

Spring
Summer
2019

BBeverlyBootstraps
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FOOD *for* THOUGHT

Strengthening our community one neighbor at a time.



**Your support
helped
provide food
and shelter**

One day this winter, one of our regular Thrift Shop customers, Adam*, arrived on one of the worst days of his life. His mother had recently passed away and he had just been evicted that morning. He was upset, distressed and sad.

It was a very cold day with snow predicted that night. So our first step in helping him was to get him some emergency food, a coat and a hat. Then we got on the phone to try to find him somewhere to spend the night so he wouldn't be outside in the cold. During that process he made a comment about being so upset he might hurt himself, so his safety and health became our top priority. Our case manager worked with our local hospital to ensure he got the care he needed that night.

The next day, when Adam came back to thank us for helping him, we were determined to find him a place to go. With the bad weather causing below-freezing conditions, it was hard to find a vacancy, but we called every shelter on our list and finally found him a spot in a nearby town. We then arranged

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stock photo used for client privacy

BECAUSE OF YOU...

Shelter for Adam (from cover)

for a Lyft to get Adam to the shelter.

Here is just a portion of the very heartfelt message he left us the following day:

“ You have no idea how grateful I am at such a gesture. I'm overwhelmed, close to tears, just thinking about it. It doesn't seem like saying thank you is enough.”

Because of your support, we were able to help Adam in his time of need.

*name changed for privacy

Volunteers rescue food

Volunteers tirelessly work to ensure our Food Pantry has fully stocked shelves by “rescuing” donations from many local businesses each week. Stores that used to throw out food that didn’t sell at the end of each day, even though it was still completely edible and delicious, now bag it up and give it to our volunteers who bring it back to the Food Pantry. Each volunteer stops at 2-5 stores a day, using their own cars to transport the 300 total pounds of food per day that they rescue. Picking up prepared foods, bread and other bakery items, produce and even some non-perishables, they help supply about 30% of the food we give out.

And we couldn't do it without them!

Tax Credit helps clients make it through

Due to funding from the United Way and the hard work of 12 volunteers and several staff members, we are again able to provide free tax preparation to qualifying clients. This program helps clients apply for the Earned Income Tax Credit that many don't even know exists.

With the changes to the tax laws this year, our tax preparers are being sure to dot every I and cross every T to ensure clients like Stacy*, who has 4 children, get back every penny possible. Even with a higher income and without the deduction for dependents this year, she is getting within \$200 of what she did last year.

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High school students initiate empowering program

This fall and winter, two high school students, Ella Colten and Amanda Desmond, joined our volunteer staff to introduce a program to our After-School Homework Club students. Their goal was to expose our middle school students to experiences that would empower them by teaching them real-life skills that they could use in the future and building confidence in their ability to affect the world in positive ways.



The volunteers helped them develop their own community service project where the students picked a charity they believed in, the ASPCA, to support. They then designed and produced a bracelet and contacted local stores to inquire about selling them there. All proceeds from sales, a respectable \$114, were donated to the organization.

OUT AND ABOUT

These are just a few of you who attended the Boots & Blooms Gala to help support families in need. Thank you!



BOOTS & BLOOMS GALA

You helped break a record

The 2019 Boots & Blooms Gala was a record breaker, bringing in over \$171,000 to support Beverly Bootstraps' programs and services provided to local families and individuals in need. Thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success!

Floral Competition Winners:



Florist Category:
Garden Designs by Kristen



Garden Club Category:
Debbie Stashis-Douglass
Danvers Garden Club



The Winner is...



Charles Palmer was the winner of our raffle and will be spending 5 days in beautiful Wine Country with a \$1,500 travel allowance!

A special note of appreciation to the following:

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Gardeners Hall of Fame:

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Katie Cutler
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Craig and Joan Henkels
Alan and Francine Temkin

Floral Coordinator:

Marguerite Parkman

Floral Competitors:

Florist Category

Fleurs to You, Inc.,
Garden Designs by Kristen
Gordon Florist & Greenhouses
Karla Cassidy Designs
Sage Floral Design
The Singing Flower
Victorian Rose Florals
Winston Flowers

Garden Club Category

Arri Anna Harvey
Jan Rink
Betsy Schauermen
Valerie Smith
The Friendly Garden Club of Beverly:
Beatrice Heinze
Danvers Garden Club:
Stacy Giggie
Charlotte O'Connor
Marguerite Parkman
Sue Robertson
Debbie Stashis-Douglass
Nancy Walke
Danvers Junior Garden Club:
Meredith Johnston
Dracut Garden Club:
Kathleen Gauthier
Hamilton Wenham Garden Club:
Susan Guest
Salem Garden Club
Seaside Garden Club:
Beth Coz & Lisa Willwerth

Volunteers: who generously donated their time.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Go school shopping in June

We are getting ready for September already! And you can help provide local students with the supplies needed to start the school year prepared for success. To shop without leaving home, use our Amazon wishlist at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LIBE7SYPI1CB?ref=cm_sw_em_r_wl_dp_X9MQUGin9PnKz *All donations must be delivered to our 35 Park Street facility by August 2.*



School supplies needed:

- No. 2 Pencils (10-pack)
- Thin Marker Package (10-count)
- Thick Marker Package (8-count)
- Colored Pencil Package (12-count)
- Pocket Folders (plastic preferred)
- Jumbo Crayon Package (8-Count)
- Crayon Package (24-Count)
- Child-friendly Safety Scissors
- Spiral Notebook (Wide ruled format)
- Spiral Notebook (College ruled format)
- Hard Pencil Case
- Soft Pencil Pouch
- 3-Ring Binder (1-inch, 2-inch, 3-inch)
- Composition Book
- Index Cards (4"x6", 100-pack)
- Glue Sticks
- Erasers
- Pencil Top Erasers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Highlighters
- Ruler

Donate to the Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is always in need of gently used clothing, household items and decor, furniture and books. At the moment our greatest need is for spring and summer fashions, jewelry and outdoor goods. Remember, donations must be in good condition.

For a full list of items accepted, go to:
www.beverlybootstraps.org/thrift-shop/



"How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it." -- George Elliston

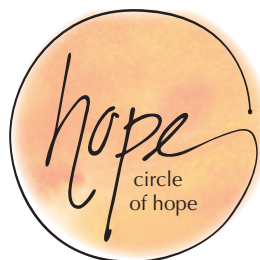
A Planned Gift to Beverly Bootstraps . . . where beauty and kindness work together.

For more information, contact Heather Johnston at hjohnston@beverlybootstraps.org or 978-927-1561 or visit BeverlyBootstraps.org.

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Looking for a way your kids can give back this summer?

Your family can volunteer to prepare snack bags to ensure children right here in your community have enough food over the summer while school is out. First, take the kids shopping to pick out and purchase healthy snacks, then bring them to the Food Pantry to prepare the snack bags. While here, take a tour to learn how we help those in need and why it's so important to give back. Contact Leslie Colten, Volunteer Coordinator, to schedule an appointment at volunteering@beverlybootstraps.org or 978-927-1561.



**With hope,
everything is
possible!**

When you join the Circle of Hope, your automatic monthly recurring gift will provide a steady flow of hope to our clients all year long. To join, go to: beverlybootstraps.org/donate



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M - Th 8:30am-7:00pm

F 8:30am-4:00pm

Summer Friday Hours (7/5-8/30):

F 8:30am-1:00pm

PHONE: 978-927-1561

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THRIFT SHOP

198 Rantoul Street, Beverly

M - Th 9:30am-7:00pm

F 9:30am-5:00pm

Sat 9:30am-4:00pm

PHONE: 978-921-4710

FOOD PANTRY

M, W, Th, F 10:00am-12:15pm

T 5:00pm-6:45pm

Summer Tuesday Hours (7/5-8/30):

T 4:00pm-6:45pm

GET INVOLVED LOCALLY THIS SUMMER

Attend an event

6/1 - Food Drive at Market Basket

6/15 - Thrift Shop at Arts Fest

8/7 - Thrift Shop Yard Sale and Cereal Drive at

Beverly Homecoming's Lobsterfest

9/7 - Food Drive at Market Basket

Volunteer

Groups/Families: make kids' snack bags or
help in the Thrift Shop

Adults: help at Mobile Market

Donate

School supplies - see pg 5 for a list of items
needed

Healthy kids' snacks

Host a Food, Fund or Clothing Drive

See our website to learn how

**Financial donations and donations to the
Thrift Shop are always needed.**

Thank you for giving back locally!

For more info, see BeverlyBootstraps.org, visit our online event calendar and follow us on Facebook and Instagram.