



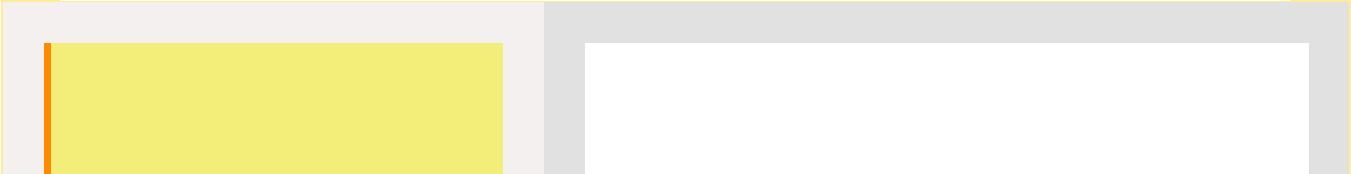
**Volunteer Voice
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Loaves & Fishes e-information platform for volunteers!**

Attention all volunteers who fill out IN-KIND donation forms.

We need to capture this data. Please make sure these forms are filled out entirely. Below is key information we need to see on these forms:

- Date of donation
- Donor name
- What is being donated
- Is this from a donation box or a drive?
- Weight of food/personal care donation
- Clothing donations - how many bags or itemized list

This helps! Thank you!





A BIG thank you to all the volunteer drivers who we rarely see at the pantry, but who make sure the food is always here for the clients! THANK YOU!

Another BIG thank you to the crew who comes and helps on Tuesdays to unload the Greater Boston Food Bank delivery!
THANK YOU!

You are appreciated



Stay tuned for some very exciting news about volunteer activity sign ups through the website! With the help of a volunteer, we will be launching a "new" website optimized for mobile with an extra feature for volunteer information!



It's that time of year again...we have SO much awesome produce for our clients! Unfortunately, this can slow down the process in the pantry. Thank you all for hanging in there and working with us to improve the flow. Your observations and ideas are critical to making process improvements! Below are some helpful tips for Food Distributors during Open Pantry Sessions:

- Plastic bags are located near every produce station (and also school age special stations). It can be helpful to offer to hold the bags for the client while they choose their produce and special items.
- Try to keep the client focused when selecting produce and meat items and redirect their attention if necessary.
- If there is a backup of carts, but the produce racks are available, you can leave the cart behind and bring the client to the produce





We are looking for a PAINTING CONTRACTOR to bid on painting the exterior of Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry. If you know of a professional painter who might be interested bidding, or someone we should contact, please let us know!



Don't forget us on Saturdays and Tuesday evenings! We surely do need volunteers during Open Pantry Sessions on the first and third Saturday mornings of the month and the second Tuesday evenings of the month!

We need food distributors, bag assistants and clothing room assistants! We also need a Saturday morning Greeter!



racks to make their selections, then return to the cart. You can also use this strategy if stuck in line and the meat freezers are available.

- It IS acceptable to pass other clients. Some clients take longer to shop--and that's ok--but you can politely pass if you need to.
- If there is a discrepancy between what is written (or not written) on a client card and what a client is telling you, please immediately see a Steward for clarification.
- In order to avoid gaps in the shopping area that could slow down the entire session, please try to make sure someone is always at the USDA station. This may mean calling your client to set up early so that they are ready to shop when it's time to go.
- If you hear or observe anything that troubles you, please immediately seek out a Steward or a Staff member.
- If you have observations or ideas to improve the Open Pantry Process, please don't hesitate to speak to a staff member! We are always open to suggestions and improvements!

Thank you all for your hard work. Open Pantry Sessions have never run more smoothly than they do now and it's all because of you!

New name tags are ordered on a regular basis. If you are a newer volunteer and do not have one yet, or have asked for a new name tag, take a look in the Volunteer Cafe the next time you are in! Chances are, your name tag is there!



The 2015 Backpack Program will be located off-site this year on Monday, August 24th. Detailed information about this event will be distributed in August.

If you are here receiving donations for the Backpack program, please note we have special donation forms and they should be located at each entrance. Backpack donations should be placed in the supply closet on the rolling rack specifically designated for the Backpack event. Please see staff member with any questions. :)



Newsletter

[click here to view our May Newsletter](#)



We still have polo shirts embroidered with L&F logo available to volunteers for \$17! If you would like a shirt, please email tohelp@loavesfishespantry.org and make sure you specify Men's or Women's and a size!

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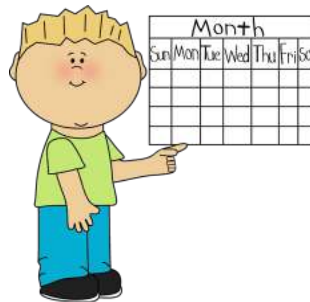
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"Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in them."

- Harriet Naylor



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