



# ANNUAL REPORT 2018

**LOAVES & FISHES**

Food Pantry, Inc.

Lifting & Feeding our Neighbors Since 1983

**35<sup>th</sup>**  
ANNIVERSARY

# Loaves & Fishes Annual Report

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**FY 2018: July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018**

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*AMY, a single parent, works full time to support her two children. Unfortunately, Amy earns too much to qualify for any governmental assistance. She visits Loaves & Fishes on her only day off each month in order to provide her children with much needed nutritious groceries.*

*All names and/or photos used in the client stories/quotes throughout this publication are fictitious to protect the privacy of our clients.*

# OUR MISSION

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.



## OUR CULTURE





# IMPACT: FOOD = HOPE

**828** households/**1,967** individuals  
received nutritious groceries



**10%**  
were  
seniors



**241** new families visited the Pantry.



**30%** of the households earned less  
than \$10,000 annually



**6,410** shopping trips



**31%** were children

**Real People • Real Food  
Real Help • Real Hope**

# A Message from the Executive Director

The past year has been a challenging, yet exciting, year in the history of the Pantry. Guided by our Strategic Plan, we focused our attention on three, main initiatives – building awareness about food insecurity, strengthening our infrastructure and increasing access to food. It is our hope that these initiatives will help sustain the Pantry well into the future.

Our initial step was to begin to build awareness about food insecurity and exactly what it looks like in our service area. Although we still have much work to do, as a result of our preliminary efforts, 241 new families visited Loaves & Fishes last year. A total of 1,967 individuals, including single parents, elders, veterans, those on fixed incomes and others, received food and personal care items.

Recognizing that a strong and stable organization has a firm foundation upon which to build, we also concentrated on strengthening our internal systems and infrastructure. Upgrading our databases, refining security protocols, and offering training opportunities for our volunteers and staff were the main areas of focus.

Our final initiative, to increase access to food, was the focal point of the year. Operating on the premise that our client population will continue to grow and that we need to be well-prepared, we concentrated on redesigning our facility floor plan to optimize flow, increase refrigeration/freezer space, ensure safety and security and increase productivity. With the help and support of the entire Loaves & Fishes community, construction began in mid-June and with it, another major milestone in Loaves & Fishes history.

As we move into our 35<sup>th</sup> year of operation, we have much to be proud of. A small, non-profit organization which provided hot meals to 50 local families in 1983, has grown into a strong, well-respected pillar in the community and we are strategically positioned to support the needs of our neighbors in the years to come. When neighbors join together, donors lend their support and volunteers give the precious gift of their time, amazing things happen!

My sincere thanks,

*Patty*

Patricia A. Stern  
Executive Director

## Board of Directors

**PRESIDENT**  
Jim Hanlon  
2013-2019

Lily Baddour  
2016-2019

Aleta Manugian  
2012-2018

**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Andrea Myette  
2015-2018

Mary Jo Boynton  
2016-2019

Willie Wickman  
2016-2019

**TREASURER**  
Don Siegrist  
2014-2020

Joseph Harrington  
2014-2020

Mary Markham  
2012-2018

**CLERK**  
James Breslauer  
2015-2018

Scott Lewis  
2014-2020

*A special thanks to Aleta and Mary for their years of service on the board. We appreciate your gift of time in support of our mission.*

## Staff Members

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
Patricia A. Stern

**FOOD COORDINATOR ASSISTANT**  
John Cauley

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR**  
Maureen Johnson-resigned 4/2018  
Sherrie Forest-hired 6/2018

**FOOD COORDINATOR**  
Paul Niemira

**CLIENT ADVOCATE**  
Theresa Wilson

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Sharon Cordero

In last year's Annual Report, I wrote that plans were being developed by the Board to expand our cooler and freezer capacity (an effort that would allow us to offer more fresh produce and perishable items to our clients) and to reconfigure the existing floor plan in order to increase food storage space and provide an improved shopping experience for our clients. Our hope was to do both by the spring of 2018.

We had an incredible team of businesses who helped us get this project off the ground, including Mangel Architects (Harvard), Goldsmith, Prest and Ringwall, Inc. (Ayer), and OMNI Properties, LLC (Concord). Each of these companies provided their time and expertise on a *pro bono* basis.

Thanks to the Ayer Shirley Regional School District, we were able to relocate the food pantry to the Lura A. White School so we could continue to provide food for our clients during the remodeling phase.

After some delay in locating a general contractor who could do the work needed in a 60-day time frame, we found Fred Schultz of Versacon Construction (Lee, NH). Fred began work in late June (FY2018), and we were back in the totally remodeled Barnum Avenue location in late August (FY2019).

We also received financial support for the reconfiguration project from The Greater Boston Food Bank (a \$10,000 grant for the new walk-in cooler/freezer unit), and from State Senator Jamie Eldridge (a \$120,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts).

To focus on our singular mission of providing nutritious food for our clients, the Board also set a goal to find new homes for the special programs—Clothing Room, Backpacks, Shop for Your Kids and Shop for Your Parents—long affiliated with Loaves & Fishes. We identified 8 thrift shops where clients can receive free or low cost clothing; the Backpack program was adopted by the Union Congregational Church (Groton); and, discussions are underway to continue Shop for Your Kids.

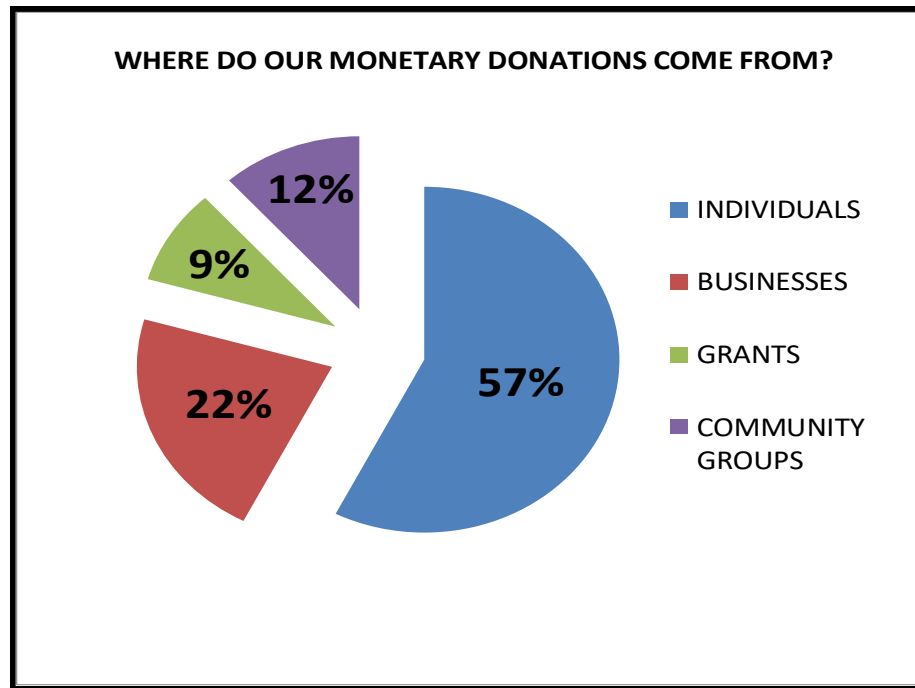
The Board of Directors extends its appreciation to the Staff, to our hundreds of Volunteers and to our Donors who helped make this past fiscal year a truly remarkable one.

*Jim Hanlon*

President of the Board



## Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc. (unaudited)



***88 cents of every dollar donated went towards client services.***



88 cents



12 cents

### SUPPORT

#### Public Support

Monetary Contributions	\$530,068
In-Kind Goods & Services	\$1,120,100
Volunteer Services	\$295,865
Special Events	\$166,077

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<b>TOTAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$2,112,110</b>
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### EXPENDITURES

#### Distributed Goods and Services

Food & Personal Care Items	\$906,658
Program Services	\$607,558
Other Goods	\$292,495

#### Other Expenses

Support Services	\$252,659
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<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$2,059,371</b>
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# Every Donation Counts

**EVERY DONATION**, no matter how large or small, provides food and hope to our neighbors. Several local businesses pledged to match donations up to \$18,100 during Loaves & Fishes Annual Appeal:

Acton Toyota of Littleton  
 Bailey & Smith Construction, LLC  
 Buckingham Bus Company  
 Catania Oils  
 Century Carpet & Creative Floors, Inc.  
 Epic Enterprises, Inc.  
 Flynn Property Services  
 Great Road Farm & Garden, LLC  
 Groton Medical Associates, LLC  
 Hollingsworth & Vose  
 J.K. Farnsworth Company  
 K.J. Plumbing & Heating Company, Inc.  
 Laddawn, Inc.  
 Lazaro Paving Corporation  
 Leslie H. Row, LICSW  
 McNulty & Associates, Inc.  
 ODIC, Inc.  
 Sierra Ventures  
 Wilson Brothers HVAC

It was one of the most successful annual appeals ever. Over \$52,000 in donations were received.

## ***TOMMY NOW GOES TO SCHOOL EACH DAY EAGER TO LEARN...***



Erica, Tommy's mom, worked two jobs trying to pay the bills and provide for her son but there often wasn't enough left for groceries.

***"We often went to bed hungry until we found Loaves & Fishes—they've fed us and given us hope."***

**ERICA—A CLIENT**



## ***EVERY COUNTS!***

**Thanks to our Coin Canister Collection hosts throughout the region,  
Loaves & Fishes received over \$7,150 in donations last year!**

Acton Toyota of Littleton  
 Agway Great Road Farm & Garden-Littleton  
 Archer Mobile-Littleton  
 Aubuchon Hardware-Ayer  
 Aubuchon Hardware-Littleton  
 Blood Farm-Groton  
 Carlson's Orchard-Harvard  
 Country Butcher & Deli-Groton  
 Country Cuts-Shirley  
 Craven's Liquor-Groton  
 Fallon Wine & Spirits-Littleton  
 Filho's Cusina-Groton  
 General Store-Harvard  
 Great Road Liquors-Littleton

Groton Exchange  
 Groton Market  
 G.V. Moore Lumber Company-Ayer  
 G.W. Archer Mobile-Ayer  
 Harvard Bowling Lanes-Harvard  
 Jack O' Lantern-Ayer  
 Lambert's True Value Hardware-Shirley  
 Main Street Savings Bank-Shirley  
 Net Variety & Liquors-Shirley  
 Parthenon Pizza-Ayer  
 Rapid Refill-Devens  
 Sorrento's Pizzeria-Harvard  
 The Vineyard-Ayer  
 Tiny's Restaurant-Ayer  
 Ye Old Cork & Bottle Package Store-Shirley



## Young People Getting Involved



These young people are truly making a difference! They held lemonade stands over the summer and collected \$539 for Loaves & Fishes! They also visited the Pantry to deliver their donation and had some fun stocking our shelves.



The Hunger Run, sponsored by Nashoba Valley Medical Center, raised over \$7,000 in support of the Pantry!



We are indebted to these amazing companies! They provided professional services to us on a pro bono basis which allowed us to make our dream of reconfiguring the Pantry a reality!

## Shirley Scouts' Food Drive



The annual Shirley Scout Drive donated over 7,700 pounds of food to Loaves & Fishes! Thank you to the town of Shirley, the organizers, all the Scouts and the volunteers who made it all happen!

*"Thank you for being the best food pantry! I appreciate all the help you have provided my family to help keep food on the table."*

**-A CLIENT**

# Our Community Partners & Supporters

## 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.



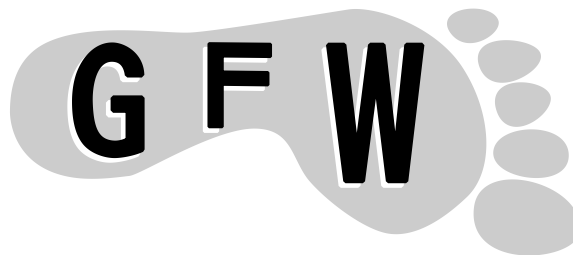
The Neighborhood Food Project and Groton's Neighborhood Food Project collected over 42,290 pounds of food from 60 neighborhoods!

## Porsche Club of America Northeast Region



Our good friends at the Porsche Club of America Northeast Region donated \$5000 in support of the Pantry.

## The 34th Annual Great Food Walk



Over 100 walkers from 18 towns participated in this year's event to help end hunger locally. This great community effort was a success, thanks to all the walkers and volunteers. Over \$19,000 was raised!

## Catania Oils Annual Food Drive



A great partner, Catania Oils of Ayer, delivered over 7,000 pounds of food to the Pantry, enough to feed a large family of 5 for one year!

*"Thank you Loaves & Fishes for all your help this past year by providing for my family during a time when we felt like we lost everything. It's nice to know that there is a place we can go that helps put adequate nutrition on our table. We certainly appreciate all that you do!"*

**-A CLIENT**



# Our Community Partners & Supporters

## Senator Eldridge & Staff Give Back



Senator Eldridge and his staff visited the Pantry and took the time to chat with our clients and volunteers. He also presented us with a sizable donation! Thank you Senator – you are a good friend of Loaves & Fishes and an advocate for those you represent.

## Wilson Brothers—a long-time supporter of the Pantry



Wilson Brothers have been long-time supporters of the Pantry. They have not only serviced our HVAC system on a pro bono basis, but they have also assisted with grounds upkeep, carpentry, events... and the list of help and support goes on!

## Our clients received fresh produce over the summer, thanks to...

Garden at Church Meadow  
 Little Leaf Farm  
 Community Harvest Project  
 Gove Farm  
 Cloverdale Farm  
 Bear Hill Farm  
 Littleton Community Farm  
 Gaining Ground  
 Horowitz Farm  
 Flerra Meadows Community Farm  
 Boxborough Community Farm  
 Restoration Orchard of Harvard  
 Springdell Farm  
 Westward Orchard  
 Area Grocery Stores  
 Many Home Gardens

*"Our family is struggling financially during this time of crisis, and we were so grateful to be able to put nutritious food on the table for our three children. Thank you."*

**-A CLIENT**





# Harvest Club Partners



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

Ayer Shirley Regional School District  
Steve Bakke and Julie Staraitis  
Bemis Associates  
Catania Oils  
Community Foundation of North Central Mass  
Community Harvest Project  
D'Ambrosio Eye Care  
Digital Federal Credit Union-Marlborough  
Donelan's Supermarket-Groton  
Donelan's Supermarket—Littleton  
Donelan's Supermarket-Pepperell  
EFSP National Board  
Gaining Ground  
Goldsmith, Prest & Ringwall, Inc.  
Gove Farm  
Judy Grande  
Groton Neighborhood Food Project  
Hannaford Supermarket – Lunenburg  
Hannaford Supermarket—Townsend  
Harvard Post Office  
Holy Trinity Church  
St. Theresa/St. Francis  
Timothy Ingraham  
J.K. Farnsworth Company  
Jo Nicewicz Carville 1999 Trust  
John & Eunice Charitable Fdn.  
Scott Lewis, Lewis Studios  
Market Basket-Littleton  
Paul Matisse  
Brent Mangel  
Mangel Architects  
Nashoba GFW, Inc.

Nashoba Valley Medical Center  
North Country Porsche Club of America  
Omni Properties, LLC  
Porsche Club of America Northeast Division  
John & Janis Raguin  
Roche Bros. Supermarket-Acton  
Rotary Club of Littleton  
Saint Anne Parish  
Salesforce  
Shaw's Supermarket-Groton  
Shirley Scout Drive  
Shop 'n Save-Ayer  
Shriver Job Corps Center  
Donald & Janet Stevens  
The Greater Boston Food Bank  
The MBIA Foundation  
The Shanklin Foundation  
Trader Joe's-Acton  
United Way of Central Massachusetts  
United Way of North Central Massachusetts  
Whole Foods-Westford  
Robert Zimmer



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

Acton Toyota of Littleton  
ARCD 1st Battalion/Army Reserve Careers Division  
Burroughs Charitable Foundation  
Chubb Bermuda Insurance, LTD  
Cisco Systems  
Kathleen Cole & Carolyn Hotchkiss  
Donelan's Supermarket-Acton  
First Parish Church of Groton  
Forrester Research, Inc.

Hildreth Elementary School-Harvard  
Independent Church of the Free Spirit  
Kimball Farm  
Warren & Meredith Kundert Laddawn, Inc.  
Ted & Connie Lapres  
Littleton Council of Churches  
Littleton Track Organization, Inc.  
New England Apple Products Company  
Olympus Corporation of the Americas  
Stephen Roach & Amy Hilbert  
Ted & Mary Shasta  
Tonia Socha  
Sheila Smith  
Richard & Jean Walsh  
Wilson Brothers Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.

## Encouragement



**GEORGE** is a young veteran who suffers from PTSD and is recovering from a traumatic brain injury.

*"It's been hard, but Loaves & Fishes has been there for me. They've given me not only groceries, but also the encouragement to go on."*

*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.*

# Harvest Club Partners



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

A Helping Hand Foundation, Inc.  
Allison Family Fund  
Ann Davis  
Atmosphere Salon  
Ayer Fire Department  
Ayer Post Office  
Ayer/Shirley Recycling  
BJ's Wholesale Club  
Kent & Mary Jo Boynton  
Bright Funds Foundation  
Cynthia Carter  
Congregational Church of Harvard  
Congregational Church of Littleton  
Jim P. Curran  
Tom Donaruma  
Senator Jamie Eldridge  
Epic Enterprises, Inc.  
Federal Bureau of Prisons  
Read Fleming  
Garden at Church Meadows  
Katie Gatcomb  
Sherrill Gould  
James Grier  
Kristen Grimes  
Groton-Dunstable Regional  
High School  
Groton-Dunstable Regional  
School District  
Groton Public Library  
Groton School  
Groton Woman's Club  
Gary M. Gumuchian  
Mark Hashem  
Harvard Lions Club  
Harvard Woman's Club  
Henry Vincent Couper Charity Fdn.  
Connie Hoy  
IMEC, Inc.

Vinod Kamalaraj  
Timothy Kenny  
Kibble Kitchen  
Peter Kouyoumjian & Lisa Webb  
Lazaro Paving Corp.  
Dee Lee  
Stephen Legge  
Christine Lindemer  
Little Leaf Farm  
Littleton Community Farm  
Littleton Middle School  
Littleton Post Office  
Bruce Man  
Mary Markham  
Massachusetts Service Alliance  
Massachusetts Youth Soccer  
Dan & Lori McElroy  
McNulty and Associates, Inc.  
Middlesex Savings Bank-Natick  
ODIC, Inc.  
Perkins and Ancil  
Philip & Diane Rayla  
Project Bread  
Red Tail Golf Club  
John Reis  
Renegade Miata Club  
Restoration Orchard, LLC  
Robert & Joan Dircks Fdn.  
Leslie Row, LICSW  
Tom & Verna Sefranek  
Senate Construction Group  
Shaker Lane School-Littleton  
Russell & Linda Shappy  
Shirley Post Office  
Sierra Ventures  
Otto Solbrig  
Springdell Farm  
Scott Stadler  
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church  
St. Anthony's of Padua  
Starbucks Coffee Company  
Theodore Stefanik  
David & Pamela Stone  
Tea Forte  
The Gore Charitable Fdn.  
United Steelworkers of  
America Local 506  
Willie Wickman  
Dawn Wilson  
Janet Wilkinson

## DIGNITY



**GAIL**, a retired senior citizen, struggles to make ends meet on her fixed income.

*"Living on a fixed income is difficult. I'm grateful for the support I receive from the Pantry—I couldn't manage otherwise. You have always treated me with dignity, free of judgment."*

*"I have never experienced a place like Loaves & Fishes. The staff and volunteers are genuine and the food is invaluable. Thank you for providing support and assistance in my time of transition when no one else would. I have so much gratitude and appreciation for all that you do and wish to thank everyone who plays a part in some way to keep this Pantry open for those who are struggling to put food on the table."*

**-A CLIENT**

# 302 Volunteers donated over 19,000 hours



Heather Adamczyk  
Steve Aiken  
Michelle Alarcon  
Marie Allen  
Rosemary Anderson  
Steve Anderson  
Kate Aragon  
Arc Of Opportunity  
Tamera Ashworth  
Dave Astolfi  
Cathy Autio  
Sophia Autio  
Maureen Babcock  
Lily C. Baddour  
Edi Baker  
Rich Baker  
Madeline Balassie  
Daniel Barnes  
Julie Beaumont  
Bemis Associates  
Patti Bennett  
Barbara Berg  
Ed Bergan  
Karen Bergan  
Alexis Blackwell  
Linda Blackwell  
Patricia Blodgett  
Betsy Bohling  
Cathy Bowles  
Denise Boyd  
Kevin Boyd  
Mary Jo Boynton  
Jim Breslauer  
Michael Broderick  
Bromfield School  
Carol Bryant  
Nancee Buckle

Wanda Burns  
Kathy Cadigan  
Cathy Cadogan  
Stewart Cady  
Jay Caplan  
Mary Ellen Cappucci  
Tracy Cartier  
John Cauley  
Ruth Cavanagh  
Willow Chau  
Church of the Latter  
Day Saints  
Patricia Clasby  
Barbara Cobuzzi  
Kelli Codner  
William Codner  
Daniel Coelho  
Vera Spohr Coelho  
Michael Cordero  
John Costello  
Kersten Coull  
Kathy Daly  
Laura Dauphinais  
Kara Davis  
Madison Davis  
Janice Desjean  
Sheila Devereaux  
Liz deVillafranca  
Scott Dinsmore  
Keiko Dion  
David Dolan  
Ann Donald  
Mimi Dorward  
Donna Doung  
Michael Duhigg  
Ben Elliott  
Kathy Ellis

Alison Enright  
Richard Enright  
Lorraine Farnsworth  
Rob Farnsworth  
Lauren Farrell  
Jacob Fay  
Kristina Feinen  
Will Feinen  
Brenda Ferguson  
Barbara Field  
Jesse Fitch  
Ellen Fitzpatrick  
Heather Flokos  
Geraldine Flynn  
Sally Foley  
Cheryl Forrest  
Anne Marie Fortin  
Chris Frechette  
Irene Freidel  
Rachael Fusco  
Peter Galluzzo  
Denis Garcia  
Gary Gasser  
Adam Gentile  
Kimberly Gentile  
Michele Girard  
Glean Team  
Jamie Glennie  
George Gogas  
Risa Goldman  
Kevin Gomez  
Judy Grande  
Mary Beth Haberkorn  
James Hanlon  
Claire Hansen  
Ian Hanson  
Barbara Hantz

Joseph Harrington  
Hans Heer  
Karen Hierman  
Sarah Hocking  
Nancy Holden  
Timothy Holmes  
Niki Holtzman  
Maureen Hopper  
Paul Horrigan  
Jeff Howe  
Yu-Chi Hsu  
Anna Hueston  
Katherine Hueston  
Richard Hunt  
Emily Hutchins  
Michelle Hutchins  
Beverly Johnson  
Laurie Johnson  
Rose Joseph  
John Katter  
Cathy Keady  
Barbara Kemp  
Susan Kim  
Audrey Kimball  
Jean Klein  
Stephen Kmiotek  
Susan Kokkinos  
Nikhil Kommineni  
Barry Kroening  
Julie Kulchuk  
Aryan Kulkarni  
Ayush Kulkarni  
Neeta Kulkarni  
Nilesh Kulkarni  
Trisha Lamb  
Barbara Ledeaux  
Dee Lee

Maureen Lemieux  
Joey Leveque  
LEWA Volunteers  
Scott Lewis  
Kimmy Lloret  
Curt Logee  
Jane Logee  
John/Joanne Londa  
April Lopez  
Ross Losch  
Nicky Lowney  
Bob Lucy  
Dick Lyons  
Jane Lyons  
Michele Maclaren  
Ching Mak  
John Mansour  
Aleta Manugian  
Marga Marchetti  
Mary Markham  
Kate Markowitz  
Cindy McAuley  
Brian McClory  
Delaney McKenna  
Denise McKenna  
Andre Menard  
Cecile Menard  
Olga Michail  
Cathy Miller  
Ken Miller  
Magnus Miller  
Cathy Mitchell  
Robert Mitchell  
Melissa Mitrano  
Judy Moodie  
Elders Mormon  
Chucky Morrison



# 302 Volunteers donated over 19,000 hours



Sallie Mungle  
Cameron Murphy  
Joanna Myczkowska  
Andrea Myette  
Elaine Nangle  
Derek Ng  
Jennifer Ng  
Cathy Nickerson  
Jim Nickerson  
John Norris  
Renee North  
Debbie Noyes  
Janna Oakfellow-Pushee  
Kathleen O'Connor  
Violetta O'Donnell  
Joe Ofria  
Nancy Ohringer  
Karen O'Neil  
Philip Oslin  
Joanne Ouellette  
Thomas Parda  
Marjorie Payne  
McKenzie Pegroot  
Karen Peters  
Ava Peterson  
Judith Petri  
Mary Pickard  
Peter Pignatiello  
David Pillitteri  
Wally Prokowiew  
Mike Quinn  
Doreen Quintiliani  
Peter Quinty  
Kathleen Raftery  
Janice Raguin  
Emma Rasmussen  
Laura Rasmussen  
Sarah Rasmussen  
Grace Remilard  
Sam Remilard

Kelly Riddle  
Olivia Roache  
Joseph Robillard  
Jessica Roetzer  
Donna Romilly  
Lynne Roper  
Susan Roper  
Mike Rososky  
Karen Ross  
Debbie Roufos  
Leslie Row  
Chris Ryan  
Laurie Sabol  
Sheila Salaverry  
Dot Samsi  
Priscilla Scales  
Jimmy Scaramucci  
Cory Schnepfer  
Fred Schnepfer  
Schnepfer Ryan  
Leslie Schuster  
Bill Scott  
Amy Severin  
Lisa Shivo  
Shriver Job Corps  
Don Siegrist  
Heidi Siegrist  
Dan Sierra  
Richard Skoczylas  
Mary Small  
Cynthia Smith  
Sarah Smith  
Robert Sniegowski  
Marie Sobalvarpo  
Toni Spacciapoli  
Jillian St. Jean  
Ken St. Jean  
Julie Staraitis  
Donald Stevens  
Janet Stevens  
Holly Steward  
Anne Stone  
Betty Stone  
Jillian Suchoki  
Michelle Swearingen  
Larry Tacito  
Betsy Thiel  
Erik Tobies  
Sandra Tobies  
Liza Toll  
Susan Toll  
Carol Lee Tonge  
Lindsey Tonge  
Tom Tonge

Phyllis Toth  
Kenneth Underwood  
Heather Van Pelt  
Eric Viera  
Maria Viera  
Bianca Vinci  
Robert Vinci  
Carolyn Waite  
Charles Waite  
Cheryl Walters  
Scott Walters  
George Watkins  
Sarah Webb  
Ann Whitney  
Willie Wickman  
Dawn Willis  
Wilson Brothers  
Joy Wilson  
Meaghan Wilson  
Sierra Wynn  
Kevin Yu  
Rebecca Zolla  
Bernard Zubrowski



*"To all the volunteers who sacrifice their time to assist me every time I come to the Pantry. You are all so kind, pleasant and helpful. I want to thank you all on behalf of my family and myself for making it possible to have food on our table."*

**- A CLIENT**

# 302 Volunteers donated over 19,000 hours

## 2018 TOP VOLUNTEERS HOURS

Peter Galluzzo	589.25
Kathleen Raftery	551.5
Joanne Ouellette	550.55
Fred Schnepfer	514.25
Andre Menard	448.25
James Hanlon	434.05
Jim Breslauer	354.5
Larry Tacito	336.25
Jane Logee	328.65
Paul Horrigan	318.75
Curt Logee	307.95
Lily C. Baddour	306.5
Patti Bennett	304.25
Karen Bergan	304
Robert Sniegowski	303.75
Janet Stevens	299
Michael Cordero	298.75
George Gogas	298.75
Cathy Miller	297.75
Rosemary Anderson	281.75



*"I volunteer because it makes me feel good to give back and support those in need, plus I love to see everyone's smiles!"*



*"I volunteer because it provides me with an opportunity to give to others, with essentially no financial output. Having a balance in my life between giving and receiving helps keep my self-esteem up, plus, I love the people contact."*



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



## Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution



Volunteers and numerous generous donors made it possible for **286** households to receive all of the fixings for their Thanksgiving dinners.

## Holiday Dinner Distribution



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

## Loaves & Fishes 5th Annual Golf Tournament



Thanks to the organizers, dedicated volunteers, donors, sponsors and golfers, the tournament held at Shaker Hills Country Club raised over \$10,000 for Loaves & Fishes!

## Postal Workers' Food Drive



Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers and the support of the community, we collected over 17,000 lbs. of food and personal care items!

**The Back Pack Program**—250 new back-packs and supplies were distributed to area children. We are grateful that the Union Congregational Church of Groton has agreed to adopt this program.

Many area families were able to find joy during the holiday season, thanks to the overwhelming donations received from the community and the hard work from the many volunteers in the **Shop For Your Kids** and **Shop For Your Parents** programs.





*Do you or someone you know need help with food?  
Would you like to volunteer?  
Would you like to donate?*

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