoczylas
Mary Small
Robert Sniegowski
Joanne Sorgini
Sherry Stallings
Heather Steede

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Maddie Steele
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Betty Stone
Danny Stone
Michelle Swearingen
Thomas Szelest
Larry Tacito
Cindy Thomas
Erik Tobies
Sandra Tobies
Regina Todd
Kate Toll
Liza Toll
Susan Toll
Dean Tornaritis
Phyllis Toth
Amy Tsoukalas
Karen Tsoukalas
Kenneth Underwood
Heather Van Pelt
Eric Viera
Maria Viera
Robert Vinci
Carolyn Waite
Charles Waite
Cheryl Walters
Scott Walters
Matthew Warren
Peter Warren
George Watkins
Sarah Webb
Ann Whitney
Willie Wickman
Matt Willis
Richard Wood
Kevin Yu
Rebecca Zolla
Bernard Zubrowski



We made every effort to include all of our volunteers. Please accept our apologies and let us know if you have been missed.

"I just wanted to say thank you to the volunteers for making me feel so welcomed when I came for the first time today. It was very hard for me to go and be open and all of you made it so comfortable. Thank you so much. I look forward to volunteering myself at some point in the future, once I'm feeling a bit steadier on my feet. Thank you again. You have no idea how much I appreciate it." - A Client

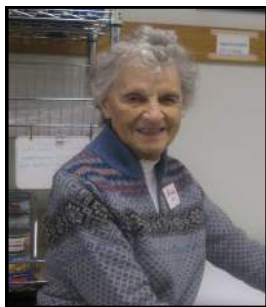
2017 TOP VOLUNTEERS HOURS

Peter Galluzzo	650
Fred Schnepfer	627
Cathy Miller	549
Bemis Associates	548
Joanne Ouellette	498
Andre Menard	467
Jim Hanlon	460
Lily Baddour	439
Kathleen Raftery	395
Jane Logee	387
Lauren Farrell	368
Curt Logee	364
Jim Breslauer	350
Larry Tacito	311
Paul Horrigan	303
Robert Sniegoski	292
Karen O'Neil	288
Karen Bergan	286

*"One of the greatest gifts you
can give is your time."
-Unknown*



"To All The Special L&F folks: My heartfelt gratitude for the help you provided for my family. It has become essential! Over the past few months we have become a family in crisis and the genuine care I feel is like a hug and an inspiration to me. The staff and dedicated volunteers are what makes many lives able to move forward. God bless you!" -A Client



Thanksgiving Dinner

Volunteers and numerous generous donors made it possible for **300** households to receive all the fixings for their Thanksgiving dinners.



Holiday Dinner Distribution

220 households received all the fixings for their holiday dinners, thanks to the generosity of the community.



Shop For Your Kids

Thanks to this program and all of the dedicated volunteers, **352** children received holiday gifts.



Shop For Your Parents

250 children shopped for special gifts for their families and had the opportunity to have breakfast with Santa!



Backpack Program

Over **200** children received backpacks and supplies to begin the school year. The remaining supplies were donated to local school districts.



Postal Worker's Food Drive

18,000 pounds of food were collected, delivered and sorted by many volunteers.

Loaves & Fishes 4th Annual Golf Tournament

Thanks to the organizers, dedicated volunteers, donors, sponsors and golfers, the tournament held at Shaker Hills Country Club raised **\$10,500** for Loaves & Fishes.



A STORY OF HOPE

"Gail" is a retired senior citizen living on a modest fixed income. She recently opened her home to her adult children and grandchildren who have come upon hard times. Gail is thankful for those who support the food pantry and told us, "You have always treated us with respect and dignity, free of judgment."



FOOD = HOPE

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