**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.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
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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
www.loavesfishespantry.org

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**You can bring hope to many this holiday season**

Even though there are signs that the economy is improving a bit, there are still over 800 families, your neighbors and mine, who continue to need help. They are struggling to pay their mortgage or rent, purchase needed medications and provide a basic necessity – food. The upcoming holiday season will add even more pressure. Our goal is to provide each family in need with the fixings for both their Thanksgiving and Holiday meals, but we need your help.

Our allotment of turkeys and hams from the Greater Boston Food Bank has been drastically reduced during the past few years. This year, in order to meet the need, we are asking you to consider a financial donation instead of actual turkeys and hams. This will allow us to purchase from local vendors the quantity and sizes we need, solve our problem with lack of cold storage space and, save you a trip to the store and then to the Pantry to deliver the turkey or ham. Of course, we will still accept donations of turkeys and hams on-site for those who prefer to donate in person!

Please visit our website to make a contribution on-line at [http://loavesfishespantry.org/dinner/?cs=nl](http://loavesfishespantry.org/dinner/?cs=nl) or mail a check to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc., PO Box 1, Ayer, MA 01432. Please note on the memo line that your donation is for turkeys/hams. We will use all funds raised for this project for the purchase of turkeys and hams for the Thanksgiving and Holiday Dinner Distributions. Any remaining funds will be treated as a general donation and be utilized for other items needed for the holiday distributions or for general food needs.

With your help we can provide our neighbors, who are experiencing some challenges, with not only food during this holiday season, but also hope! Our very sincere thanks for your on-going support and my best wishes for a healthy and happy holiday season.

*Patty*
2016 Annual Meeting

(Above left): Theresa Wilson, our Client Advocate, spoke about our mission. (Above right): Kate Palaia of Littleton provided entertainment. Visit our www.loavesfishespantry.org to view our complete Annual Report.

Volunteer Recognition

Maureen Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, presented Peter Galluzzo with an award for donating 772 volunteer hours last year!

Ken Van Wormer with Nancy Ohringer, recipient of the Charlanne Van Wormer Award!

Founders Award 2016:
(over 10 years of service) awarded to
Jim Hanlon, Kathleen O’Connor and Janice Desjean

Grande Award 2016:
(outstanding volunteer service to Loaves & Fishes) awarded to Peter Galluzzo

Charlanne VanWormer Award 2016:
(commitment to the community through volunteerism) awarded to Nancy Ohringer

Extraordinary Young People Getting Involved

The Groton Dunstable Regional High School German-American Partnership and the National Honor Society together sponsored a food and clothing drive for Loaves & Fishes! They collected 382 pounds of food and personal care items and 38 bags of clothing! The students also collected $501 for our Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution! Thank you for all your hard work!

Do You Need Help?

Do you or someone you know need these groceries? We can help. Call us at (978) 772-4627 x312 or visit us.

Community Partners

North Country Region Porsche Club of America presented Loaves & Fishes with a check in the amount of $5,500 collected during their annual donation drive for the pantry. Pictured: Maureen Johnson, our Volunteer Coordinator, enjoying a ride at the event.

Thank you to Flynn Property Services out of Groton for donating lawn mowing services this past season! So appreciated!

The Neighborhood Food Project...

The Power of the Green Bag!
The first delivery from the towns of Ayer, Harvard and Littleton (164 neighbors) on Nov. 5th was 2,608 pounds!
Loaves & Fishes Holiday Season Events

**November 19 & 20**
Loaves & Fishes will receive food donations on Saturday and Sunday, November 19 & 20
1:00—3:00PM

**November 21**
Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution
Morning Event:
9:00-11:30AM
Evening Event:
5:30-7:00PM

**December 17 & 18**
Loaves & Fishes will receive food donations on Saturday and Sunday, December 17 & 18
1:00—3:00PM

**December 19**
Holiday Dinner Distribution
Morning Event:
9:00-11:30AM
Evening Event:
5:30-7:00PM

Loaves & Fishes Off-Site Events

**December 10**
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

**December 15**
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

Holiday Shopping Online? Keep us in mind!

Loaves & Fishes is registered with AmazonSmile! If you shop on Amazon.com, please consider shopping with smile.amazon.com and select Loaves & Fishes as your preferred charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your total purchase to the food pantry!

**Donate Directly:**
Visit www.loavesfishespantry.org to donate online or mail a check to:
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry
PO Box 1
Ayer, MA 01432

Thank you for your support!

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A client sent a photo of the wonderful potato vegetable bake she made, all with ingredients from the food pantry! Beautiful, easy, delicious and nutritious! Thanks for sharing!
Thinking about volunteering? We hold regular “Open Houses” and tours during our Volunteer Information Sessions. The first Wednesday evening of every month at 7PM and the third Thursday morning of every month at 9:30AM. Visit our website at www.loavesfishespantry.org to register!

**Holiday Season Most Needed Items:**

- Holiday snacks (nuts, crackers, candy)
- Cookie & Cake Mixes
- Stuffing Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Turkey Gravy
- Turkey or Chicken Broth
- Coffee, Tea, Cocoa
- Olives, Pickles
- Juice

**Collection Box Locations**

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