

Community E-Newsletter

August 2023

We couldn't do it without you

During the week of July 21, our Food Pantry experienced an unprecedented surge in demand, with a staggering 940 individuals from 400 households seeking assistance. This record-breaking number of visits highlights the pressing need for accessible food resources in our community.



“The prices for groceries have become unbelievably high. Before, I could afford food for my entire family without any trouble, but now it's been really hard, and we really need help.” Gary*, a new Food Pantry client, shared with us.

We can't do this alone. You have the power to make a significant impact for those facing food insecurity. By coming together, we can replenish our Food Pantry shelves and ensure that everyone has access to nutritious meals and create a healthier, more nourished future within our community.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information on how to get involved, organize a food drive, or make a donation. Thank you for your unwavering compassion and commitment.

*Client name changed and stock photo used for privacy

[Make a Donation Today >>](#)

[Donate Food Pantry Items using our Amazon Link >>](#)

[View our Top 10 Most Needed Pantry Items Here >>](#)

Exciting news

Book Bonanza 2023

On Friday, August 14, we held our 2nd annual book fair and brought joy and inspiration to many young minds in our service area. Kids eagerly joined in, picking out their summer reading favorites, including their required summer reading books.

Representatives from the [Beverly Public Library](#) provided information on how to sign up for library cards and about the library's enriching summer programs. In addition to the books, there was a bookmark making table where kids created personalized bookmarks.

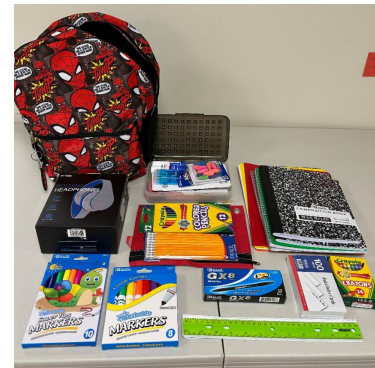


Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to our donors, volunteers, [Copper Dog Books](#), [Book Shop of Beverly Farms](#), volunteers from [North Shore Bank](#), and the Beverly Public Library for making this year's book fair a success! We couldn't have done it without your generous donations and incredible help. Thanks to your unwavering support, local kids have fantastic summer reading books to dive into!

Back-to-School Backpacks

Do you need help affording Back-to-School supplies? Beverly Bootstraps provides free, new backpacks and school supplies for students (grades K-12) living in Beverly, Hamilton, Wenham, Manchester, and Essex.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the distribution schedule or to learn more.



How you can help

In Need of Community Service Hours?

Are you looking to make a difference while earning your community hours? Beverly Bootstraps offers five fantastic ways for you to contribute and earn those valuable hours:



1. **Neighborhood Food Drive:** Rally your neighbors and friends to help fill our Food Pantry
2. **Food Locker Food Drive:** Organize a food drive to fill our Food Lockers, where our clients can pick up fresh and nutritious food without coming to our Food Pantry.
3. **Thrift Drive:** Clean out your closet and home for some pre-loved items

- you can donate to our Thrift Shop.
4. **Build Snack Bags:** Help prepare snack bags for children right here in our community.
 5. **Volunteer In Our Thrift Shop:** Opportunities in our Thrift Shop are available for youths 16 and older or middle school children (accompanied by 1 adult per child).

[CLICK HERE](#) for more in-depth information on how you can get involved and start making a difference in your community through Beverly Bootstraps. Turn your community hours into meaningful experiences that will leave a lasting impact. Together, we can make a positive change!

Donate through our Food Pantry Amazon List

As part of our ongoing efforts to decrease food insecurity in the community, we came up with a more convenient way for you to contribute to our cause. We have created a [Beverly Bootstraps Amazon Donation List](#), and with just a few clicks, you can now donate essential items directly to our Food Pantry.



Simply visit our [Amazon Link](#), add items you'd like to donate, and at check out, select **Beth Bahret - Beverly Bootstraps** as your shipping address, and the items will ship directly to our pantry!

Alternatively, donations can also be dropped off at our 35 Park Street office or placed in our collection boxes located at Stop & Shop (224 Elliott Street and 37 Enon Street), Shaw's (71 Dodge Street), and Council on Aging (90 Colon Street, Beverly).

- Low Sugar Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Shelf- Stable Dairy and Non- Dairy Milk
- Diapers sizes 3+ and Wipes
- Full Sized Toiletries (Shampoo/Conditioner, Body Soap, Toothbrush/Toothpaste)

Thank you for being a part of our mission to fight hunger and provide essential resources to those in need.

[Donate Food Pantry Items using our Amazon Link >>](#)

We Need Your Pre-Loved Fall Items

We're slowly swapping out the sunshine for sweaters, and sandals for scarves. Help our Thrift Shop make this transition a success by donating your fall items and clothing! We ask

that all donations be in good, working, and sellable condition.

Drop your pre-loved items off in the parking lot of 198 Rantoul Street during our **Donation Hours**. *Please do not leave your donations out when we are closed.*

Thank you for your donations!



FALL DONATIONS NEEDED

Donation Hours:
Monday–Thursday: 9:30 am – 5 pm
Friday: 9:30 am – 4 pm
Saturday: 10 am – 3 pm
Thank you for your donations!

The graphic features the text 'FALL DONATIONS NEEDED' in large, bold letters. Below the text are four small images: a blue teapot, a blue candle in a jar, a pair of patterned socks, and a purple boot. The background is a light beige color.

[Check our Donation Guidelines Here >>](#)

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.



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

BB Beverly Bootstraps
EMBRACE · EDUCATE · EMPOWER

The graphic has a yellow background with a red heart at the top. Below the heart is the text 'CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!' in a serif font. Underneath is the Beverly Bootstraps logo, which consists of the letters 'BB' in a stylized font followed by the text 'Beverly Bootstraps' and 'EMBRACE · EDUCATE · EMPOWER' in a smaller font. At the bottom of the graphic are several hands of different colors reaching upwards.

Thank you!

Back-to-School Backpacks

Thanks to your incredible generosity and support, we successfully reached our goal of building 850 new backpacks filled with school supplies. For over 20 years, the Back-to-School Backpack program has been helping local children be prepared for academic success and to lessen the financial burden on families. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who participated in this initiative!



Institution for Savings

A big thank you to **Institution for Savings** for their generous grant that will be going to our general operating needs, making our mission more successful in helping individuals and families in our community.



Thank You

INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS
BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES TOGETHER SINCE 1820.

The graphic has a yellow background with the words 'Thank You' in a large, elegant cursive font. Below the text is the Institution for Savings logo, which features a small illustration of a building and the text 'INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS' and 'BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES TOGETHER SINCE 1820.' in a smaller font.

Happenings

Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good

August 1 - 31

Stop & Shop, 37 Enon Street, Beverly

Beverly Bootstraps has been selected as the beneficiary of the [Stop & Shop Bloomin' 4 Good](#) Program! We will receive a \$1 donation each time a \$10.99 "Bloomin' 4 Good" bouquet is purchased at the Stop & Shop at 37 Enon Street during the month of August. Buy flowers and help fight hunger in our community!

Winter Wishes Holiday Gifts

Many families in our community are not able to purchase presents for their children. Through Beverly Bootstraps Winter Wishes Holiday Gifts, donors help these children receive new clothes, games, and toys.

Interested in helping? [Fill out this interest form](#), and we will send you an email in October to choose which family or families you would like to support during the holiday season.

[To learn more about this program,click here >>](#)



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