

Community E-Newsletter

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We couldn't do it without you

During this season of giving, we thank you for all your support of Beverly Bootstraps. It is the support of our community that allows us to embrace, educate and empower those who turn to us in their time of need. 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 the path to self-sufficiency.



You provided Fixin's for the Feast Holiday Meals to 515 families this year! Each bag was filled with 12 sides, from cranberry sauce to cake mixes. These "fixin's" were also accompanied by a \$40 gift card for each family to purchase their choice of protein, made possible by the Greater Boston Food Bank.

As we celebrate the holidays and give thanks for all the resources we have, please know that your continued support has made a difference in the lives of our clients. Along with them, we are extremely thankful for your generosity this season and for enabling our clients to have a happy holiday. We wish you a wonderful holiday season and appreciate all you have given to Beverly Bootstraps this year. Thank you!

[Watch our Thank You video here>>](#)



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Exciting news

Thank You for 30 Years Together

Beverly Bootstraps was first established in 1992 as a Food Pantry in the basement of the First Baptist Church. With the generous support of our donors, volunteers, and the community at large, we have grown to be a leading social service agency on the North Shore.



Before 2022 comes to an end, and as we close out our 30th anniversary year, we invite you to [watch our 30th video](#). Our gratitude goes out to everyone who has lent a helping hand and has generously given throughout the years. Thank you for making this journey possible, and we look forward to what the next thirty years will bring!

Wall of Fame at the Senior Center

On the first and third Thursday of every month Beverly Bootstraps provides fresh produce and pantry staples for free to the Senior Center. These roughly 150 bags help support some of our more vulnerable residents who might not be able to make their way over to our Food Pantry. We are so proud to be honored by the [Beverly Council on Aging and Senior Community Center](#) as honorees on their Wall of Fame!



How you can help

Connor Needs Your Help

Connor is the focus of our Annual Appeal this year and funds generated will be used to support his family and others like them. To learn more about Connor, who is facing food insecurity, we encourage you to [click here >>](#)



Tax Volunteers Needed

We are 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. Intake Specialists will welcome clients and check to make sure they have the correct paperwork.

Please email volunteering@beverlybootstraps.org for more information.



Our Food Pantry Needs Your Help!

We are seeking **low sugar cereal and oatmeal, and gluten-free options** for our Food Pantry. 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!

Winter Wishes Holiday Gift Cards

Thank you to all donors who dropped off Gift Cards for Winter Wishes Holiday Gifts! These gift cards are distributed to children (especially those hard to buy for teenagers!) in our holiday program which will allow them to purchase items that will bring them



joy during the holidays.

Addressing Food Insecurity at the Beverly Holiday Parade

Thank you to the [First Baptist Church in Beverly](#) and all the Beverly Holiday Parade attendees who came out to cheer. You filled our pantry shelves with 1,031 pounds of food! We are so thankful to be a part of such a supportive community!



The Saints Academy 4 Week Holiday Food Drive

For four weeks in November, [The Saints Academy](#) ran a weekly drive to help fill our pantry shelves. This amazing school community donated 268 pounds of cereal; 288 jars of peanut butter; over 900 cans of tuna; and 938 pounds of pasta and rice. Thank you for all these most requested items!



Tuck Point Food Drive

Beverly residents, Janet Martin and Carol Barr, rallied the residents of Tuck Point Condo Association to participate in a food drive to help fill our pantry shelves. Thank you, Janet and Carol, for your support of our Food Pantry and for being long time volunteers of Beverly Bootstraps!



Happenings

The Ugly Sweater Party Returns!

Friday, December 9, 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Gentile Brewing, 59 Park St, Unit 1, Beverly

Don your ugliest vestment and join [Gentile Brewing Company](#) for feasting and merriment on Friday, December 9th, 4-10pm. The Baker Over Yonder will be there with Indian Tacos, fry bread and other assorted GF/vegan goods for you to choose from. And be sure to bring some non-perishable

food items for Beverly Bootstraps to be entered into a raffle. It's gonna get ugly! [More information here>>](#)

Upcoming Closings

- **Friday, December 23:** Agency & Thrift Closed
- **Saturday, December 24:** Thrift Closed
- **Monday, December 26 - Friday, December 30:** The building and Food Pantry will be closed. The Thrift Shop will operate as normal.
- **Monday, January 2:** Agency & Thrift Closed

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