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Reflections from our Director

We have moved to our temporary locations!  In anticipation of the start of our Under One Roof building project before the year ends, Bread of Life finished moving all our operations out of 54 Eastern Avenue as of June 30th. We can't give enough thanks to our volunteers, board members and staff for all the back-breaking work they did moving tons of food, equipment, office furniture, etc. to the new spaces, recycling, donation centers and trash. While the heat wave bore down on the city, they were still getting it done!

Our temporary Food Pantry & Warehouse is located at 109 Madison Street in Malden. Our office and mailing address is 214 Commercial Street, Suite 209, in Malden. We have had four food distributions at Madison Street and the pantry operation is going smoothly. The number of those needing food has returned to pre-COVID levels, about 100 families per distribution. At the height of COVID we served over 350 families per distribution. We hope this is an indication that people are returning to work as businesses and services have either re-opened or are getting more customers and clients. However, some of the lower attendance is certainly due to confusion over whether we are open, where we are located and how to get there. Please spread the word.
Some people have asked me if we’re still raising funds for our Under One Roof building project. The answer is yes. We raised enough to start our construction project, but we are still raising funds for equipment for the superette food distribution area, warehouse and dining hall, and to lower the amount of money we will need to spend on financing the project with a $1 million loan. We thank you for any help you can give.

Looking at the line of people waiting for the pantry to open, and the volunteers busily gathering wholesome foods to distribute, I’m struck by the goodwill of people in our community. Some of the families coming to pick up food have lived in our area for generations. Others have come more recently – many from China, Vietnam, Haiti, Brazil, El Salvador, Colombia, Morocco...and the list goes on. Volunteers, often with origins in the same nations, gather armfuls of fresh vegetables & fruits, artisanal breads, butter, yogurt, eggs, cuts of meats, bags of rice and beans, dried fruit & nuts, to give into the arms of neighbors. This is the way it should be: sharing what we have so that everyone has a share, and creating a place where each person is needed, valued, heard and seen. Thank you for being part of this abundant sharing.

God bless you,

Gabriella

Enter for a Chance to Win!

Click here to visit our website and enter your email address for complimentary entry into the drawing

Want more chances to win the drawing?
For each $10 donation to The Bread of Life you will receive an additional entry in the drawing.
Winner will be drawn September 1st. Winner will pick up treats each month from each location.

Community News

MA Elks Association
A big thank you to MA Elks Association for a generous donation of $2,500 to Bread of Life Programs!

Malden and Melrose Garden Community
A shout out goes out to the Malden and Melrose Garden Community for their generous donation of bok choy.

Stop and Shop
We are so appreciative to have the support of Stop & Shop in Malden. Thank you for the food items for Bread of Life’s food pantry.

Mixx 360
A big thank to Anthony DeCostis of Mixx 360 who donated food for 150 servings at our evening meal service. And thank you Ward 8 Councillor Jadeane Sica Malden and dedicated Bread of Life volunteer Linda Cochran for your help packing up meals.

Covid-19 Youth Commission
Thank you to the Covid-19 Youth Commission for joining us at our 109 Madison Street food pantry distribution center and helping to set up our new space.

The Food Drive & Farm Direct Coop.
A shout out to The Food Drive and Farm Direct Coop. We are thankful for the delicious vegetables and grateful for your partnership.
Volunteers
Thanks to volunteers from near and far we made lots of progress moving to Bread of Life’s temporary warehouse. Three truck loads of food, shelving, fridges and freezers were brought to 109 Madison St. by volunteers including students from Mystic Valley Regional Charter School and a group all the way from Temple Baptist Church in Ruston, Louisiana!

Also a big shout out to our friends from Hebrew College who worked hard to set up items for our Grocery Delivery Program. We appreciate your time!

Save the Date

Bread of Life Walk is back!
Sunday, October 3rd, 12pm
Bread of Life Walk at Pine Banks Park in Memory of Beatrice Flammia
Stay tuned for registration and sponsorship information

Standing in the Gap
"Thank you for all that you do for each family. I live in Everett. Your work is wonderful and admirable. I have gone to pick up groceries at Lafayette School and your 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!"

Volunteer Opportunities

There are plenty of volunteer opportunities available at Bread of Life. If you want to get involved and make a difference please Visit our Website or stop by our temporary pantry located at 109 Madison St. Malden, MA

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