



## Community E-Newsletter

October 2022



### We couldn't do it without you

On September 24, we commemorated our 30th Anniversary with a free block party attended by over 300 people from the community. The event included energizing live music, numerous lawn games, a merriment of kid's activities, and an exciting scavenger hunt. The Beverly Bootstraps Thrift Shop celebrated by selling everything in the shop at 30% off all day.

The scavenger hunt allowed our younger audience to discover how Beverly Bootstraps gives back to its community. The participants of the scavenger hunt also created a Gratitude Chain made of strips of colored paper where each person wrote down something they're grateful for. As more people wrote what they were grateful for, the longer the chain grew.



A snack bag-building activity was sponsored by [Coastal Windows & Exteriors Inc.](#), which helped build snack bags for over 750 of our youngest clients. We also received over 1,000 pounds of donations for our Food Pantry, which greatly benefits our fight against hunger. In addition to all the festivities, [Gentile Brewing Company](#), [Backbeat Brewing Company](#), and the [Franco-American Club](#) sponsored a refreshing beer garden. To wrap up the event, a short, eloquent program with local elected officials was held before everyone gathered around Sue Gabriel, our Executive Director, as she cut the anniversary cake.

This anniversary brought our community together once again, allowing us to express our gratitude to everyone who has helped us flourish and to show our appreciation to those who have contributed to our cause. Thank you for coming, and cheers to more milestones together!



The day kicked off with a celebration of our volunteers and the integral part they play in our ability to help others.



Employees and staff celebrate together and look forward to the future and all that it holds!

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## Exciting news

### Shop our "Simply the Best" Event!

You will want to get your hands on the items we've been saving for this! The Beverly Bootstraps Thrift Shop is having its second annual "Simply the Best Sale" on Sunday, November 6, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

During this one-day shopping extravaganza, browse through our carefully selected brand-new and like-new donations of clothing, accessories and home products. All proceeds from Thrift Shop sales help fund the programs of Beverly Bootstraps!

*Some COVID restrictions may apply.*



### Dignity Matters

Every day, people deal with the reality of having no access to period protection. In our pursuit to support individuals in managing their periods, we partnered with [Dignity Matters](#). They are a non-profit organization that collects, buys, and distributes menstrual products, bras, and underwear for individuals in need.

One of the items that SNAP benefits do not cover are menstrual supplies. No one should be forced into making the tough decision between buying food or menstrual care! We are excited to know that our clients will have a consistent supply!



# How you can help

## Calling all Volunteers!

Are you looking for a way to give back to your community? We currently have volunteer opportunities available, including options for volunteers who wish to limit their contact with others in a safe environment.



If you are interested in helping, email [volunteering@beverlybootstraps.org](mailto:volunteering@beverlybootstraps.org) or call **978-927-1561** to speak with our Volunteer Coordinator.

## Our Food Pantry Needs Your Help!

The Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Diapers size 3+
- Baby wipes
- Low sugar cereal
- Oatmeal



If you can help, donations can be dropped off at our 35 Park Street office or placed in our collection boxes located at:

- Stop & Shop, 224 Elliott Street, Beverly
- Stop & Shop, 37 Enon Street, Beverly
- Shaw's, 71 Dodge Street, Beverly

Thank you for your support!

# Thank you!

## Momball Knocks It Out of the Park!

Another wildly successful food drive, thanks to the Momball Tournament! We received an incredible 5,255 pounds to help fill the shelves of our Food Pantry and nearly \$300 in monetary donations to help those in our community who need it. This is amazingly generous, thank you and congratulations again to all the teams and Momball supporters who participated!



## Celebrating Over a Decade of Support

Since 2011, [Coastal Windows & Exteriors](#) has

donated over \$10,000 to Beverly Bootstraps, supporting almost all of our programs during that time. Closely aligned with Beverly Bootstraps, Coastal Windows & Exteriors believes that no family should go without heat and a comfortable place to call home. This fall and winter they will donate matched sales to our Gift of Heat program, helping to ensure all our clients have warm homes this winter. [Learn more here](#)



## A Pasta-tively Amazing Beverly Collaborative

Every first weekend of each month, parishioners from the [Beverly Collaborative Parishes](#)—St. John the Evangelist, St. Mary Star of the Sea, & Saint Margaret Parish—collect some of our most needed pantry items. Last month, they donated over 200 pounds of pasta. A big thank you to all three parishes for their continued generosity, we appreciate all they do for us!



## Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation

We are proud to announce our continued support from the [Dunkin' Joy in Childhood Foundation](#). We were recently awarded a generous grant for all the work we are doing to combat food insecurity amongst children during these challenging and unprecedented times. This grant will directly support our Kid's Weekend Food program. We are grateful for this support as we continue working hard to bring joy to kids and families in our community.



## Happenings

### Car Show for Charity by Solomon Fund

**Sunday, October 23, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

#### Cruiseport Gloucester

Calling all car enthusiasts! The Solomon Fund is holding a Car Show at the Cruiseport Gloucester on October 23, from 10 am – 2 pm. Bring your car or come and see cars from all over the region—exotics, collectors, vintage cars, muscle cars, and more! Enjoy browsing through the cars and consider making a donation to raise money for Beverly Bootstraps and other great charity organizations. To learn more or to register, [click here>>>](#)

### Election Day Food Drive

**Tuesday, November 8, from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm**

## All Beverly polling sites

On November 8, The Beverly Public Schools Citywide PTO will once again be hosting the Election Day Food Drive. Please bring non-perishable food item/s with you when you vote to support our fight against hunger and feed our neighbors in need. There will be collection bins at every polling location where you can leave your donation.

See our top 10 most needed items [here](#).

## Beverly Recreation Holiday Toy Drive

**Saturday, November 26, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Lynch Park, 55 Ober Street, Beverly**

BevRec will be hosting a Holiday Toy Drive at Lynch Park on Saturday, November 26, from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Bring an unwrapped toy, and we will distribute these to children in need of our Winter Wishes Holiday Gifts. For more information, [click here >>](#)

## Beverly Holiday Parade

**Saturday, November 27, 1 pm**

**From Beverly High School, down Cabot Street, to Beverly Depot**

Donate food during Beverly's Holiday Parade on November 27. Bring some non-perishable food to the parade and drop them into our shopping carts as we roll along the parade route!

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