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Loaves & Fishes Receives \$10,000 grant from Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation
Grant will be used to enhance volunteer training program

Devens, MA., November 4, 2016 – Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc. today announced it received a \$10,000 grant awarded by the [Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation](#). The financial support will allow Loaves & Fishes to develop a series of videos which will enhance the volunteer training program and ultimately make the volunteer experience more consistent, streamlined and rewarding.

Last year over 300 volunteers contributed over 20,000 hours of their time to Loaves & Fishes in a variety of capacities. With a small paid staff of only 3.75 full time equivalents, volunteers are an important part of the Pantry. They help in all phases of the operation including driving to pick-up and deliver donations to the Pantry, sorting, date checking and stocking donations, working directly with the clients, managing the clothing room, managing finances, helping with marketing, public relations and outreach and supporting the Pantry administratively.

“We were delighted to learn that we were being awarded a grant from the Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation,” said Patricia Stern, Executive Director of Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc. “Their generosity will allow us to provide critical training to our volunteer team, ensuring that the training process is streamlined, consistent and that volunteer work gets done in the most effective and efficient manner possible.”

“Middlesex Savings Bank has always cared deeply about the communities we serve,” said Dana Neshe, president of the Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation. “Through the Foundation grants, we are able to provide support to the people and organizations who work the hardest to both solve problems and create opportunities for our neighbors. We are pleased to support Loaves & Fishes this year with the awarded grant.”

About the Middlesex Savings Charitable Foundation

The Foundation was established in 2000 to carry out further the philanthropic mission of Middlesex Savings Bank by supporting the communities served by the Bank. Over the past 15 years, the Foundation has provided more than \$4 million in grants to over 400 nonprofit organizations, supporting services, and programs in a wide variety of fields, including education, and basic human services. Since the inception of the Foundation, Middlesex Savings Bank has funded the endowment with over \$15 million in contributions. More information is available at <https://www.middlesexbank.com/community-and-us/community-support/Pages/charitable-foundation.aspx>.

About Middlesex Savings Bank

Middlesex Savings Bank, founded in 1835 and headquartered in Natick, Mass., is a mutual savings bank. As one of the largest independent banks in Massachusetts with assets exceeding \$4 billion, the bank has been committed to providing outstanding value in consumer banking and business banking products for 180 years. The FDIC and DIF insured bank has 30 branch offices located in 24 communities – Acton, Ashland, Bedford, Bellingham, Boxborough, Concord, Framingham, Franklin, Groton, Holliston, Hopkinton, Littleton, Maynard, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Natick, Needham, Sherborn, Southborough, Sudbury, Walpole, Wayland, Wellesley, and Westford. For more information, please visit www.middlesexbank.com, www.facebook.com/connectwithmsb and www.twitter.com/middlesexbank.

About Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc.



Loaves & Fishes is a nonprofit organization providing food and other resources and referrals to residents of Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton and Shirley. Last year they provided not only food, but also hope to over 800 local families. To learn more visit www.loavesfishespantry.org.