

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. Evenings and weekends call (978) 772-4627 for a recorded message.

FOOD DONATION TIMES

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

CLOTHING DONATION TIMES

During all Open Pantry Hours and
 Monday 10:00AM-12:00PM
 Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7:00PM-8:00PM

LOCATION

234 Barnum Road, Devens, MA
 Mailing address:
 PO Box 1, Ayer, MA 01432
 Telephone: 978.772.4627
 Fax: 978.772.7395

2015 Saw Another Successful Scouting For Food Drive!



A whopping 7,967 pounds of food collected by the Shirley Scouts on November 15th kicked off our epic holiday season of generosity!

Generosity Multiplied This Holiday Season



The Littleton Fire Department transported donations collected at Donelan's in Littleton. Thanks to the efforts of The Council of Churches, donations totaled more than 1,000 pounds of food! (Pictured: Tom Clancy, Deputy Fire Chief and volunteer, Dick Lyons).



We announced we were short of turkeys for our annual holiday dinner distribution events and over 800 turkeys and hundreds of pounds of food arrived at the pantry! We asked for volunteers and many hands came to help!



On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Staff, our sincere thanks for your support during the holiday season! The outpouring of donations as well as the gift of volunteer time was very much appreciated. Together as a community we were able to provide many families with a holiday meal, warm clothing and gifts to celebrate the holidays. I can assure you that your kindness made a difference to so many of our neighbors.

Together we were able to provide hope! My best wishes for a wonderful new year filled with good health, happiness and peace.

Patty

Patricia A. Stern
 Executive Director



We are thankful to **New England Apple Products Co.** in Leominster for contributing

cider for our clients, **Kimball Farm** of Westford for storing our turkeys, **Red Tail Golf Club** for hosting a "Turkey Shoot" to benefit the Pantry, **Dunkin Donuts** of Ayer and **Sorrento's** of Harvard for providing refreshments for our volunteers—and of course, **our volunteers!** To everyone who rose to the occasion, our sincere thanks. Your generosity truly made a difference!

We were able to provide **326** families with all of the fixings for their Thanksgiving dinners and **258** families with their Holiday dinner in December.



The Natural Café and Market in Devens is now hosting a L&F donation box!

Community Partners



Representatives from National Grid present Executive Director, Patty Stern with a \$2,500 donation!

Thoughtforms Custom Builders of Acton delivered food from their annual holiday drive.



Middlesex Savings Bank, Boxborough, sponsored a Giving Tree this holiday season and collected 13 hats, 6 scarves, 43 pairs of socks and 37 pairs of mittens and gloves!



Annemarie, Evelyn, Niel and Nancy from Vitasoy of Ayer with their annual toy drive for Shop For Your Kids Program

During our annual Shop For Your Parents event, 250 children from 115 families were able to select gifts for their family members over the holidays! Thank you to our donors, supporters and volunteers who made this event possible.



Sgt. John McDonald of the Ayer Police Department organizes an annual toy drive for Shop For Your Kids. This year, the APD requested donations be dropped off at several locations in Ayer (North Middlesex Savings Bank, I. C. Federal Credit Union, Ayer Town Hall, Ayer Post Office, Carlin's Tavern, Ayer Public Library and the Ayer Police Department). Thank you APD!

A special thank you to Nashoba Valley Chamber of Commerce, Mass Development, Shriver Job Corps and all of our generous donors throughout the community!

The Harvard Police Department (above) and Littleton Police Department (below) collected toys for the Shop For Your Kids Program! Thank you for your support!



During our annual Shop For Your Kids event, 199 families were able to provide 504 children with gifts this holiday season! Along with our community partners, countless individuals donated new, unwrapped toys and gifts!



Volunteers posing with Santa during the annual Shop For Your Parents event!

Extraordinary Young People Getting Involved



Radhika Mehta, a student volunteer from Littleton, organized her friends for a night of “Caroling for a Cause” over the holidays, raising \$200 for the pantry!

A Tribute to our Volunteers *(an acrostic written by a client)*

Love for those in need
Offering the best service
Answering a call to assist those in need
Very compassionate and understanding
Every service is made available
Such kindness and caring
&
Friendly
Interested in your well being
Seriously caring and involved
Helping those who are in need
Enthusiastic and energetic
Simply the best that they can be

Loaves & Fishes Has a New Clothing Room!



Due to space reconfiguration within the Pantry, our Clothing Room has been moved to a new space and is now OPEN! (Pictured above: volunteers constructing shelving). (Pictured below: construction and painting finished). We are now accepting seasonally appropriate clothing donations to fill the racks!



Paying It Forward

On Wednesday, November 11, 2015 (Veteran’s Day), our Executive Director, Patty Stern, heard the doorbell ring at the pantry. When she answered the door, a veteran presented her with a check for \$100! He explained to Patty that Loaves & Fishes helped him in his time of need and this donation was his way of “paying it forward” to help other veterans in our service area. Thank you, sir, for your donation and your service!



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Do you need help?

864 families received support last year.
 Call us or come see us. We can help!



Loaves & Fishes General Most Needed Items:

- Ensure
- Canned Tomato Products
- Crackers
- Creamed Soups
- Hearty Beef or Chicken Soups
- Condiments (Ketchup, Mayo, Mustard)
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned White Tuna
- Cereal
- Canned Pineapple, Pears, Apricots, Mixed Fruit
- Canned Baked Beans
- Coffee/Tea/Juice
- Helpers – Hamburger & Tuna
- Rice-A-Roni/Boxed Flavored Rice
- Pasta -Ziti/Rotini/Shells/Rigatoni
- Feminine Care Products
- Feminine Care Products
- Diapers (Size 4 and larger)
- Depends (size large and x-large)
- Toothpaste & Tooth Brushes
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Shaving Products
- Deodorant
- Soap (Bars)



Collection Box Locations

AYER	Clover Farm General Store
Ayer Post Office	HARVARD
Nashoba Valley Medical Center	Harvard Post Office
North Middlesex Savings Bank	LITTLETON
The Cottage Restaurant	Citizen's Bank
The Markham Group	Donelan's Supermarket
DEVENS	North Middlesex Savings Bank
North Middlesex Savings Bank	Northern Bank & Trust
The Natural Café (new!)	Littleton Police Department
GROTON	Littleton Post Office
Donelan's Supermarket	Knox Realty
Groton Post Office	Market Basket, The Point, Rte 119
Groton Public Library	SHIRLEY
Middlesex Bank	Shirley Post Office
North Middlesex Savings Bank	Hazen Library
Town Hall	North Middlesex Savings Bank
Groton Senior Center	Phoenix Park, Building D

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