



Community E-Newsletter

August 2024

We couldn't do it without you

Amora*, a working mother of three, smiled with gratitude after receiving free produce at our Mobile Market program this summer. Over the last few months, her budget has been stretched thin as she has reduced her working hours to tend to her children. She shared her story, explaining how the soaring cost of groceries had strained her finances, leaving little room for anything else.

Hearing her story, one of our compassionate Mobile Market staff members took Amora under their wing, enrolling her in weekly access to our Food Pantry. They encouraged her to also explore and utilize the numerous other services we offer as a lifeline amidst her financial strain.

Just a week later we saw Amora again, this time at the Food Pantry. Overjoyed with the selection and help she received, Amora happily reported that she no longer had to worry if there would be food on the table each night. With Beverly Bootstraps, Amora discovered that hope and help are always within reach as she travels her road back to self-sufficiency.



Beverly Bootstraps' Mobile Market is now halfway through the season and will continue operating through September. In July 2024, our transportable farmer's market provided 5,090 pounds of fresh produce to 500 clients living in Beverly. These numbers reflect an increase of 157 individuals served and nearly 650 more pounds of produce distributed compared to July of the previous year.

Amora's journey is a testament to the power of community support and resilience. Our Mobile Market alone has shown a significant increase in those we've been able to assist this year. With more families like Amora's turning to us for support, our numbers are growing. Your donations are crucial in making this possible—each contribution helps us expand our reach and ensure that every family, like Amora's, has access to the resources they need to thrive.

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Exciting news

Back-to-School Backpack Distribution

Do you or someone you know need help affording Back-to-School supplies? Beverly Bootstraps provides free backpacks and school supplies for Beverly, Hamilton, Wenham, Manchester, and Essex residents in grades K-12.

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



Join Our Volunteer Board of Advisors

We are currently seeking experienced individuals and community members who are passionate about helping those in need to join our Volunteer Board of Advisors. This role serves as a strategic partner, helping to guide the organization in achieving its mission, enhancing community outreach and reaching its fundraising goals.

[Click here to learn more >>](#)

Don't Miss the Final Showcase of The Frame at 198

Join us at the Beverly Bootstraps Thrift Shop for the final showcase of *The Frame at 198* on Friday, August 30th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Celebrate the exceptional artwork and artists that have been featured in *The Frame at 198* Art Expo. This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow art enthusiasts while celebrating the unique spirit of our local arts scene.

[Grab a free ticket to reserve your spot >>](#)



FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 5-7 PM

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Learn more about how to secure your free ticket at BeverlyBootstrapsThrift.com



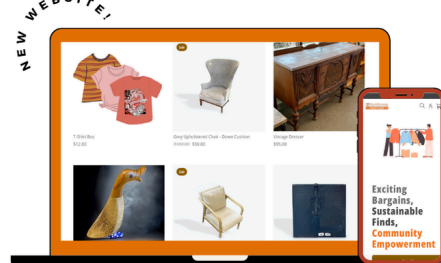
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YOUR FAVORITE THRIFT SHOP IS NOW ONLINE!

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New items are added daily, and you'll also find updates on sales and events. Take the Thrift Shop experience you love with you wherever you go!



How you can help

We know summer is a busy time, but hunger and bills never go on vacation. Your contributions of any size make a huge difference in the lives of so many individuals and families. Here are a few ways to stay involved over the summer:

1. Host a Food Drive

During the summer months, as many of us enjoy vacations and sunny days, the number of food donations we receive tends to decrease. Food Drives are easy to organize and are a great way to pull your school/friend group, family members, company, or congregation together to help make a difference in the community.

Apart from our [Top 10 List](#), we are currently in need of the following items: **Diapers (sizes 3 and up), baby wipes, full-sized toiletries, and cereal.**

Download our [Food Drive Kit](#) and email fooddrives@beverlybootstraps.org to get started.



2. Shop for Beverly Bootstraps on Amazon

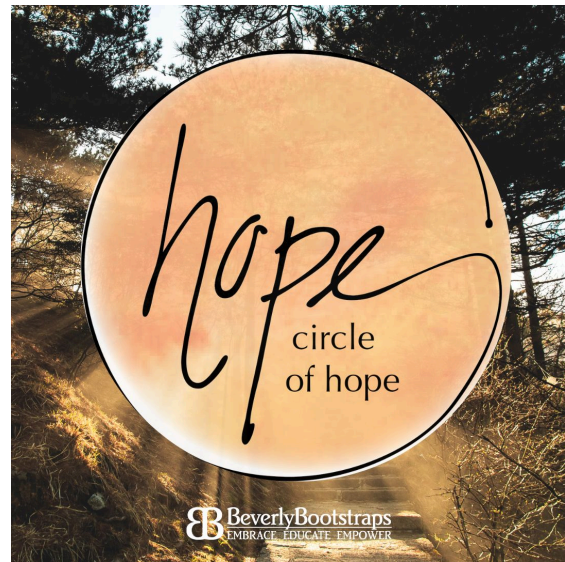
You may donate Food Pantry items online using our [Amazon Link](#). Select the items you'd like to donate, and at check out, select **Beth Bahret—Beverly Bootstraps** as your shipping address. The items will ship directly to our pantry!

[Donate directly to our Food Pantry >>](#)

3. Join our Circle of Hope

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.

Join our Circle of Hope today >>



4. Share Your Time With Us

We are in need of volunteers for our Adult Education ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) program, which focuses on basic communication skills to help students become confident, accurate, and fluent speakers and writers of English.

If you are interested, email volunteering@beverlybootstraps.org or call 978-927-1561.

Other volunteer opportunities available here >>

Thank you!

Turning Pages at Beverly Bootstraps

July 20th marked our 3rd annual Book Fair held at Beverly Middle School. With the help of amazing volunteers, local students navigated through a sea of summer reading books. But this event was more than just books! A fun lineup of different activities ranged from face-painting and friendship bracelet stations to an irresistible prize wheel that gave kids the chance to win gift cards to local businesses.

The **Beverly Public Library** gracefully guided students towards getting their very own library cards and provided more information on their summer events. **Beverly School Resource Officer**, Steve Fiore, was there too, ensuring every student has their bikes and scooters registered and secure, with free bike



locks as a bonus.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to our donors, volunteers, Copper Dog Books, Book Shop of Beverly Farms, Paper Asylum, and Paper & String for making this year's Book Fair possible! Your dedication has ensured that local kids are equipped with fantastic summer reads. Thank you for your unwavering support.



National Intern Day with Sensitech

A huge shoutout to **Sensitech** for their incredible support! Sensitech staff and interns visited Beverly Bootstraps on National Intern Day, turning the celebration into a meaningful experience.

They toured our building to learn more about our mission, helped build over 300 Snack Bags, which will go out to our youngest Food Pantry clients, and assisted with tagging and sorting clothes for our Thrift Shop. We truly appreciate your time and energy!

Is your team interested in packing Snack Bags? [Click here to get started >>](#)

Unsung Community Heroes

A big shoutout to our social media tribe! You've truly redefined solidarity for us. When we reached out for donations of diapers, paper bags, and egg cartons, you didn't just step up—you amazed us with your generosity. It's heartwarming to witness the steadfast support of our community, always ready to lend a hand.

Every day, your contributions are transforming lives. Remember, what might seem like a small gesture to you can make a monumental difference to someone else. Your impact is profound, and our gratitude for each of you is immeasurable!



Beverly Rotary Club

We are grateful for [Beverly Rotary Club](#)'s generous grant to support Beverly Bootstraps' general operations. Your support allows us to better provide our different programs and services and continuously accommodate those in our service areas. Thank you for believing in our work and for being a vital partner in our efforts!



Ernest G. Flint Jr. Charitable Trust

The Ernest G. Flint Jr. Charitable Trust has awarded Beverly Bootstraps a generous grant to support our Food Assistance programs. Our Food Pantry has experienced significant growth in monthly visits, underscoring the ongoing need for food in our community. This grant strengthens our mission to eliminate hunger locally. Thank you for your support as we strive to ensure that individuals and families in our community have access to the food they need.

Happenings

Back-to-School Backpack Distribution

Distribution begins Monday, August 19

Do you need help affording Back-to-School supplies? Beverly Bootstraps provides free backpacks and school supplies for Beverly, Hamilton, Wenham, Manchester, and Essex residents in grades K-12. Distribution dates are based on parent/caregiver's last name. [Click here to learn more.](#)

The Final Showcase of The Frame at 198

Friday, August 8, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Beverly Bootstraps Thrift Shop, 198 Rantoul Street, Beverly

Join us for the grand concluding event of The Frame at 198. Celebrate the exceptional artwork and artists that have been featured in The Frame at 198 Art Expo at our Thrift Shop! This will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow art enthusiasts while celebrating the unique spirit of our local arts scene. [Click here to get a free ticket and reserve your spot.](#)

Momball Food Drive

September 20 - 22, 2024

Harry Ball Field Parking Lot, 410 Essex Street, Beverly

The 24th annual Momball tournament is happening on September 20-22! While the funds help the Beverly Public School PTOs, Momball also collects non-perishable donations for the Beverly Bootstraps Food Pantry. When you go to cheer for your favorite team, support the community by bringing donations on Momball weekend. Learn more at momball.com

Open Positions

1. We are currently seeking experienced individuals who are passionate about helping those in need in our community to join our Volunteer Board of Advisors. To learn more and apply, [CLICK HERE.](#)
2. We are also hiring for the following positions:
 - Lead ESOL Instructor: Teach students in the classroom and coordinate lesson plans and assessments within the ESOL curriculum.
 - College and Career Readiness Coordinator: Provide career counseling, job interview coaching, and assist with resume and cover letter development.

To learn more about these positions, [CLICK HERE.](#)

Upcoming Closings

Monday, September 2 (Labor Day)

Agency and Thrift Shop Closed

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