Reflections from the Director

There is something about March that gets to me every year. The first day of Spring is now in sight, Easter is a month away, and yet the winter drags on. And so does COVID-19 and its impact on our communities, disproportionately so on communities of color, historically under-resourced communities, and those least equipped financially to survive. I have to remember these words of encouragement: “So let’s not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don’t give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone.” Galatians 6:9-10.

When I survey the landscape of Bread of Life, I see new crops emerging from the cold ground and mature crops already being harvested. With continued donations from our tremendous supporters, our Under One Roof building project at 54...
Eastern Ave is racing toward planned construction start this Summer. We are securing leased warehouse and office space and planning for up to 16 months of providing services at transitional locations in downtown Malden during construction. Our food pantry is continuing to serve about 200 families at a time during each twice-weekly grocery distribution. Our Grocery Delivery Program, collaborating in part with Mystic Valley Elder Services, continues to deliver up to 300 boxes weekly to senior citizens, disabled residents, COVID-quarantined families, and emergency requests. Our Motel Meals Outreach expanded in February, delivering food now to 77 homeless individuals weekly, up from 57, as we began a partnership with Housing Families Inc to serve their newly established Malden motel shelter. Our Everett Mobile Market gave groceries to an average of 148 families per week in the past month. Our Everett Backpack Nutrition program, funded by The Foundation Trust, is distributing 200 backpacks monthly to students in food insecure families.

Here's what one senior citizen to whom we deliver groceries had to say: "We just want to start out your day by thanking you for the baked goods you delivered - the sugar cookies we loved, brownies, sourdough bread. And the rest of the groceries too of course. We really do appreciate it. You have no idea."

Our staff and hundreds of volunteers have sown the seeds of these gifts to the community with hard labor. They've weeded them with their sweat. They've watered them with their tears. And so we can say that the great harvest of good works and blessings continues thanks to many - including you who believe in our mission to provide food for the body...nurture for the soul!

God bless you,
Gabriella

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.

Isn't this Amazin?

Mazin Shooni stopped by Bread of Life and presented Gaby a generous donation of $500 for our programs. Amazin Billiards recently hosted a charity tournament and raised funds for Bread of Life!
The Food Drive to the Rescue

Wow! Over 7 tons of produce, bread, and prepared food has been delivered to us from The Food Drive and Whole Foods Market! Food rescue is making a tremendous impact in our community!

Board member interview

Grab a cup of coffee and tune in as our student intern Ben, a senior at Salem State University majoring in Media/Communications, hosts a terrific interview with Bread of Life Board Members Jana, Bernadette, and Dennis. You’ll hear about Bread of Life’s work and be inspired by their dedication and commitment. You’ll also hear the many ways you can get involved with Bread of Life’s mission. A big Thank You to Ben for a job well done and to Jana, Bernadette and Dennis for all you for for BOL! Watch Interview

Extra, Extra, Read All About It!

We’re excited to announce Bread of Life campaign in final planning stages! https://www.wickedlocal.com/.. ./bread-life.../6741090002/

Save the Date June 27, 2021

We’re looking forward to this! Mark your calendars- Sunday, June 27th! Knock on Wood, featuring singer-songwriter Howie Newman, an acoustic folk-rock duo will be hosting a free outdoor concert on the lawn at First Baptist Church Melrose, 561 Main St. Howie’s daughter Jen,
(Malden High Class ’05!) will be joining as backup vocals.
Donations will be accepted and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Bread of Life! Read more about Knock on Wood here: http://howienewman.com/knockonwood/

Tax Returns

Sharing great news! For every new client who files their taxes with H&R Block or Block Advisors, Bread of Life will receive $20 when you mention this promotion! We think this helps makes filing taxes a bit more pleasant!

Cambridge Savings Bank

Ending the week with wonderful news! Thank you Cambridge Savings Bank for generous donation of $10,000 for Bread of Life’s programs. We appreciate your continued support and thank you for helping so many families. Great to see Louie Soares from the Melrose branch at our food pantry today. Thanks for visiting!

Wish List

What’s on our wish list? More volunteers!
With the expansion of many of our programs, we have a need for volunteers. Tasks include stocking shelves, unloading food trucks, assembling grocery bags for distribution, and general food pantry cleaning. No need to call first - arrive anytime Monday- Friday 12-5 (Thursdays 8:30-5) at 54 Eastern Ave., Malden. Hope to see you soon!
Standing in the Gap

Here's what a family that comes to our Everett Mobile Market had to say:
"Thank you for all that you do for each family... I have gone to pick up at Lafayette School and its people are extremely kind always. I can’t go every week because I have to go with my 3 year old girl and the weather is very cold every time! But I am very grateful. God bless you. You’re amazing people! I’m so grateful!"

“Bread of Life’s Backpack Nutrition Program sponsored by The Foundation Trust”

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