

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.

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
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

YOU can make a difference!

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As the weather gets colder, many senior citizens will face the difficult decision of heating their homes or putting food on their tables. Many single parents will go hungry so that their children can eat. Our neighbors who are facing significant health issues or job loss will struggle to make ends meet. Some of our neighbors will be alone. For over 800 families in our service area, the holiday season is anything but joyous.



During the upcoming months, we ask you to consider the many ways in which you can continue to make a difference:

- **Financial Support**—Contribute to our “Turkey & Ham Appeal.” Our allotment of turkeys and hams from The Greater Boston Food Bank has been drastically reduced during the past few years. A financial donation will allow us to purchase from local vendors the quantity and size we need for our special holiday dinner events, solve our problem with lack of cold storage space, and you save a trip to the store and then to the Pantry to deliver your turkey or ham. Of course, we will accept turkey and ham donations on-site for those who prefer to donate in person!
- **Donate Food**—See our list of “Most Needed Items” on the back page of this newsletter.
- **Gift Of Your Time**—Individuals, families, schools and work groups are welcome. See page 5 for a list of upcoming holiday events and activities at which we could use a helping hand.
- **Be An Ambassador for Loaves & Fishes**—Spread the word that we are here to help our neighbors.

We are grateful for your ongoing support. Without you, many of our neighbors will struggle to provide the basic necessity of food to their families. Without you, there will be no joy in their holidays. Without you, there will be no hope!

My sincerest thanks and best wishes for a wonderful holiday season.

Patty Stern
Executive Director

*“Giving is not just about making a donation,
it’s about making a difference.”
-Kathy Calvin*



Your \$25.00 donation will provide a Thanksgiving meal to a local family in need. To donate, please visit: <https://loavesfishespantry.org/dinner/>

Highlights of the 2017 Annual Meeting



Keynote speaker, Mickey Cockrell, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Catie's Closet, spoke about their mission of providing clothing to children in need, right within the schools. Today, Catie's Closet can be found in 47 schools throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire. To learn more, visit: www.catiescloset.org



Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the **Top Volunteers** who donated the highest amount of hours in FY17. Front row, left to right: Andre Menard, Janet Amburgey-Bemis Associates, Joanne Ouellette, Kathy Rafferty and Bob Sniegoski. Back row, left to right: Jim Hanlon, Jane Logee, Curt Logee, Peter Galluzzo, and Jim Breslauer. Not present: Cathy Miller, Fred Schnepfer, Lily Baddour, Lauren Farrell, Larry Tacito, Paul Horrigan, Karen O'Neil and Karen Bergan.



Ken Van Wormer (left) and Jim Breslauer (right), with Janet Stevens, recipient of the **Charlanne Van Wormer Award**.



Paul Niemira with Jen Basile and Christine Lynch from Catania Oils, recipients of the **Community Partnership Award**.



Jim Breslauer with Joanne Ouellette, recipient of the **Grande Award**.



Paul Niemira with Jonathan Tetrault, from The Greater Boston Food Bank, recipient of the **Community Partnership Award**.

Congratulations to the 2017 Award Recipients!

Thanks to all donors, supporters, partners and volunteers!

You have provided hope to many!

A special thanks to **Jack O'Lantern Liquors and Devens Grill** for their continued support!

Founders Award Recipients:
Jim Hanlon, Lily Baddour, Sandy Piper and Brenda Ferguson

*“Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.”
-Anthony J. D'Angelo*



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

Steve Bakke and Julie Staraitis
Bemis Associates
Catania Oils
Cornell University Foundation
D'Ambrosio Eye Care
Digital Federal Credit Union
-Marlborough
Donelan's Supermarket-Littleton
Donelan's Supermarket-Pepperell
EFSP National Board
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
Gibbett Hill Grill, LLC
Goldsmith, Prest & Ringwall, Inc.
Good Friday Walk, Inc.
Gove Farm
Judy Grande
Groton Neighborhood Food
Project
Groton-Dunstable Regional
High School
Hannaford Supermarket
-Lunenburg
Hannaford Supermarket
-Townsend
Harvard Post Office
Holy Trinity Church
St. Theresa/St. Francis
Independent Church of the
Free Spirit
Timothy Ingraham
Jo Nicewicz Carville 1999 Trust
John & Eunice Charitable Fdn.
Scott Lewis, Lewis Studios
Littleton Council of Churches
Market Basket-Littleton
Paul Matisse
Maugel Architects Inc.
Middlesex Savings Bank
Charitable Foundation
Nashoba Valley Medical Center

North Country Porsche Club of America
Roche Brothers Supermarket-Acton
Rotary Club of Littleton
Saint Anne Parish
Shaw's Supermarket-Groton
Shop 'n Save-Ayer
Donald & Janet Stevens
The Greater Boston Food Bank
The MBIA Foundation
The TJX Companies, Inc.
Trader Joe's-Acton
United Way of North
Central Massachusetts
Walmart Foundation
Connie White
Whole Foods-Westford
Your Cause, Inc.



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

Applefield Farm
Ayer/Shirley Recycle
Bright Funds Foundation
Central MA Kibble Kitchen
Chubb Bermuda Insurance, LTD
Kathleen Cole & Carolyn
Hotchkiss
Donelan's Supermarket-Acton
Donelan's Supermarket-Groton
First Parish Church of Groton
Gaining Ground
Garden at Church Meadows
Give With Liberty
Harvard Lions Club
Kimball Farm
Laddawn, Inc.
Littleton Middle School
Medtronic/Surgical Technologies
Middlesex Savings Bank-Natick
New England Apple Products Co.
Stephen Roach & Amy Hilbert
Robert & Joan Dircks Foundation
Ted & Mary Shasta

Springdell Farm
The Benevity Community Impact Fund
United Steelworkers of America
Local 506
Richard & Jean Walsh
Wilson Brothers Heating and
Air Conditioning, Inc.
Robert Zimmer

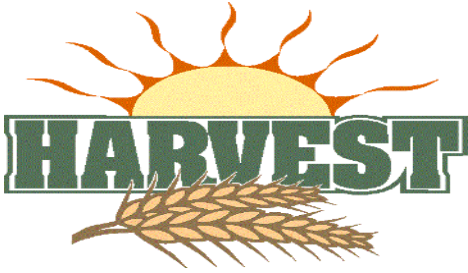
"Partners like you tell us that supporting Loaves & Fishes benefits you as much as it helps reduce food insecurity. Businesses and employees become more connected to each other and to the community, to the benefit of all. Together, we help more than 800 families each year. A heartfelt thank you for your generosity and support."

*-Patricia Stern
Executive Director*



Catania Oils

Harvest Club Partners



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

Ayer Post Office
 Ayer-Shirley Regional High School
 Bigelow Middle School
 BJ's Wholesale Club
 British Delights
 Arthur Boisseau
 Kent & Mary Jo Boynton
 Thomas Brando
 Bromfield School
 Cambrooke Therapeutics
 Peter & Diane Carson
 John Cauley
 Christian Union Church
 Congregational Church-Harvard
 Congregational Church of Littleton
 Jim P. Curran
 Ann Davis
 DRM Group, LLC
 John & Nancy Dwyer
 Epic Enterprises, Inc.
 Federal Bureau of Prisons
 First Church Unitarian-Littleton
 Sally Fischer
 Read Fleming
 Abbie Frost
 Stephanie Gintner
 Goss Farm
 James Grier
 Kristen Grimes
 Groton Cable Access TV
 Groton-Dunstable Regional
 Middle School
 Groton Public Library
 Groton Women's Club
 Gary M. Gumuchian
 Richard & Mary Harrington
 Harvard Farmer's Market
 Harvard Road Race Association
 Harvard Unitarian Universalist
 Church
 Harvard Women's Club

Harvest Community Project
 Henry Vincent Couper Charity
 Foundation
 Hildreth Elementary School
 Michael Horton
 Ronald & Donna Horvath
 Jack O'Lantern Liquors
 JK Farnsworth Company
 Maureen Johnson
 Keaney Household/Keaney
 Family Trust
 Timothy & Joan Keutzer
 Stephen & Mary Keville
 Warren & Meredith Kundert
 Lazaro Paving Corporation
 Dee Lee
 Tim Lind
 Littleton Community Farm
 Littleton High School
 Humanitarian Club
 Littleton Police Department
 Littleton Post Office
 Main Street Bank-Ayer
 Mary Markham
 Brent Mauge
 John & Karen McNamara
 Middlesex Corporation
 Andrea Myette
 McNulty and Associates, Inc.
 National Grid
 Ethan Nichols
 Karalyn O'Hara
 ODIC, Inc.
 Kathleen Oosterman
 Page Hilltop School
 Ann & Richard Perreault
 Project Bread
 Philip Rayla & Diane Herlihy-Rayla
 Renegade Miata Club
 Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
 Tom & Verna Sefranek
 St. Anthony of Padua Parish
 St. Mary's Catholic Church
 St. Mathew's United
 Methodist Church
 Russell & Linda Shappy
 Shirley Post Office
 Don & Heidi Siegrist
 Otto & Dorothy Solbrig
 The Village Nursery School
 Tonia Socha
 Somos, Inc.
 Thoughtforms

Union Congregational Church
 -Groton
 Richard & Nancy Washington
 Willie Wickman

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.

"My neighbor suggested I visit your food pantry. It was a very hard step to take, but I am grateful that I took that step. You have fed and clothed my family and treated us with respect and dignity. You've touched many more lives than you can imagine."

-A Client

hope for the holidays

Consider using one of the following sites when doing your holiday shopping. They will donate a percentage of your purchase to the charity of your choice:

<https://amex.justgive.org>

<https://smile.amazon.com>

<https://igive.com>

HOLIDAY SEASON EVENTS

November

12



Shirley Scout Drive
Receiving, Sorting, Stocking
Sunday, November 12
2:15-5:00 p.m.

To sign up, please email:
volunteer@loavesfishespantry.org

November

18 & 19



Food Donation Receiving
for Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution
Saturday & Sunday, Nov. 18 & 19
1:00-3:00 p.m.

To sign up, please email:
volunteer@loavesfishespantry.org

November

20



Thanksgiving Dinner Distribution
Monday, November 20
Morning Event: 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Evening Event: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

To sign up, please email:
volunteer@loavesfishespantry.org

December

9



Shop For Your Parents Day
Saturday, December 9
7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Shriver Job Corps Center
270 Jackson Road, Devens, MA

To donate or volunteer, contact:
Marie Allen: 978-772-7510
Joan Pena: 978-772-4440

December

14



Shop For Your Kids Day
Thursday, December 14
Morning Event: 9:30-12:30 p.m.
Evening Event: 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Bob Eisengrein Community Center
100 Sherman Avenue, Devens, MA

For more information, contact:
Kathy Ellis
Email: lfshop4yourkids@gmail.com

December

16 & 17



Food Donation Receiving
for Holiday Dinner Distribution
Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 16 & 17
1:00-3:00 p.m.

To sign up, please email:
volunteer@loavesfishespantry.org

December

18



Holiday Dinner Distribution
Monday, December 18
Morning Event: 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Evening Event: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

To sign up, please email:
volunteer@loavesfishespantry.org

THE GIFT OF YOUR TIME

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UPCOMING VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Thursday, November 16—9:30-10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, December 6—7:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday December 21—9:30-10:30 a.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING JOB OPENINGS:

- HOLIDAY RECEPTIONIST (NOV. & DEC)
- FOOD DONATION RECEIVING HELP
- TUESDAY EVENING AND SATURDAY MORNING
OPEN PANTRY SESSIONS
- SHELF STOCKING SESSIONS
- DRIVERS
- HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST

For more information, contact Maureen,
Volunteer Coordinator, at: 978-772-4627,x317
or email: volunteer@loavesfishespantry.org



The Loaves & Fishes Community Outreach & Relations Committee (CORG), assists the staff with client outreach, community partnership relations, press, fundraising and marketing. CORC is looking for:

- Volunteers with experience in sales or fundraising, ideally in a non-profit setting, to help with upcoming campaigns.
 - Volunteers with general marketing skills.
 - A carpenter or two to help refurbish our donation boxes.
- CORG has roles that are for specific projects as well as ongoing committee membership.

To learn more about these opportunities, contact Scott Lewis, CORC Chairperson at: slewis@loavesfishespantry.org or Patty Stern, Executive Director at: director@loavesfishespantry.org

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: CLOTHING ROOM CLOSING


Unfortunately, due to space constraints, the clothing room will permanently close on December 29th. We will be accepting donations through Monday, December 4th. We sincerely appreciate the overwhelming generosity throughout the years which helped so many of our neighbors.


Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc.
P.O. Box 1
Ayer, MA 01432

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U.S. POSTAGE PAID
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**ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH
HAVING ENOUGH TO EAT?
PLEASE CONSIDER VISITING US DURING
OPEN PANTRY HOURS
NO INCOME REQUIREMENTS!
978-772-4627, x312
clientadvocate@loavesfishespantry.org**



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 E-Newsletter

Collection Box Locations

AYER	HARVARD
Ayer Post Office	Harvard General Store (new)
Nashoba Valley Medical Center	Connections Physical Therapy (new)
Main Street Bank	Harvard Post Office
The Cottage Restaurant	LITTLETON
The Markham Group	Citizen's Bank
DEVENS	Donelan's Supermarket
Main Street Bank	Main Street Bank
The Natural Café	Northern Bank & Trust
GROTON	Littleton Police Department
Donelan's Supermarket	Littleton Post Office
Groton Post Office	Knox Realty
Groton Public Library	Market Basket, The Point, Rte 119
Middlesex Bank	SHIRLEY
Main Street Bank	Shirley Post Office
Town Hall	Hazen Library
Groton Senior Center	Main Street Bank
Clover Farm General Store	Phoenix Park, Building D
Shaw's Supermarket (new)	YOUR BUSINESS could be here!

Holiday Season



Most Needed Items:

- Monetary Donations for Turkeys & Hams
- Frozen Pies
- Stuffing Mix
- Turkey Gravy
- Ham Glaze
- Nuts/Crackers/Holiday Snacks
- Coffee & Tea
- Juice
- Pickles & Olives

Contact Us:

Telephone: (978) 772-4627

Email: office@loavesfishespantry.org

Website: <https://loavesfishespantry.org>

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Donation boxes can also be found in many places of worship in Ayer, Groton, Harvard, Littleton and Shirley.
Thank you in advance for your support!