

**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  
 www.loavesfishespantry.org



Learn about our **Partners in Hope Program**. Visit [www.loavesfishespantry.org](http://www.loavesfishespantry.org)

**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> or mail a check to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc., PO Box 1, Ayer, MA 01432. Please notate 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.

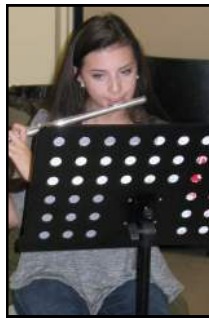
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## 2016 Annual Meeting



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



## 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.

## 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!



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

### 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**

## 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.

## 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!

## 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*

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**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**



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!

## Loaves & Fishes Off-Site Events

*December* **Shop For Your Parents Event**

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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* **Shop For Your Kids Event**

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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](http://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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# VOLUNTEER Open House

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](http://www.loavesfishespantry.org) to register!



### Most Needed Items

#### 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

**Contact Us:**

Telephone: (978) 772-4627

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### Collection Box Locations

AYER	HARVARD
Ayer Post Office	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
Clover Farm General Store	Shirley Police Department

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