

## Community E-Newsletter

August 2022



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

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

### The Power of a Helping Hand

Lauren\*, a longtime Beverly resident, recently reached out to us for assistance. After falling behind on her rent and accruing two months' worth of rental arrears, she knew she needed help to keep her and her two children safely housed.

Lauren never intended to fall behind on her rent, but like many of our clients living on extremely tight budgets, unexpected expenses can have devastating effects. In Lauren's case, the passing of her grandmother and the subsequent expenses of a funeral, along with an unexpected case of COVID that landed her in the hospital, left her and her family short of funds to make ends meet.

After being released from the hospital, Lauren tried to get back on track on her own. She put any extra money towards her back rent, but unfortunately, she found it near impossible to pay it down while remaining current on her rent.

Thanks to donors and supporters like you, Beverly Bootstraps was here to help. After discussing her financial situation with one of our Case Managers, we were able to secure funds from several collaborating partners to fully pay off Lauren's arrears to bring her current on her rent. Because of you, Lauren and her family once again have peace of mind surrounding their housing



stability.

If you would like to help clients like Lauren, please consider [making a gift](#) or joining our monthly [Circle of Hope](#). Your help can make the difference for someone like Lauren staying in their home or having to move.

*\*Name changed for privacy*

Yes, I'd like to help clients like Lauren  
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I'd like to help on a recurring basis  
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## Exciting news

# COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



**Saturday, September 24**  
**1 – 5 pm**  
**Beverly Bootstraps**  
**35 Park Street, Beverly**

**WE ARE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR THE PAST 30 YEARS!**

**Save-the-Date for our free block party to celebrate 30 years of community support! There will be music, cake, games, kid's activities, a food drive, Thrift Shop sale and more!**

Tell me more about the block party  
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## A Client Thank You Note!

*"Just a note to thank your organization for this great event. My kids had a great time and started to read their books in the car on the way home! The color-changing pencils were a real hit too...Thank you for spoiling*

us."

We couldn't hold events like our Book Bonanza without your support. Thank you!



## Calling all GBCC Members - Nominate Us!

Please consider nominating us as the [Greater Beverly Chamber of Commerce](#) Non-Profit of the Year!



We strive to lead our clients forward on the path to self-sufficiency through our programs and services. The need for these services in our community is at an all-time high. We appreciate your support!

\*Please note that you have to be a Greater Beverly Chamber of Commerce Member to vote.

[Vote Now >>](#)

## How you can help

### Food Drive on September 24!

Included with our [30th Anniversary Community Celebration Block Party](#) will be a **Food Drive** to help fill the shelves of our Food Pantry. We have seen the number of clients reaching out for Food Assistance at an all-time high this year. Your donation has an immediate impact on their lives!



### How To Donate:

Drive-Thru or Walk Up!  
September 24 from 1 – 5 pm  
Corner of Broadway and Park Street

[View our Top 10 most requested items >>](#)

## Host a Jewelry Drive to Benefit Beverly Bootstraps!



Looking for a fun way to meet with friends while making a difference? **Host a jewelry drive!** This can be done at work or at home. Encourage each attendee to bring 3-5 pieces of jewelry to swap/donate. Each person takes one "new" piece home, and the rest gets donated to helping others in need right here in your community. *(This could easily be a cocktail party with friends!)*



[Learn more about hosting a drive >>](#)

**Thank you!**

### **Back-to-School Backpack Drive to Fill 750 Backpacks!**

Our Back-to-School Backpack Drive has been growing every year thanks to the amazing support of our community. We are truly thankful for every donation. This year individuals, groups, and companies reached out to their staff, patients, and networks for support. You raised funds, purchased supplies, ordered online, and gave your time. With your help, we hope to put 750 backpacks filled with supplies into the hands of some deserving kids starting next week!



### **Ernest G. Flint Jr. Charitable Trust Supports Food Assistance**

Thank you to Ernest G. Flint Jr. Charitable Trust, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee for their recent support of our Food Assistance program. With the current economy, we have seen the number of clients coming to Beverly Bootstraps rise steadily. This grant will help us ensure we have the resources to help.



### **Earth Breeze Supports our Food Assistance Clients**

We are grateful to [Earth Breeze](#) and their Buy One, Give Ten initiative and their ongoing support of our Food Assistance clients. Its mission is to help eliminate the burden of having

to choose between clean laundry and anything else by providing access to detergent for those in need. Providing a free monthly supply of detergent sheets for all our Food Pantry clients helps eliminate another costly expense in their monthly budgets. We are thrilled to offer this to our clients every month due to this partnership.



## Happenings

### Hamilton Homeownership Opportunity

**Application Deadline: August 31, 2022**

**Essex County Habitat for Humanity, 14 Park St, Danvers**

We are excited to share that applications are being accepted for the Essex County Habitat for Humanity affordable homeownership project on Asbury Street in Hamilton! To learn more, [click here >>](#)

### MomBall Food Drive

**September 16 - 18**

**Harry Ball Field, 410 Essex St, Beverly**

Every year groups of moms represent their child's school at the annual [Momball Tournament](#). While the funds help the Beverly Public School PTOs, they also collect donations for our Food Pantry. Boxes have been set up at each school for donations, or you can bring your donations down during Momball weekend, 9/16-9/18. The school with the most donations wins a prize!

### Beverly Bootstraps Community Celebration

**Saturday, September 24, from 1 – 5 pm**

**Beverly Bootstraps, 35 Park Street, Beverly, MA**

We invite the public to join us for a free block party to celebrate 30 years of community support! There will be music, cake, games, kid's activities, a food drive, and more! Together, we will celebrate all those that we have helped through the generosity of our community. [Learn more >>](#)

### Beverly Bootstraps Food Drive

**Saturday, September 24, from 1 pm – 5 pm**

**Corner of Park Street and Broadway, Beverly**

You can act in the fight against hunger by participating in Beverly Bootstrap's Drive-Thru Food Drive on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 1 pm – 5 pm at the corner of Park Street and Broadway (Outside Backbeat Brewing). To donate, walk or drive down Broadway. With curbside drop-off, you just pull up and pop your trunk - volunteers will get your food out for you. [View our Top 10 most requested items >>](#)

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