



Community E-Newsletter

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

With Your Help, We are Providing Greater Access to our Food Pantry

Thirty years ago, our first donors began our mission. Originally, Beverly Bootstraps was formed to fill the gaps left by limited Federal programs and to offer emergency assistance to those who might not qualify for those programs, or who were just experiencing a difficult time. From humble beginnings in the basement of the First Baptist Church in Beverly, we have

responded to community needs and expanded our services. In addition to Food Assistance, we offer Client Services, Back to School Backpacks, Winter Wishes Holiday Gifts, Low Income Tax Preparation, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and High School Equivalency (HSE) instruction, and our Thrift Shop from which 100% of the net profits benefit our neighbors in need.



In recent years, however, more and more people in our community have begun to come to us to fulfill all their food needs rather than supplemental visits. The task of taking on more clients and with a greater frequency has

led to not only an impactful increase in the amount of food coming and going from our Pantry, but also a noticeable need for expanded access to the Food Pantry. We are proud to announce that we have stepped up to fill the need for more access to healthy food. Our Food Pantry is now open for clients to visit every seven days instead of every fourteen days. This expansion would not be possible without the incredible work of our donors and volunteers who have once again gone above and beyond to help their neighbors in need.

Keeping It Local, with Sue Gabriel!

Recently, our Director Sue Gabriel had the opportunity to speak with Leslie Gould of the [Greater Beverly Chamber of Commerce](#) on their *Keep it Local* program! They talked all about what we do at Bootstraps, and ways that you can help support us!



[Check out the Full Interview>>](#)

Make a Difference to Someone this Valentines Day!

Valentines Day is just around the corner! What better way to express your love for the community than donating a "[Bag of Love](#)" full of the fourteen most necessary items for the Food Pantry! Looking for a gift idea for a loved one? Make a [donation](#) to Beverly Bootstraps in their name! You will honor them and help someone in need at the same time.



Thrift Shop Seeking Donations!

The Thrift Shop is looking for donations of kitchen items, housewares and Spring clothing and accessories.

Donation Hours

Monday – Friday, 9:30am-4:00pm
Saturday, 10:00am-3:00pm

[Check Out What We Accept>>](#)



Flip The Bird Battles it out for Charity!

Around the holidays, [Flip The Bird](#) hosted a "Battle Of The Birds" between all of their stores. Each store created a signature sandwich and a portion of the proceeds from these sandwiches sold during the event were split between four different charities. Beverly Bootstraps was lucky enough to be one of the recipients and we were recently presented with a check as well as some delicious sandwiches! Thanks so much for including us!



John Glenn Middle School's Impressive Food Drive!



JOHN GLENN MIDDLE SCHOOL

The [John Glenn Middle School](#) in Bedford, MA held a holiday food drive to help support those in need. The Student Council organized and collected an incredible 1,159 pounds of food over the course of their drive. Beverly Bootstraps was lucky enough to be one of the recipients! Thank you!

Manchester Girl Scouts Rock!

Big thanks to the Manchester Girl Scouts, who definitely proved that you're never too young to help out those in need! These rock stars worked together to collect, build, and donate an abundance of snack bags and STEM Kits! (Many thanks to the adults who also helped make their hard work possible! [The Hooper Fund](#), Manchester Memorial Elementary School, [Manchester Memorial PTO](#), and Manchester Parks & Recreation!)



Harborlight Community Housing Lottery

Application Deadline: March 1, 2022

Lottery: March 15, 2022 6PM

Beverly Public Library, 32 Essex St, Beverly

One of our community partners, Harborlight Community Partners, has an incredible, brand new opportunity for those in Beverly who might be looking for affordable housing! [Check out their website](#) for more details and to apply for their housing lottery!

Fun Day, Sunday Sale at Thrift Shop

Save the Date – Sunday, April 24, 10 am – 4 pm**Beverly Bootstraps Thrift Shop, 198 Rantoul Street, Beverly**

The Thrift Shop will have lots of fantastic, specially-curated items for sale on this special "Fun Day, Sunday" shopping day. Save the date and stay tuned for more details!

To learn more, click on these handy links:

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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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