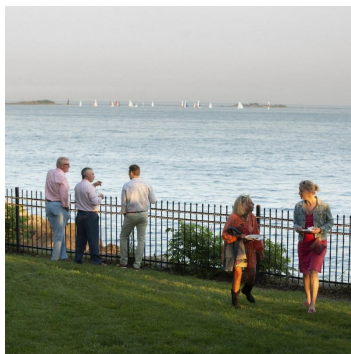




Community E-Newsletter

June 2023

We couldn't do it without you



Thank you to everyone that supported us at our 2nd annual Boots & Blues fundraising event. Because of you, our sponsors, band leaders, attendees and donors, we were able to raise nearly \$130,000 to support the critical programs and services that we provide for local families and individuals in need!

With nearly 80-degree weather and not a cloud in the sky, we couldn't have asked for a better evening to celebrate with all of you at the event. Attendees enjoyed scenic views overlooking the Atlantic Ocean while listening to the mesmerizing music of [Los Sugar Kings](#), enjoyed delectable southern food, played lawn games, and during a moving program, listened to Gayla Bartlett recount stories of the direct impact Beverly Bootstraps made in the life of her mother and many other food insecure seniors in the community.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event such a success. With our food pantry and case management program seeing record numbers of visits each month, these funds are needed now more than ever!

Support local individuals and families in need >>

Exciting news

Stamp Out Hunger

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive! Your generosity

brought in 12,299 pounds of food for local food pantries!

Beverly Bootstraps took home 6,270 pounds. With our food pantry seeing a record high number of visits each month, all of the food donated to Beverly Bootstraps has already been distributed back into the community. Thank you for helping keep our community fed!



Thrift Shop Dressing Rooms Are Here!

We're thrilled to introduce our [Thrift Shop's](#) brand-new dressing rooms, designed to make your thrifting experience even better. Step into a spacious and carefully designed area where you can try on different outfits and find the perfect one. Enjoy good lighting, mirrors in the right places, and comfortable seating. Get ready to discover fashion treasures and show off your unique style in our new dressing rooms!

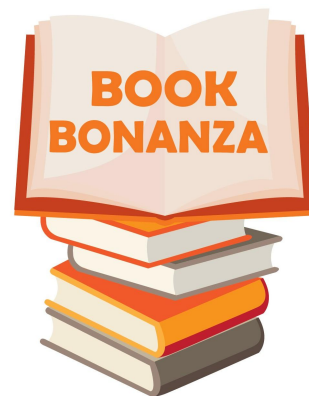


How you can help

Book Bonanza

We are hosting our second annual Book Bonanza Book Fair for some of our youngest clients on Friday, July 14! Our friends from [Copper Dog Books](#) and [The Book Shop of Beverly Farms](#) have graciously partnered with us to help provide required summer reading books for donors to purchase.

Help local students by shopping for their required summer reading books both in-store or online:



[The Copper Dog Books Reading List](#)

[The Book Shop of Beverly Farms Reading List](#)

Back-to-School Backpacks

Summer may be starting, but we are already thinking ahead to fall when many

local families need help affording school supplies. You can help by donating new backpacks and school supplies to our Back-to-School Backpack Drive. There are two ways to help:



SHOP ONLINE:

<http://www.roonga.com/beverlybootstrapsbackpacks2023>

All supplies ordered will deliver to Beverly Bootstraps. The deadline for orders is Wednesday, July 19.

[Shop Online Here >>](#)

COMMUNITY COLLECTIONS SITES:

Shop locally using our [2023 Supply List >>](#)

Drop donations off at one of the following Community Collections Sites:

- Artcie, 60 Railroad Ave., Hamilton
- Hamilton-Wenham Public Library, 14 Union St., South Hamilton
- Manchester Public Library, 15 Union St., Manchester-by-the-Sea
- Manchester Recreation Department, 10 Central St., Manchester-by-the-Sea
- T.O.H.P. Burnham Public Library, 30 Martin St., Essex
- Brookline Bank, 8-10 Martin St., Essex
- Beverly Bootstraps, 35 Park St., Beverly
- Beverly Public Library, Children's Room, 32 Essex St., Beverly
- Beverly Public Library, Farms Branch, 24 Vine St., Beverly

For further information, contact [Deb Ploszay](#) or call 978-927-1561 (x113)

Volunteers Needed!

Beverly Bootstraps is in need of volunteers! Available weekday volunteer opportunities are available [here>>](#)

Please email volunteering@beverlybootstraps.org or call 978-927-1561 to speak with our Volunteer Coordinator if you are interested. Visit beverlybootstraps.org/get-involved/ for more information.

A man wearing a black face mask and green gloves, holding two potatoes. He is standing in front of an orange background with the text "Volunteers Wanted!".

**Volunteers
Wanted!**

Food Pantry Needs

In May, our Food Pantry had 1,573 visits, highlighting the pressing need for donations. Your generous contribution would greatly assist us in meeting the

growing demand.

We are seeking the following items for our Food Pantry:

- Low Sugar Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Low Sodium Canned Soup
- Gluten free items from our [Top 10 List](#)
- Full Size Toiletries
(Shampoo/Conditioner, Soap, Deodorant, Razors, Toothbrush/Toothpaste)
- Diapers sizes 3+ and Wipes



We appreciate your support! Donations can be dropped off at our 35 Park Street office or placed in our Beverly collection boxes located at Stop & Shop (224 Elliott Street and 37 Enon Street), Shaw's (71 Dodge Street), or the Council on Aging (90 Colon Street).

Thank you!

New England BioLabs

During their department meeting at Acapulcos, [New England BioLabs](#) assembled almost 270 snack bags and built 265 middle school pencil pouches for our Back-to-School Backpack program. Their efforts, aimed to combat hunger and provide essential school supplies to children in need, showcased their dedication to making a positive impact in their community. Thank you!



Brewing Business

[The Greater Beverly Chamber of Commerce](#) hosted a "Brewing Business" event at Beverly Bootstraps in May. This networking event brought together local business leaders over coffee and light refreshments. It was so great to be able to share our mission with new and familiar faces who were eager to learn about our organization.



We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who participated and brought their donations for our Food Pantry!

Keller Williams Red Day

Every second Thursday of May, [Keller Williams](#) agents, leaders, and associates step away from daily business duties, wear their red KW gear and engage in community activities with three goals: renew, energize, donate.



This year, their team visited Beverly Bootstraps and took a tour of our facility. They dedicated their time to building 100 snack bags, providing much-needed support for our younger clients. They also assisted in our Thrift Shop, sorting and tagging clothes. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Keller Williams for their time and energy!

Paul Russell and Company

A big thank you to [Paul Russell and Company](#) for their continued support of our Back-to-School Backpack Program. Again this year, they provided 50 new backpacks to ensure all students have the supplies they need to start their school year off right this fall. This year our goal is 850 backpacks filled with school supplies.



Would you like to get involved, too? Please reach out to [Deb Ploszay](#)

Happenings

Back-to-School Backpacks Community Collection

June 1 – July 12

Help local kids in need be prepared for the start of school by participating in our Back-to-School Supply Drive.

Shop using this list of supplies: <https://bit.ly/supplies2023>

Drop off your donations by **Wednesday, July 12** at one of these sites:

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Friday, July 14, 11:00 am– 3:00 pm

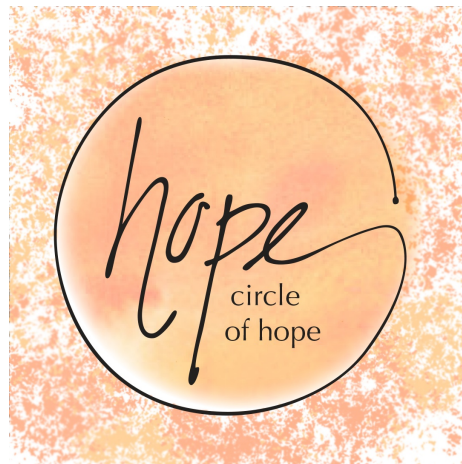
Beverly Bootstraps Parking Lot, 35 Park St., Beverly

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If you need help affording summer reading books, please visit <https://beverlybootstraps.org/home/what-we-do/youth-family/> for more information.

Upcoming Closings

- **Monday, June 19 (Juneteenth): All Services and Thrift Shop CLOSED**



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