

# February Happenings



## AGENCY UPDATES

### HAWC TRAININGS

Thursday: February 22nd 10:00-12:00

Friday: February 23rd 10:00-12:00

This training is mandatory for frontline program staff and Thrift Coordinators but optional for others.



### DOOR DECORATING CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to the staff of the Food Pantry for continuing their winning streak. We hope everyone had a chance to enjoy it!

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19 CLOSING

Agency and Thrift Shop closed for Presidents Day

## FOOD ASSISTANCE

October and November saw the largest number of new households registering for food assistance. In October, Food Assistance staff enrolled 50 new households and 51 in November. The need for our services continues to increase.

**Do you know a company or group that would like to hold a food drive?** Deb is reaching out to people to encourage them to get involved. A Soup-er Bowl Food Drive; We care! Cereal Drive; and a Heart Healthy Valentine's Food Drive are in the works.

### Do you work out at a gym?

Let Deb know as "Put your WEIGHT behind it and help LIFT others up" toiletry drive kicks off!



## CASE MANAGEMENT

Fuel and rental assistance continue to be the biggest needs facing clients. If you find yourself in a position having a hard time keeping up, please reach out to Gloria, Riley or Sue. All requests are confidential!

## SEASONAL PROGRAMS

Sign-ups for our tax prep assistance program have begun! If you qualify, Beverly Bootstraps IRS-trained staff can help prepare your tax returns.

## ADULT EDUCATION

Adult Education classes have restarted after winter break. ESOL classes continue to fill and HSE enrollment is on the rise. Continue to encourage people to apply and

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remember - students do not need to live in our service area in order to participate in classes!

## THRIFT SHOP

Do you have any donations? The Thrift Shop is looking for donations of in-season clothing, accessories, shoes, household items/decor and CDs/records.

Don't forget to shop on Wednesdays when all adult and children's clothing, shoes, accessories and regular-priced purses are 50% off!

## VOLUNTEERS

Our Tax Assistance program is currently looking for volunteers to assist with our on-site tax program. Intake Specialists will welcome clients and check to make sure they have the correct paperwork. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Leslie.

## SNOW CLOSING POLICY

Beverly Bootstraps Offices/Services and Thrift Shop will be closed when Beverly Public Schools are closed due to weather. There may also be other times the agency closes for inclement weather.

Additionally, if there is an active parking ban in effect for the City of Beverly, Beverly Bootstraps will be closed and will not re-open until two hours after the ban has been lifted.

Weather related closing updates will always be posted on our website, social media and our weather related closing line at 978-927-1561 x 111.

## DEVELOPMENT

The 3rd Annual Boots & Blues event will be held Thursday, June 20, 2024. Planning is underway!

## STAFF UPDATES

### New Hires:

Richard (Richie) Jache - Director of Client Services

### Open Positions:

Director of Thrift Operations  
Grant Writer

## NEW WALK NEW FREEZER AND REFRIGERATOR INSTALLED AND A NEW REFRIGERATED VAN COMING SOON!

We are excited that a new refrigerated van and the refrigerated walk-in were made possible with funds provided by a Food Security Infrastructure Grant from the MA Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs. The new walk-in freezer was from a grant from HUD.



The van is here and will be branded shortly!

