



Community E-Newsletter

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We couldn't do it without you



Many families in our community are not able to purchase presents for their children during the holiday season. The difficulties that our clients face are challenges that leave many of us with heavy hearts. Yet, despite these hardships, our clients appreciate all that they have and all that we do for them.

Through Winter Wishes Holiday Gifts, our donors have been able to provide **748 children from 345 families** with new clothes, games, and toys. By sponsoring families and purchasing gifts, please know that your continued support has made a difference in the lives of our clients. Our clients' deep appreciation and gratitude fill our hearts - and hopefully yours. After all, the holidays are all about giving!

As we celebrate the holidays, we are extremely thankful for all your generosity this season. Your kind initiative enables us to continue our mission and allows us to provide critical resources to individuals and families so they may achieve self-sufficiency. We are grateful for everything you have done for Beverly Bootstraps this year and wish you a Happy New Year!

If you would like to be involved in Winter Wishes 2023, [click here](#) to sign up.

[Watch our Thank You video here](#)

Exciting news

Beverly Bootstraps widens food access with Food Lockers

We have been seeing monthly pantry visits reach an all-time high. With the help of the [Greater Boston Food Bank](#), Beverly Bootstraps recently purchased and installed Automated Refrigerated Food Lockers which will augment our Food Assistance program.



We hope that these new, innovative lockers will help provide the community with easier access to food, especially for those who can't visit our Food Pantry during service hours.

[Read full article here>>](#)

More Holiday Cheer with Holiday Breakfast Bags

We want to give a very big thank you to the [Manchester Mothers Club](#), [Cell Signaling Technology, Inc.](#), [The Linden at Danvers](#), [SIONYX](#), [New England Academy](#), [Affiliated Managers Group, Inc.](#), Megan McCormack from [Beverly Middle School](#), [Bishop Fenwick](#) students, and [Beverly High School](#) students for putting Holiday Breakfast Bags together!



We distributed nearly 400 bags to overjoyed clients of our Winter Wishes Holiday Gift program. We appreciate all the work and generosity you all put towards this. These bags help spread the holiday cheer and provide warm thoughtful breakfast meals!

How you can help

Our Thrift Shop needs donations!

It's the New Year, a time of hope for all of us as we start with a clean slate! If you cleaned

out over the holidays, the [Thrift Shop](#) is now seeking donations!

Please be aware of the [new waste disposal ban regulations](#) that have recently gone into effect in Massachusetts. We, unfortunately, cannot accept items that are stained, ripped, or overly worn. Selling and disposing of unsellable items takes time and money away from the important programs and services we provide to the community.

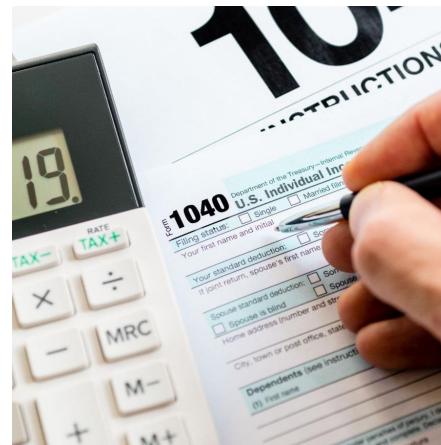


If you live in Beverly, find out where you can bring those unsellable textiles [here](#).

Tax Volunteers Needed

We are excited to announce that our Free Income Tax Preparation Program will be starting soon! This program connects our IRS-trained staff and volunteers with low-income families and individuals who need assistance preparing their tax returns.

We are looking for [volunteers](#) to assist with our on-site tax program. Please email volunteering@beverlybootstraps.org for more information.



Our Food Pantry Needs Your Help!

We are seeking the following items for our Food Pantry: **Low sugar cereal and oatmeal, Gluten Free options from our [Top 10 List](#), Wipes and Diapers sizes 4+**

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
- Beverly Council on Aging, 90 Colon Street, Beverly

Thank you for your support!



Thank you!

Thankful for Dunkin'

We are grateful for [Dunkin'](#) of Beverly's ongoing commitment to helping everyone we serve at Beverly Bootstraps. Through their annual year-end contribution, we are able to continue helping those in need in our community.



Northshore Hauling

We want to thank [Northshore Hauling and Junk Removal](#) of Beverly for their regular donations to our Thrift Shop and for always thinking of us. Located in The Cumming Center, their mission is to donate and recycle whenever possible. We appreciate your mission and value your continued support!



Crovo Family Food Drives

Cara and Marc Crovo, along with the helpful hands of their five daughters, held a Food Drive for Beverly Bootstraps, and with the help of family and friends, they donated nearly 2,000 pounds of items to our Food Pantry! Thank you for your continuous support and for always holding Food Drives for us. It really warms our heart to know that there are amazing people like you in the community—you truly are an inspiration!



Holiday Food Drive by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Beverly

The [First Church of Christ, Scientist](#) in Beverly donated almost 300 pounds of items for our Food Pantry! Thank you for holding this Holiday Food Drive for us! Our clients are so grateful this amazing initiative and for helping fill our Food Pantry.



Toiletries Collection for Beverly Bootstraps

Saturday, January 14, 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Beverly Public Library, 32 Essex St., Beverly

The [Northshore MA NAACP](#) will be collecting unused and unopened toiletries to provide to families in need. Please come to the Beverly Public Library to drop off or help package items. [More information here>>](#)

Upcoming Closings

- **Monday, January 16** (Martin Luther King Jr., Day): Agency Closed. The Thrift Shop will operate as normal.

VIDEO TO WATCH: "Food Insecurity is a Symptom of Economic Insecurity" >>



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