

## Community E-Newsletter

October 2023

### We couldn't do it without you

Leila\*, a single mom of 4 boys, reached out to Beverly Bootstraps as she was scared about an electric bill she hadn't been able to pay. She works full-time and lost her hourly wages when her babies fell ill, requiring her to call out of work to care for them. Leila is usually an efficient budgeter, but the lost income hit her especially hard because of rising utility costs.



Leila met with one of our Case Managers who worked with the electric company to create a manageable payment plan. Leila was relieved knowing she could keep the lights on in her home. To help with her tight budget, our Case Manager also encouraged her to sign up for our Food Pantry. Working until 4 pm each day and then needing to pick up her two youngest children from daycare, she politely declined, letting the Case Manager know that with her current schedule, she wouldn't be able to make it to the Food Pantry while they were open.

Thinking through other options, our Case Manager suggested Leila sign up for our [Refrigerated Food Locker program](#). Amazed at this new program, Leila learned about the easy online ordering and pickup process. The next week Leila placed her first food locker order and was able to pick up food for her family on her way home from work and picking up the kids (and didn't even have to get them out of the car!).

Thanks to your generous support, Leila was able to find the help she needed for her electricity and utility bills through Beverly Bootstraps. Moreover, she discovered an innovative way to secure food for her family. Because of your kindness and generosity, she can keep her lights on and provide meals for her family each and every week. Your support has made a difference in her life during these challenging times.

Unfortunately, an increasing number of families like Leila's are walking through our doors every week. We need your continued support now more than ever!

Please consider donating today >>

## Exciting news

### Simply the Best Sale

Join [Beverly Bootstraps Thrift Shop](#) for their 4th annual "Simply the Best Sale" on Saturday, November 4, from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm. They saved the best of their donations for this one-day shopping extravaganza, including new and like-new housewares, clothing, jewelry, and more. If you miss this shopping day, you'll miss a lot! Proceeds from the sale help fund the programs of Beverly Bootstraps.



### Art for a Cause at Endicott Collage

[Art for a Cause](#) is an annual Silent Auction and Art Sale by the students, faculty, and staff at the School of Visual and Performing Arts at Endicott College. We are excited to be this year's fundraiser recipient.

Their in-person art sale will occur on Thursday, November 2, from 11 am – 3 pm, and the Silent Auction will take place from Monday, October 30, until Friday, November 10. These events are a fantastic chance to purchase unique, original art pieces directly from the artists and support Beverly Bootstraps. [Learn more here >>](#)

## How you can help

### Winter Wishes Holiday Gifts

Celebrate the holidays by helping local children! Through Beverly Bootstraps Winter Wishes Holiday Gifts, you can help provide toys, clothes, and other gifts to children in need right here in our community. This heartwarming program offers companies, families, book clubs, friends, and other groups a fantastic way to give back and help children have a happier holiday!



*Winter Wishes  
Holiday Gifts*

Fill out this [interest form](#), and we will email you in October to choose a family/families you would like to support during

the holiday season.

[Click here to learn more about Winter Wishes](#)

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## Could you help us Fight Hunger on Election Day?

When you head out to vote on Tuesday, November 7, please bring non-perishable food items to donate to our Food Pantry. Donations will be collected at all Beverly polling sites. Thank you for your donations!

[View our Top 10 most needed items](#)

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## Food Pantry Needs

In addition to our Top 10 list, we are seeking the following items for our Food Pantry:

- Holiday Baking Items or Premade Baking Mix
- Diapers size 3+
- Baby Wipes
- Low Sugar Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Gluten Free Items from our [Top 10 List](#)



Shop online using our [Amazon Link](#)! Select the 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). Thank you for your continuous support!

## The Thrift Shop is Seeking Volunteers

We have Thrift Shop volunteer opportunities available! Enjoy a flexible schedule with shifts available Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm; Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm; Saturday 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.



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

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

## Thank you!

### Momball's 5,821 Pound Donation!

We want to extend an enormous thank you to everyone involved in the **2023 Momball Softball Tournament**. Your commitment and generosity to give back to your community is truly appreciated. Once again, Momball teams and fans collected a record-breaking amount of food, toiletry and cleaning supplies! We are beyond grateful to be a beneficiary of this fantastic community event.



### Dignity Matters Flows with Compassion

Our continued partnership with **Dignity Matters** helps us provide menstruation products to those in need. We recognize how crucial these products are in ensuring the comfort and confidence of those we serve. We are grateful for the support and commitment of Dignity Matters!



### The Linden Fall Clothing Drive

Thank you to everyone who helped make **The Linden's** Assisted Living Week Fall Clothing Drive a great success. We greatly appreciate this clothing drive! Your donations will help support the important programs and services Beverly Bootstraps offers.



## National Grid Sparks with Generosity

We are incredibly grateful for [National Grid's](#) generous donation towards our general operations expenses. Your support enables us to continue our vital work and positively impact our community. Thank you for being a valuable part of our mission!

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## Happenings

### Target Fundraiser

**October 1 - October 31**

Vote for Beverly Bootstraps! Target Circle members can earn and cast votes for Beverly Bootstraps in October. The program is available through Target's mobile app, online at [target.com/circle](https://target.com/circle), and in stores.

### Essex ClamFest

**Saturday, October 21, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Shepard Memorial Park, 24 Martin Street, Essex**

Join the 39th Annual Essex ClamFest and Arts & Crafts Festival! Although the highlight of the day is the Chowder Tasting Competition, there is also a great variety of activities, including arts and crafts vendors, non-profit tables, live entertainment, and plenty of food vendors on-site. Come over to our table, say hello, and learn more about what Beverly Bootstraps does for individuals and families in our community.

### Downtown Beverly Trick or Treating

**Thursday, October 26, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

**Ellis Square, Church St, Beverly**

Beverly Main Streets invites kids and families to Downtown Beverly for the [Annual Downtown Trick or Treat event!](#) This event collaborates with the City of Beverly and provides a fun night downtown for little ones and their families. Look for the orange flyer in the windows of participating businesses, and stop by the Beverly Bootstraps booth in Ellis Square for some treats!

### Cars for Charity presented by The Solomon Fund

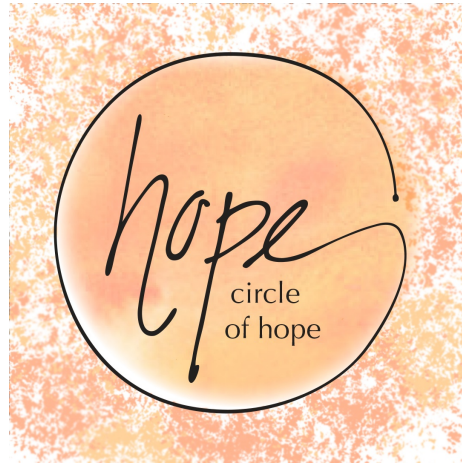
**Sunday, October 22, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Cruiseport Gloucester, 6 Rowe St, Gloucester**

Car enthusiasts can enjoy a stunning array of automobiles, including exotics, collectors, vintage classics, special editions, and muscle cars, all coming together for a charitable cause. There is no cost to attend, but net proceeds from donations to the Solomon Fund will be distributed to local charities, including Beverly Bootstraps! For more information, [click here>>](#)

# Upcoming Closings

- Tuesday, October 17: Agency & Thrift Shop closed



When you join the [Circle of Hope](#), your automatic monthly recurring gift will provide a steady flow of hope to our clients all year long. Because with hope, everything is possible.

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