Surviving the Winter

As we all know only too well, this past winter was...a doozy! In 3 storms in 2 weeks, we got more snow than Chicago has ever had in an entire season! I spent more time digging my car out, only to have it buried with drifts up to 7 feet.

The first storm, a blizzard, hit on Monday, 26 January. I think we got 2 feet of snow, with drifts obliterating sidewalks, making walking challenging. The following afternoon, I went to St. Paul's to begin preparing a modest meal for that evening. I didn't expect more than 10 people, maybe none to show. The driveway had not been plowed and I was able to dig out only a really narrow path to the back door, which I left unlocked.

Around 6:15, two men came up the stairs and into the dining-room. They were excited to find out that they would be able to have a cooked meal, and kept thanking me. They were a father in his 50s and his son in his early 30s. Patrick Sr. had been homeless most of the previous six years; Patrick Jr. for two years. Both stayed at Pine Street Inn, and had heard others speak well of Bread of Life. They had first come to our meal on Christmas Day, and had been back two or three times since.

The son had recently been placed in a small apartment, in Malden, and the two of them moved in. They had almost no furniture, little clothing and no food. They said they had last eaten on Sunday afternoon and would appreciate being able to take another meal's worth to-go. We keep a small pantry at our meal sites and I gave them a bag full of food, including frozen meats, and a donated coffee-maker. They were really happy with that!

--Tom Feagley, BOL Executive Director

Bread of Life Hosts Annual Easter Dinner

Bread of Life hosted its annual Easter Dinner on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015 from noon - 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish, Malden. The dinner, as always, was free of charge and open to anyone in need or alone for the holiday, including families and senior citizens, no reservations needed. We served 147 meals and gave out 66 to-go meals for a total of 213 meals!

The kitchen, under the direction of Tom Feagley, BOL Executive Director, served up turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and rolls. A special treat was desserts from Hoff's Bakery in Medford, including Turtle Cheesecake and Pumpkin Mousse cake. The meal was staffed by plenty of volunteers from the community, including folks who have volunteered every year since the time the meal used to be hosted by folks from St. Francis of Assisi Church in Medford.

In the week prior to the holiday, Easter baskets were distributed to 250 homeless children who are sheltered with their families in local motels. BOL delivers meals, groceries, diapers and baby wipes to these families every week, and provides clothing and books periodically. The Easter baskets, filled with treats such as candy, toys and books, were donated by Oak Grove Improvement Association (OGIA), coordinated by Carol Melle, Malden Catholic High School.
Melrose churches collect blankets for the homeless

Four Melrose churches, spearheaded by volunteer Michael O’Connor from Melrose Unitarian Universalist Church (MUUC), collected about 120 blankets in March for BOL to distribute to homeless individuals and families. The First Congregational Church, Melrose Highlands Congregational Church, and the First United Methodist Church joined in the effort. This all came about when volunteers from MUUC, while in the course of serving one of their regular evening meals at BOL, were asked by a homeless individual if they had any blankets. Moved by this plea, they sprang into action! BOL is continuing to distribute the blankets, which are received with great appreciation and relief by guests trying to survive in the elements.

Everett Food Pantry provides groceries with dignity

“Fred” is a disabled retiree, living on fixed income. He gets around with difficulty, using a cane, but comes to the Everett Food Pantry when he gets down to the last few cans on his shelves. He never thought he'd need a food pantry, and he hated asking for help, but living expenses had become more and more of a struggle as he got older and had more out-of-pocket medical expenses. So one day, he swallowed his pride and found himself standing in line at the food pantry. He was glad he took the step. He now has become friendly with the volunteers, feels welcomed when he comes, and receives a substantial amount of groceries to meet his needs.

Volunteer Recognition Banquet

Monday, May 11, 2015

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. – Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.
Anthony’s, 105 Canal Street, Malden, MA

Program:

* We invite Bread of Life volunteers and donors to join us for a complimentary dinner
  sponsored by A & A Window Products, Malden
* Recognition of all Bread of Life Partner Organizations
* Volunteer of the Year Awards & Special Recognition Awards
* Presentation of BOL Accomplishments

R.S.V.P. to attend the banquet by calling Bread of Life at (781) 397-0404 by May 4th
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• Donate food, nonperishable & perishable, or supermarket gift cards, to our food pantry

• Volunteer in our food pantry or evening meal program
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National Honor Society, the Mackay Family of Wakefield, and Freedom Hill Community Church in Malden. The church hosted a coffee & donut social on the Saturday morning before Easter for the families at the largest motel, during which the baskets were given to the kids who live there. Each of the 90 homeless families also received an Easter gift bag of toiletries from the Affirming Life Committee of St. Joseph's Parish in Wakefield.

Save the Date!
2015 Bread of Life Golf Classic & 19th Hole Dinner Social
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For more info, call 781-475-9060

Share the Love Book Drive for Homeless Kids

The Affirming Life Committee of St. Joseph's Parish in Wakefield sponsored a Share the Love Book Drive to provide books and Valentine cards for the children of 90 homeless families sheltered in local motels. BOL delivers meals, easy-to-prepare groceries, diapers and baby supplies weekly to these families. The Affirming Life Committee worked with our motel outreach team to distribute the books and cards to the children during February school vacation week.
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Gene Pinkham, Past Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 13966, spearheaded the meal deliveries on Thanksgiving Day as he has for many years.

Members of the Knights of Columbus IC Council 13966 prepare trays of stuffing at the annual BOL "Don't Be Alone on Thanksgiving" Dinner at Malden High School. In total, 850 people were served that day, including the sit-down meal and deliveries.

Roshi Nourian preps meals for delivery to homeless families sheltered in local motels. BOL provides 250 meals and 90 bags of groceries every week to these families.