



## Community Newsletter

December 2021

*How you've helped your neighbors in need on their road to self-sufficiency.*

**We couldn't do it without you**

### From the Bottom of our Hearts – THANK YOU!

*For your hard work and thoughtfulness that goes into making families, like mine, smile and worry less - especially, during the Holiday season! You guys maybe aren't fully aware of just how much this means and I thank each and every one of you!*

*"...I wanted to let you know how beyond grateful I am for the assistance you give. We are blessed to have you all in our lives. No words can express the gratitude!!"*

**"...just when I was feeling discouraged about the holidays, you called to tell me I could pick up our gifts. This definitely put a smile on my face knowing my kids will have gifts this Christmas. Thank you to all involved!!"**

Your generosity makes a difference for so many people in our community. The difficulties that our clients face are challenges that many of us cannot fathom happening. Their stories bring tears to our eyes on a daily basis. Yet, even with these hardships, our clients persevere and appreciate all that they have and all that we do for them.

Our clients' appreciation and gratitude fills our hearts - and hopefully yours. And we know that it is you, our donors, who make our programs possible. Your support and generosity sustain our mission and enable us to lead our clients down paths to self-sufficiency.

We receive thank you notes and calls from our clients all the time. With all that is happening in their lives, our clients take the time to thank the people who have impacted their lives, so these notes are for you. We hope they

make you realize how important your generosity really is.

We wish you a wonderful holiday season and appreciate all you have given to Beverly Bootstraps this year. Thank you!

## Exciting news

### Record Number of Thanksgiving Meals Provided

Thanks to the generosity and support of our donors, Beverly Bootstraps was able to provide Fixin's for the Feast bags to 549 families this year.



Each bag was filled with 9 sides, from cranberry sauce to dessert (brownie or cake mix). These "fixin's" were accompanied by a \$40 gift card for each family to purchase their choice of protein. Along with our clients, we are extremely thankful for our supportive community.

[Watch our thank you video >>](#)

## How you can help

### Thrift Shop Looking For Donations of Winter Items

Beverly Bootstraps Thrift Shop is currently looking for winter donations. All proceeds help fund the important programs of Beverly Bootstraps. Revenue from Thrift Shop sales accounts for one-third of the funds needed to accomplish the mission of Beverly Bootstraps, making donations all the more important.



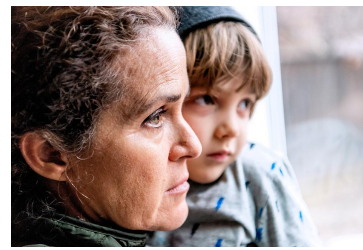
### Volunteers Needed

Beverly Bootstraps is looking for volunteers to assist with our on-site tax program. Tax Preparers are needed to assist individuals and families with preparing their tax returns, claiming benefits for which they are eligible such as Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and being connected to financial education and asset-building opportunities. Intake Specialists will welcome clients and check to make sure they have the correct paperwork. Please email [volunteering@beverlybootstraps.org](mailto:volunteering@beverlybootstraps.org) for more information.



## Andrea and Her Family Need Your Help

Andrea is the focus of our Annual Appeal this year and funds generated will be used to support her family and others like them.



To learn more about Andrea, who is struggling to stay in her home this winter, we encourage you to [click here >>](#)

## Thank you!

### Holiday Parade Fills Carts and Shelves

Thank you to the [First Baptist Church in Beverly](#) and all the Beverly Holiday Parade attendees. You filled our pantry shelves with 1,011 pounds of food! We are so thankful for our supportive community!



### The Saint's Academy Successful Month-Long Thanksgiving Drive

For four weeks in November, [The Saint's Academy](#) ran a weekly drive to help fill our pantry shelves. This amazing school community donated 311 boxes of cereal; 389 pounds of peanut butter; 401 pounds of canned tuna; and 964 pounds of pasta and rice. Thank you for all these most requested items!



### Manchester Mother's Club Helping Other Families

The [Manchester Mother's Club](#) ran a toiletry and household products drive. Many of the items they donated are not eligible for SNAP benefits and our clients struggle to afford them. Being able to offer them in our Food Pantry is a tremendous relief to those that need them.



### Beverly Public Schools Teaching the Importance of Helping Others

A shout out to some amazing work going on at the [Beverly Public Schools](#). At BHS, Ms. Orr & her Public Speaking classes organized a food drive and collected 1,017 pounds of donations! A terrific collaborative effort to help those in need in our community during the





holidays. Also at BMS, 6th grader Megan M. organized classmates to collect donations to assemble 75 beautifully packaged Holiday Breakfast Bags for our clients.

## Happenings

### **Gentile Brewing Company Ugly Sweater Party**

**Friday, December 10, 4 pm - 10pm**

**Gentile Brewing Company, 59 Park Street, Beverly**

Looking for a unique way to give back to Beverly Bootstraps? Head down to [Gentile Brewing Company](#) on Friday, December 10th from 4-10 pm for their annual Ugly Sweater Party. Bring a non-perishable food donation and you'll be entered to win a Beverly gift pack with gift cards and Gentile swag. Have fun while supporting Bootstraps!

### **Wrapping and Calligraphed Gift Tags for a Cause**

**Sunday, December 12, 10 am – 2 pm**

**Casa Calma, 186 Cabot Street, Beverly**

On Sunday, [Lettered by Katherine](#) will be wrapping and offering calligraphed gift tags for all your holiday gifts, with 10% of proceeds to benefit Beverly Bootstraps. Relax and let someone else do your wrapping while knowing you are supporting a good cause! [Learn more and sign up to save a spot here >>](#)

### **Stop & Shop Community Bags**

**The month of December**

**Stop & Shop, 37 Enon Street, Beverly**

For the month of December, Beverly Bootstraps will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag at the Stop & Shop stores located at 37 Enon Street, Beverly MA.

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Beverly Bootstraps has always been committed to social justice. Helping people who might not have their basic needs met or an opportunity to avail themselves of education, for whatever reason or life story, is at the core of our mission.

We proudly serve, work with and employ individuals regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion, or nationality. Further, we ask our community and world to do better and work towards justice and equal opportunities.

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