



Dear Friend,

All too often, we feel powerless over what is happening in the world around us. There is no greater example of this than the last two years we've experienced with the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite all of this, you continue to be a beacon of hope and love to our community. With your support, you've extended a helping hand to everyone who walks through our doors at Beverly Bootstraps. You truly understand the importance of helping your neighbors.

Andrea\* first came to Beverly Bootstraps several years ago during a particularly challenging time in her life. After an emotionally draining separation from her partner, she found herself left with little to her name. She knew she needed to find help to support herself and her children as they worked to re-establish their life. Andrea worked with one of our case managers to access our Food Pantry, help furnish her new apartment with vouchers from the Thrift Shop, and get her children signed up for back-to-school supplies and holiday gifts. After a few months of working with her case manager, Andrea was beginning to see a sense of normalcy return to her life. That was until the pandemic hit...

At her wit's end, Andrea recently walked through our doors again. The last two years have been particularly tough on her and her family. Andrea, who has an autoimmune disease, is now seriously ill, unable to work, and short on food and rent again; she doesn't know how much longer she and her three children can survive living like this. Remembering the dignity and respect she received the last time she came to Beverly Bootstraps, she finally decided to call her old case manager.

With the recent end of eviction and utility moratoriums in Massachusetts, all Andrea can think about is where she and her children will live if she's unable to catch up on her back rent and they are evicted. The possibility of being on the street with three kids and no home during the coldest months of the year terrifies her. She needs your help.

With a gift this holiday season, you can help keep Andrea, her three children, and many others like them stay safe in their homes, where they belong, and provide them with the critical resources they need, like food, continued case-management services, and Adult Education classes to become self-sufficient. You make the work of Beverly Bootstraps possible. Please consider making a gift today.

Fondly,

Sue Gabriel  
Executive Director

*Your support can make a difference  
for families in need! Please give today.*  
*Sue*

*\*Name changed for privacy.*