



Volunteer Voice Issue 36

Don't forget...you can visit our website and login in as a volunteer to sign up for volunteer activities!

[Visit Our Website](#)

Upcoming Events

The Hunger Run 5K

Nashoba Valley Medical Center presents the 4th Annual Road Race to benefit Loaves & Fishes. Activities, food and fun for the whole family. Professionally timed by Wilbur Race Systems.



Saturday, October 17, 2015

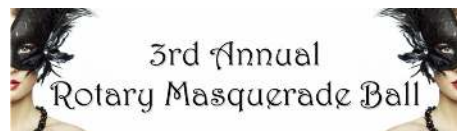
Time: Registration (9:00-10:15AM) Harvest 1/2 Mile Run for Kids (10:30AM) Hunger Run 5K (11:00AM) Race Award Presentation (12:00PM)

Location: Nashoba Valley Medical Center, 200 Groton Road, Ayer, MA

[Register On-line](#)

Masquerade Ball!

Saturday, November 7th 2015, 6:30PM
Holiday Inn Boxborough



3rd Annual Masquerade Ball Theme: Roarin 20's
Benefiting Local Food Banks, including Loaves & Fishes!
Buy Now
Tickets: \$55.00 / Person
To volunteer call:
call: 978-590-1460
Email: e-mail: info@masqueradetickets.org

[Click for more information and to buy tickets!](#)

We all need assistance now and then sorting things out. As a volunteer, you may encounter a difficult situation with a client or listen to client issues that may leave you feeling like you need to talk about it! Check out the [MSPP INTERFACE Referral Service!](#)

[MSPP INTERFACE](#) works to increase awareness of mental health issues impacting children, families, and adults and to facilitate access to appropriate services. Visit the website to learn more about services that may be useful to you related to your role as a volunteer at L&F, or personally.

Call the [MSPP INTERFACE Helpline at 617-332-3666 x1411 or 888-244-6843 x1411](#) for resource information and/or provider referrals from a mental health professional.

[Click here to visit the MSPP INTERFACE website!](#)



- The Facilitator position is designed to lead the flow of the client shopping experience and to help pair up clients with an appropriate volunteer (some clients need extra assistance, a male or female food distributor for some reason, or may have special needs that a particular volunteer is already aware of and comfortable with). To avoid any confusion, *if there is a volunteer filling the Facilitator position* during an Open Pantry Session, please do not select client cards on your own. Sometimes, on Tuesday evenings and Saturday

mornings we do not have enough volunteer staff to have a Facilitator. In that case, please follow the protocol of selecting client cards.

- We have several new volunteers. Please take some time to notice if a new volunteer is struggling or needs some direction. If you are not able to assist them, please find another volunteer or a staff member to help them out!
- If you arrive following the morning meeting, we ask that before getting started with your volunteer activity that you check in with Karen DeGagne, Volunteer & Office Coordinator,

to review the information shared in the meeting.

- You may have noticed we have been encouraging clients who are able to do so, to assist the volunteers loading groceries into their vehicles. Thank you to all of you who have assisted with this endeavor and encouraged our clients to move toward independence and self-reliance!
- Just a reminder: Volunteers and staff at Loaves & Fishes are not able to monitor or otherwise care for client's children. Children MUST be with parents at all times while in the pantry.

No act of kindness, however small, is never wasted. -Aesop

Loaves & Fishes needs help!

**THERE ARE SO MANY WAYS
THAT YOU CAN HELP**

We are in need of volunteers in several areas. One of our most urgent needs is for volunteers to staff Open Pantry Sessions on the 1st and 3rd Saturday mornings of the month and the 2nd Tuesday evening of the month. If you know someone who would like to help, please encourage them to come along with you! We can take care of the paperwork later!

We are also in need of a volunteer driver coordinator. If you are organized and connected (cell phone and email) and would like to take a more active volunteer role in pantry operations, please contact Paul Niemira, Food Coordinator, at (978) 772-4627 x308 or email him at foodcoordinator@loavesfishespantry.org.

Volunteers Needed!



Do what you can to show you care about other people, and you will make our world a better place.

-- Rosalynn Carter

Our Annual Meeting is coming up on **Tuesday, October 20th!** Please watch your email for your

invitation. The Annual Meeting is when we are able to publicly recognize and appreciate all of the volunteers who give so much to our communities by volunteering with us! Hope to see you here!

The logo for the Annual Meeting features the word "Annual" in red, "Meeting" in black, and a large "AM" in the center. The "A" is red and the "M" is black, both with a 3D effect and a shadow. The word "Annual" is positioned above the "M", and "Meeting" is positioned to the right of the "M".

Annual **M**ee**ti**ng