

Whew! We made it. Not only that, everyone contributed so much during the crazy crunch time. YOU should be very proud of your contributions to meeting our mission.

One of my favorite quotes is:

"Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people to change the world. In fact, it is the only thing that ever has."

~ Margaret Mead

Our efforts definitely make our community better and we have no idea which child we are feeding now who will go on to do big things in the world.... your efforts matter!!

- Sue and Leadership

### **AGENCY UPDATES**

# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10TH AT 5:00 PM STAFF APPRECIATION CELEBRATION

This is a time for all of us to celebrate each other for making it through our busiest season of the year! There will be food and drinks. Please be sure to stop by to receive your gift cards!

# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH AT 9:00 AM DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

The theme is LIGHT! Teams of 1 to 3 people per door. Judging is at 9 am on the 8th with the winner announced on January 10.

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 15 CLOSING**

Agency and Thrift Shop closed for MLK Jr. Day

#### **FOOD ASSISTANCE**

Do you know a group or donor who might like to participate in a monthly Food Locker Drive? Share names of businesses, groups, etc that you think might be interested in helping.



#### 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 taxes start January 15th! If you qualify, Beverly Bootstraps IRS-trained staff can help prepare your tax returns.

### **ADULT EDUCATION**

Adult Education classes are on Winter Vacation. Classes resume the week of January 8th. The Winter II term starts February 5.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers should have all received a New Years card in the mail. We are thankful for all their help last year and look forward to accomplishing great things with them in 2024!

### **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 reopen 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**

Monique, a single mom struggling to put food on the table after experiencing an increase in rent and other bills, was the focus of the 2023 Annual Appeal. Families like Monique's are continuing to flood through our doors needing assistance. On Facebook, 273 people clicked on an ad to help support families like Monique. Our community of donor continues to support us. Please be sure to thank them for their support.

## **STAFF UPDATES**

#### **New Hires:**

Junior Andino - Food Assistance Coordinator

## **Open Positions:**

Director of Client Services Grant Writer

### **WINTER WISHES THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with Winter Wishes Holiday Gifts! This enormous program could not happen without the help and support of everyone at Beverly Bootstraps, our huge team of volunteers and our very generous donors. This year, 801 children from 369 families received holiday gifts! Thank you to everyone!









