

## Community E-Newsletter

July 2023

We couldn't do it without you



Kate and Michael\*, two hardworking parents, found themselves struggling to make ends meet with three children to care for. Rent and utilities consumed their entire income, leaving little for other essentials. They had heard about the services Beverly Bootstraps offers through their children's elementary school. Seeking a lifeline, they reached out to us for assistance in applying for SNAP benefits. One of our Case Managers assisted them and also offered to enroll them in our Back-to-School Backpack and

Winter Wishes Holiday Gifts programs. By doing so, Kate and Michael's children were provided with vital school supplies and holiday gifts, helping to lessen the financial pressure to purchase these items.

"Your help allowed us a means to provide new school supplies to our children that we would not have been able to afford," the couple said as they expressed their gratitude. "You're not just giving us school supplies; you've helped restore our hope for a brighter future for our children."

Our [Back-to-School Backpack program](#) provides our younger clients in Elementary, Middle and High School with new backpacks and school supplies. Together, we can create a community where no child's potential is hindered. Help us reach our goal of providing 850 backpacks to ensure all children living in Beverly, Manchester, Essex, Hamilton and Wenham have the supplies they need to learn when they go back to school this fall!

**Yes, I can help ensure all kids have the school supplies they need! >>**

There are only 7 days left to help us hit our goal of 850 backpacks! [Shop online](#) and all the supplies ordered will deliver to Beverly Bootstraps. The deadline for orders is on Wednesday, July 19.

If you or someone you know would benefit from this program, [click here](#).

## A Celebration of Achievement

[Beverly Bootstraps' Education Department](#) was excited to celebrate with our 2023 HSE graduates and ESOL students for their outstanding achievements. Held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Beverly on June 22, this joyous event brought together graduates, students, volunteers, staff, friends and family members. It was an unforgettable celebration that filled the hearts of all who attended. Congratulations to our graduates!



## New Extended Thrift Shop Hours

[Beverly Bootstraps Thrift Shop](#), located at 198 Rantoul St. in Beverly, has expanded its hours for both shopping and donating.

The new shopping hours are:  
Monday - Thursday 9:30 am - 6:00 pm  
Friday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm and Saturday  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm



Donations will continue to be accepted in The Thrift Shop parking lot:  
Monday - Thursday, 9:30 am - 5:00 pm  
Friday 9:30 am - 4:00 pm and Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

*Please do not leave donations outside of business hours.*

The Beverly Bootstraps Thrift Shop offers an exciting and ever-changing array of high-quality, gently-used clothing and household goods available at great prices. Not only does the Thrift Shop provide low-cost necessities to those in need in our community, but it is also open to the public to enjoy a good deal. All proceeds help fund the important programs and services of Beverly Bootstraps.

## Big Smiles with MDS Foundation Dental Kits

The [Massachusetts Dental Society Foundation](#) has generously donated 300 adult toothbrush kits and 200 children kits to our Food Pantry.

Poor dental health can contribute to a host of

diseases; however, toothpaste, floss, and toothbrushes cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits. We are sure our clients will be very happy to have these extras in their weekly pantry pick up. We are so grateful for this partnership!



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## Our Mobile Market is Back on the Road!

Our [Mobile Markets](#) are portable farmer's markets that promote better health and nutrition by providing eligible households with fresh fruits and vegetables. By eliminating barriers such as distance and affordability, we strive to empower individuals and families to prioritize eating well. Through these markets, we serve residents of local housing complexes and our local senior citizens. Participants choose free, fresh produce delivered right to their neighborhood or apartment complex.



## How you can help

### Bonefish Harry's Boat Club

We are excited to be the nonprofit recipient of [Bonefish Harry's](#) "Boat Club" promotion! When you join the Boat Club for \$10, you get an awesome floatie for your Boat Drink that they'll keep behind the bar for you anytime you're there, and best of all, 100% of proceeds from the Boat Club go directly to supporting the life changing services Beverly Bootstraps provides!



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### Assistant Babysitter Volunteers Needed!

- The volunteer would work with a staff member and be an extra set of hands.
- Shifts are once a week: on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:30 am - 12:00 pm or 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.

- Volunteers are welcome to work more than one shift.
- Applicants must love working with kids, be patient, and be over 18 and out of high school.

Please email

[volunteering@beverlybootstraps.org](mailto:volunteering@beverlybootstraps.org) or call 978-927-1561 to speak with our Volunteer Coordinator if you are interested.

Other available weekday volunteer opportunities are available [here>>](#)



## Food Pantry Needs

We are seeking the following items for our Food Pantry:

- Low Sugar Cereal
- Diapers sizes 3+ and Wipes
- Full Sized Toiletries (Shampoo/Conditioner, Body Soap, Toothbrush/Toothpaste)
- Menstrual Products (Pads/ Tampons)
- Gluten free items from our [Top 10 List](#)



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 for your support!

# Thank you!

## The Friendly Toast

We want to extend a very big thank you to everyone who participated in [The Friendly Toast's](#) incredible three-month-long fundraiser. Their direct donation of \$1 for every special sold has resulted in an astounding total of over \$15,600 raised! Their team even volunteered their time to assist in sorting donations at our food pantry. Thank you!



## Maren & Cam's Civic Action Project

Maren and Cam organized a bake sale for their Civic Action Project and raised a

whopping \$702, which they generously donated to our organization! They also came to check out our facilities and learned more about the services we provide. We're incredibly grateful for their support and can't wait to see what they'll do next!



## Beverly Youth Soccer Association

[Beverly Youth Soccer Association](#) held a four-field food drive with all their soccer teams. Each field was assigned a food specific item (canned soup, peanut butter, canned tuna, or canned veggies), and each team brought donations to their fields at Cross Lane, Birch Plains, North Beverly & Beverly Middle School. Together they donated 419 pounds! It's always amazing to see young people giving back to the community, thank you!



## Happenings

### Book Bonanza

**Friday, July 14, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**Beverly Bootstraps Parking Lot, 35 Park Street, Beverly**

We are hosting our second annual Book Bonanza Book Fair for some of our youngest clients. This fun event will feature a wide selection of free books, including required summer reading for middle school and high school students.

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

### Bonefish Harry's Boat Club

**Bonefish Harry's, 214 Cabot Street, Beverly**

Join Bonefish Harry's "Boat Club" for \$10, and you get an awesome floatie for your Boat Drink, and 100% of proceeds from the Boat Club go directly to supporting Beverly Bootstraps. This will run for the next month, so stop by this seafood saloon and enjoy great New England seafood cooked with an international flair, all while supporting our cause!

### Beverly Homecoming Lobsterfest

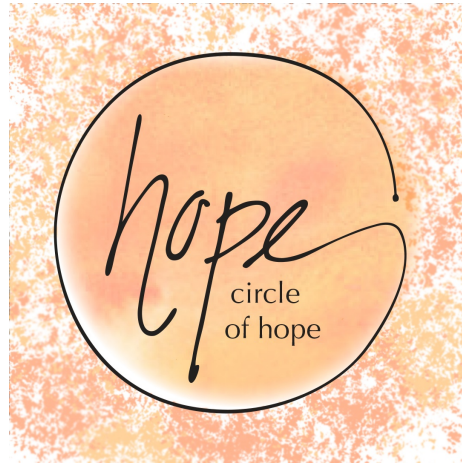
**Wednesday, August 2, 12:00 – 8:00 pm**

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

[Beverly Homecoming](#) is coming up! Our tent will be at Lynch Park during Lobsterfest, come over, say hello and learn more about what we do for

individuals and families in our community.

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