Reflections from our Director

We are entering the "season of light." For centuries, people who live in the northern hemisphere distant from the tropics have tried to bring as much light as they can into the darkness of winter. We light candles, build bonfires, stoke fireplaces, set off fireworks. It's fitting that as we try to push back the darkness of the physical world, we also take this time to push back the darkness of the spiritual world. Life can be very hard sometimes, and harder for some than for others. We see those who have no home wandering in the park or sleeping against a building. We see those who have threadbare coats and no gloves shivering in the cold. We see those who lack food pondering in the supermarket over whether they should buy the cut of meat or the fresh vegetables for their family since they can't afford both. At Bread of Life, we push back against the darkness year-round. Our community of volunteers and donors have hearts and minds that are softened toward those who are suffering, and hands and feet ready to act. They are the power behind our food pantries, Everett Mobile Market, Everett Backpack Nutrition Project, Grocery Delivery Program, Evening Meals, Motel Outreach and our clothing, toiletry and blanket distribution. They are those who bring light into the darkness for those who are low-income, hungry and homeless. As the writer of Psalm 112 said "Even in darkness, light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous. Good will come to
those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever. They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD...They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever." (vs.4-7,9)

We heard many grateful comments after our annual Thanksgiving Day dinner at Malden High School at which we delivered 702 meals to senior citizens and served another 200 meals at the congregate dinner. These praises belong to all our volunteers and donors:
"The turkey, potatoes, stuffing, bread are very delicious and the desserts are yummy!"
"All the volunteers are so kind and helpful"
"Thank you, we appreciate all your works"
"You provided such a nice place and environment for us to meet our friends and to share their happiness."
"This is a very good way to educate children to care more about our community."
"The Thanksgiving cards from elementary school kids are very beautiful."
"This card from a child means more to me than even receiving the meal!"

Thank you to all of you out there, each and every one, for giving your funds, food, time and talents to bring the light of love to those who need it most, year-round and at the holidays. May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope; the spirit of Christmas which is peace; the heart of Christmas which is love." (Ada V. Hendricks)

God bless you,
Gabriella

**Christmas Dinner**

Our annual Christmas Day dinner will be held Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021 at the Malden High School cafeteria (enter from Ferry St) from 12-2pm, coordinated by Drs. Jon & Ed Weiner with volunteers from Project Ezra and the Jewish community. Don't be alone on the holiday! Join us for a free sit-down dinner of roast beef and fixings, and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors. [Click here to learn more](#)

**Raffle and Event on December 15th**

To commemorate the anniversary date of the first murder during a bank robbery in American history, novelist Michael Cloherty is offering the first signed hardcover of his novel,
Abel Bodied as a fundraiser for Bread of Life. Suggested
donation is $10.

On Wednesday, December 15th, Hugh O’Neill’s (site of an
important part of the book!) and Michael are hosting a
reception at 6pm. City of Malden (Official) Mayor
Christenson will introduce Michael who will read a chapter
from Abel Bodied. Michael will also be signing additional
hardcover copies for purchase of his book.

In recognition of Dec. 15th, 1863, Hugh O’Neills will offer a dinner option for
$18.63.

Be sure to join us on December 15th!

To enter drawing for first hardcover copy, enter here. Drawing to be held at
reception (do not have to be present to win).

https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx...

Community News

A message from Bread of Life Board President,
Sean Twomey:
"Dear Friends of Jerry and the Bread of Life,

The 3rd Annual Jerry Twomey Pool Tournament to benefit
the Bread of Life was held on November 20, 2021 and was a
great success. Due to the raffle prizes, participants donations
and general donations, we raised $2961 for the Bread of Life!
I was absolutely blown away by the generosity of our club members. This is
exactly $350 more than last year and I will be matching this to give us a total
$5922. Because the Bread of Life is so efficient with a tiny staff and over 500
volunteers, this will provide well over 20,000 meals to people who wouldn’t eat
without YOUR generosity”

A and A Window Products
Thanks to A&A Window Products, Inc. in #Malden for their
continuing support of Bread of Life’s emergency food
assistance programs with their annual food drive

Green Street Baptist Church
Wonderful news! Susan Hamilton presented a
check for $10,005 from Green Street Baptist
Church, Melrose MA to benefit Bread of Life’s
Under One Roof campaign. Though the church is
small, they have a BIG heart and worked hard to
raise this wonderful donation. Thank you for your continued support!