

It's party time!

Holiday Luncheon, Wednesday, December 23rd following Open Pantry Session (around 1:00PM). Please join us!

PLEASE RSVP to Karen at <u>tohelp@loavesfishespantry.org</u> by Monday, December 21st

Shop For Your Kids



Shop for your Kids is being held on Thursday, December 17th (snow date, Saturday, December 19th) at the Bob Eisengreen Community Center, 100 Sherman Ave., Devens

The AM session is from 9AM-12:30PM (volunteers arrive between 8-8:30AM)

The PM session is from 6-7:30PM (volunteers arrive at 5:30PM)

Usually volunteers arrive 1/2 earlier than start time for Orientation. Coffee and refreshments will be available during the day as well as before the PM session for all t hose who are coming from work.

You must be 18+ to help out on Thursday. We have several jobs to fill: Greeters/Check-in (direct client contact); Shopper Assistants (must be able to handle large bags of toys and includes direct client contact); and Bag Helpers/Loaders (heavy lifting is required). Any questions, please email <u>dlroufos@gmail.com</u> or <u>lauren_jim@verizon.net</u>.

Happy Holidays!

In preparation for our Holiday Dinner Distribution on Monday, December 21st, don't forget we are here receiving and stocking donations on



Saturday, December 19th and Sunday, December 20th from 1-3PM.

This is a GREAT time for students to accrue community service hours!

Information for the event on Monday is pasted below (volunteers must be 18+ to participate in Monday's event):

Holiday Dinner Distribution, Monday, December 21st

Morning Session: 9:00AM - 11:30AM-Please see below for volunteer schedule. Evening Session: 5:30PM - 7:00 PM-Please see below for volunteer schedule.

**We are in need of parking attendants for both sessions--if you are interested in helping in that area, please let Karen know at tohelp@loavesfishespantry.org.

MORNING SESSION INFORMATION:

Arrive by 8:15AM. If you are a parking attendant, please arrive at 8:00AM and you will be provided with a safety vest and further instructions. Volunteer meeting will start at 8:30AM, stations will be assigned, and there will be a brief training. Clients will enter the building at 8:45AM.

EVENING SESSION INFORMATION:

Arrive by 4:30 PM. If you are a parking attendant, please arrive at 4:00PM and you will be provided with a safety vest and further instructions. Volunteer meeting will begin at 5:00PM, stations will be assigned, and there will be a brief training. Clients will enter the building at 5:15PM.

THINGS TO KNOW FOR MONDAY

- Please park your vehicle either at Robbins Pond (located just beyond the post office), in the lower parking lot at Loaves & Fishes, or along the side of the road.
- Leave valuables at home or in your locked car
- Wear comfortable shoes and dress warmly (we suggest dressing in layers), especially if you will be a parking attendant or loading bags into clients cars
- Please enter L&F through the volunteer entrance at the right front side of the building. If you arrive after the session has started, please enter through the main front door. In the interest of safety, please refrain from entering the

loading dock door, as there will be a lot of activity in that area of the pantry.

- Obtain a name badge and sign in
- Gather in the waiting room for a brief volunteer meeting
- Enjoy some refreshments in the Volunteer Cafe and remember to take breaks throughout your shift!



Loaves & Fishes is CLOSED on Thursday, December 24th, Friday, December 25th, Thursday, December 21st, Friday, January 1st and Saturday, January 2nd FOOD IS REAL HOPE



Thank you for your volunteerism! Many of your neighbors have had enough to eat because of YOU!



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- 1. Choose Your Cause
- 2. Use the iGive Button at Over 1,700 Online

Stores

- 3. Keep the Button installed until 2/15/16
- 4. Your Cause Gets Money Free

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pantry!



