Reflections from the Director

Tuning into the morning news feed can sometimes feel like stepping into the whirlwind. I have to brace myself as I’m buffeted by a parade of greed, dishonesty, selfishness, violence, injustice and racism. But I try to remember the wise counsel of the Apostle Paul: “whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.” (Phil. 4:8) With my inside view of the workings of Bread of Life, its dedicated staff and hundreds of passionate volunteers, I soon find it not too hard to follow Paul’s directive. For every act of greed or dishonesty, I know of hundreds of acts of generosity of time, talents and funds. For every act of selfishness, I’ve seen so many selfless people who go out of their way to help someone they don’t even know. For every act of violence, I see people who try to listen, understand and forgive. For every act of injustice or racism, I witness community residents who want to see equal access for everyone to food, resources and opportunities. What a great blessing it is to be surrounded by people like this each and every day. I thank you for being part of Bread of Life’s great mission – food
for the body and nurture for the soul. Each one of us can help create the community of compassion, understanding and respect that we long to experience.

God bless you,
Gabriella Snyder Stelmack
Executive Director

Click here for information on our "Under One Roof" Campaign.

P.S. Our "Under One Roof" campaign continues to gather momentum, despite the crisis. Please like us and follow us on facebook and follow us on twitter. And Instagram.

Cambridge Savings Donation
Thank you to Cambridge Savings Bank! CSB donated $10,000 to Bread of Life for food assistance during the COVID pandemic. Thank you Louie Soares from CSB’s Melrose branch for visiting us and brightening our day. We appreciate your support!

Exceptional Woman!
Our own Executive Director, Gabriella Snyder Stelmack was featured on Magic 106.7’s Exceptional Women series! To listen to the interview Go Here.

In memory of Patricia Roberts
Bread of Life is very grateful to have received a gift of $25,000.00 for our Under One Roof capital campaign in Memory of Patricia (Pat) L. Roberts of Vestal, NY (9/19/43 – 5/6/16). This contribution will help BOL build its new central facility to house all its programs. Pat was an artist, photographer, community activist, wife, mother and grandmother. She took special care of a succession of elderly women, of whom some were
in nursing homes, and others were mothers of Pat’s friends. She also taught arts and crafts at the Endicott Boys and Girls Club. She took a special interest in the Vestal Public Library, as both an avid reader and a supporter. Late in life, she became a leader in the anti-fracking movement because of her love of the Vestal countryside and her home there. Pat, her husband Larry Roberts, and their family have been lifelong friends of the Snyder family of Vestal, NY, which has ties to Bread of Life through our Executive Director, Gabriella. We remember Pat today on her birthday and are thankful for this generous support in her memory.

Amazing Generosity

Special thank you to John Hastings and Bellevue Golf Club members and friends who recently raised funds for Bread of Life programs. Over 12K donated! We’re so very grateful for your support and thank you for keeping our families in your thoughts.

Temple Beth Shalom Food Drive

Thank you Temple Beth Shalom Melrose for hosting a food drive for Bread of Life! We appreciate your support!

Joy in Childhood Foundation

Special thank you to Craig Medeiros and Brianne Medeiros Savicki at Dunkin’ 424 Main Street, Malden and to Dunkin’ Joy In
Childhood Foundation for supporting Bread of Life’s programs with a very generous $5,000 donation. We’re very grateful for your partnership!

In photo: Craig Medeiros, Brianne Medeiros Savicki, Kathleen McKenna-Bread of Life and City of Malden (Official) Mayor Gary Christenson

Zonta Club Donation

Thank you to our friends Zonta Club of Malden for their generous donation of $1,000 to Bread of Life! We appreciate all you do for our community!

In photo: Maria D’Esposito Second Vice President of Zonta Club of Malden, Gabriella Snyder, Bread of Life, Ari Taylor Secretary Zonta Club of Malden, Joanne Stroud-Lebeau, First Vice President Zonta Club of Malden and Malika Erroboa, Bread of Life

02148 Talk Show

Gabriella appeared as a guest on MATV/UMA’s 02148 show hosted by BOL Board member Mike Cherone. Listen to the podcast here.

Updated BOL Wish List
Standing in the Gap

“The assistance you are providing us with will support some of our most vulnerable clients and enable them to stay safely at home during these hectic and uncertain times. It is so amazing to know that, even in the most dire of times, there are dedicated and devoted individuals and organizations, such as yourself at Bread of Life, that continue to do great work worth doing.”

Best, Michael J. Montanile, Intake Coordinator, Heading Home

Food for the Body...Nurture for the Soul