

Food = Real Hope

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.

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



"I never thought I would be on this side of the fence, needing help. I am an educated professional but company down turns, family members needing care, divorce and lung cancer changed that ... I was cared for and supported to the max by Loaves & Fishes and could not be more grateful. You can rest assured that when you generously support Loaves & Fishes you are supporting a non-profit that makes a daily difference in their clients lives."

~Loaves & Fishes client

WE SUPPORT LOAVES & FISHES BECAUSE....



"It is our duty to lend a helping hand to our neighbors in need."

"I believe in everything we do. It's very rewarding and there's a need for it."

Last year, 864 families in our community visited Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry for food. These families may be managing a loss of employment, high medical bills, fixed incomes, the rising cost of utilities, or the ever-increasing prices at the grocery store. These families are your neighbors and may need access to a basic necessity—wholesome, nutritious food. Loaves & Fishes can provide this food, thus enabling them to be able to also heat their homes or pay the rent.

With the help of generous supporters, individual and organized community donors, and over 300 volunteers who donated over 18,000 hours of their time last year, Loaves & Fishes has been able to provide food—and hope—for many of our neighbors.



"Everyone deserves to have good food available, no matter the circumstances."

"I never feel better than after I've left here helping people"



"Loaves & Fishes fills a genuine need in our communities, and does this in a very efficient way."



What's New?

We need frozen turkeys for the holidays! Can you help?

2015 Annual Meeting and Volunteer Awards



Volunteers honored during our Annual Meeting in October for the most hours donated. (Left to right): Larry Tacito, Fred Schnepfer, Lauren Farrell, Peter Galluzzo, Joanne Ouellette, Cathy Miller, Jim Hanlon. Not pictured: Bill Dean, Martha Dean, Bemis Associates.

Annual Meeting



Founders Award 2015: (over 10 years of service) awarded to **Jane Logee and Lorraine Farnsworth**



Grande Award 2015: (for outstanding volunteer service) awarded to **Marie Allen and Joan Pena**



Charlanne Van Wormer Award 2015: (for commitment to the community through volunteerism) awarded to **Bill & Martha Dean**



We were joined by organizers of the Groton Neighborhood Food Project, a program that has collected thousands of pounds of food for Loaves & Fishes in the last year!



Kathy Sinew, Jack O'Lantern Liquors, provided beverages. Lucia's Tavola of Ayer; Filho's Cucina of Groton; Devens Grill, Devens; and Dunkin Donuts of Ayer donated refreshments for our Annual Meeting. Molly and Andrew, music students from Indian Hill in Littleton provided entertainment. Thank you!

Community Partners



Amy Tarlow and her helpers pictured with Patty Stern dropping off donations from Lewis Farm.



Donelan's Supermarkets in Littleton and Groton participated in a Best Wishes campaign for Loaves & Fishes. For a \$5 donation, a bag of food was donated to the food pantry. Pictured above is Larry, Littleton Donelan's Store Manager, sharing how customers can help.



Students at Groton-Dunstable Regional High School collected 2,155 pounds of food for their neighbors in need! Thank you for your continued support of the pantry!



Littleton Community Farm donated over 600 pounds of fresh produce during the growing season!

Extraordinary Young People Getting Involved

Abigail and Clara Ames (pictured right) dropped off donations collected at one sister's 7th birthday party! Miss Leeann Condon of Townsend (pictured left) turned 5-years-old recently and asked for donations at her birthday party for Loaves & Fishes! Thank you for helping your neighbors in need!



Members of the North Country Porsche Club of America present Board of Trustees member, Aleta Manugian, with a \$5,000 donation!

Turkeys Needed for the Holidays

NOVEMBER

**SATURDAY &
SUNDAY**
21st &
22nd

DECEMBER

**SATURDAY &
SUNDAY**
19th &
20th

The Greater Boston Food Bank has decreased our allotment of frozen turkeys for the holiday season by almost half! We need 200+ frozen turkeys (14 lbs and up) for our holiday food programs! We are receiving turkeys and other food donations on **Saturday and Sunday, November 21 & 22 and December 19 & 20 from 1:00-3:00PM.** *Other most needed items for the holidays: stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, turkey or chicken broth, frozen fruit pies, holiday snacks (nuts, crackers, candy), canned yams, coffee/tea/cocoa, olives, pickles, and juice.*



Loaves & Fishes Annual Holiday Events

NOVEMBER

MONDAY
23



Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution Event

Time: 9:00AM-11:30AM **and**
5:30PM-7:00PM

Where: Loaves & Fishes
234 Barnum Road,, Devens, MA
Contact: 978-772-4627
www.loavesfishespantry.org

DECEMBER

SATURDAY
12



Shop For Your Parents Event

Time: 8:00AM-10:00AM
Where: Shriver Job Corps Center
270 Jackson Road, Devens, MA
Contact: Marie Allen, 978-772-7510
Joan Pena, 978-772-4440
www.loavesfishespantry.org

DECEMBER

THURSDAY
17



Shop For Your Kids Event

Time: 9:00AM-12:30PM **and**
6:00PM-7:30PM
Where: Bob Eisengreen Community Center
Rogers Field, Devens, MA
Contact: LFshop4yourkids@gmail.com
Donations: Drop off at Bob Eisengreen
Community Center Mondays, 11/30, 12/7
and 12/14 from 6-8PM or at the pantry
during regular donation drop off times

DECEMBER

MONDAY
21



Holiday Dinner Distribution Event

Time: 9:00AM-11:30AM **and**
5:30PM-7:00PM
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234 Barnum Road, Devens, MA
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Do You Need Help?

Are you having trouble making ends meet? Are you finding it difficult to afford nutritious food for yourself or your family?

We can help. Call us at (978) 772-4627 x312 or visit the pantry when we are open.

Open Hours:

Every Wednesday & Friday	9:45AM—12:30PM
1st and 3rd Saturday of the month	9:00AM—11:00AM
2nd Tuesday evening of the month	6:00PM—8:00PM



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Call 978.772.4627 x300 or email tohelp@loavesfishespantry.org and provide your email address!



Loaves & Fishes General Most Needed Items:

- Ensure
- Canned Tomato Sauce, Puree & Paste
- Creamed Soups/Hearty Soups
- Canned Pasta/Canned Chile
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Baked Beans
- Canned Chickpeas/Garbanzo Beans
- Canned Pineapple, Pears, Apricots, Mixed Fruit
- Canned White Tuna
- Canned Corn
- Cereal
- Helpers – Hamburger & Tuna
- Rice-A-Roni/Boxed Flavored Rice
- Condiments (Ketchup, Mayo, Mustard)
- Pasta -Ziti/Rotini/Shells/Rigatoni
- Coffee/Tea/Juice

Special Holiday Needs:

Stuffing Mix, Cranberry Sauce, Turkey or Chicken Broth, Frozen Fruit Pies, Holiday Snacks (nuts, crackers, candy), Canned Yams, Coffee/Tea/Cocoa, Olives, Pickles, and Juice.

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Collection Box Locations

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

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