

Loaves & Fishes Joins National Effort to Fight Hunger Close to Home

A simple green bag may hold the key to fighting hunger locally. The Neighborhood Food Project is America's first neighborhood-based food donation program. Founded in Ashland Oregon in 2009, there are now more than 30 Green Bag programs around the United States. In 2014, our very own town of Groton began a pilot named The Groton Neighborhood Food Project. They are going strong, adding new neighborhoods, collecting more food than ever, and truly making a difference.

Loaves & Fishes is looking forward to expanding this effort into all the communities in our service area—Ayer, Devens, Harvard, Littleton and Shirley. The idea is remarkably simple! A volunteer Neighborhood Coordinator delivers reusable green shopping bags to their neighbors to keep and fill with non-perishable grocery items. Every two months on a scheduled pick up day, the Neighborhood Coordinator goes door-to-door picking up food the donor collected in the green bag and delivers the donations to Loaves & Fishes.

Come visit Loaves & Fishes and The Groton Neighborhood Food Project at Grotonfest 2016 Open Air Arts & Crafts Fair on September 24th to find out how to join this innovative, exciting and expanding project! Stop by and learn all about Loaves & Fishes, how we work, who we help and how you can become involved in the fight against hunger in your own community.

Whether you need help or want to help, come see us at Grotonfest on September 24th (www.grotonfest.com) or visit our website at www.loavesfishespantry.org for more information.