Reflections from our Director

Come and dine!

Isn't it nice to be invited to a holiday dinner with family or friends? We look forward to being included, belonging, sharing in bountiful food and conversation, building relationships, making memories. In the early days of Bread of Life in the 1980s, we used to start the evening meal by singing this song: *Come and dine!
The Master calls us, come and dine! We can feast at Jesus' table all the time. He who fed the multitude, turned the water into wine, to the hungry is calling now, come and dine!* Bread of Life for the past 40 years has welcomed, included and shared food and ourselves with those who hunger physically, emotionally and spiritually. The prophet Isaiah in ancient times put it this way: "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare." (Isaiah 55:1,2.) Come as you are. You don't need money. You don't need to change. We invite you to come package food, assemble backpacks, deliver groceries, make a meal...come and dine.

God bless you,
Gabriella

Gabriella Snyder Stelmack
Executive Director
Bread of Life is pushing forward to build our new Under One Roof central multi-use facility to feed more families more efficiently in a safe, welcoming, state-of-the-art building. Families will be able to eat meals prepared in a commercial kitchen and served in an attractive dining/multi-use hall; they will be able to access a food pantry distribution center where patrons can "shop;" and our team of staff and volunteers will have a modern warehouse equipped with cold storage and lift where we can package groceries for deliveries to vulnerable and at-risk senior residents. We are raising funds from our friends and supporters in the community and working with the City of Malden to secure the remaining funds needed of less than $1 million. Our goal is to acquire the funds over the next two months so we can start construction this summer. With your help, we will cross the finish line. Any amount is greatly appreciated, and your generosity will enable Bread of Life to feed more families and children in the years ahead. [Click here to donate.]

Please note that our mailing address is 214 Commercial St., Suite 209, Malden, MA 02148 (not 54 Eastern Ave.)

Community News

Giggles Comedy Club
Are you looking forward to making plans in the spring? We’ve got just the event for YOU! Join us at Comedy Night to Benefit Bread of Life on Thursday, May 5th at Giggles Comedy Club, featuring Robbie Printz, Frank Santorelli and Mark Riley Comedy. Tickets $30 pp -includes show and pizza. Join us for a night of pizza, comedy, raffles and fun! Reserve your spot by [clicking here], tickets must be purchased in advance. We look forward to seeing you there!

Stop & Shop reusable bag benefits Bread of Life
We value our partnership with Stop & Shop and customers - always great supporters of Bread of Life. For the month of April, Bread of Life will receive a $1 donation from each purchase of the $2.50 reusable Community Bag at the Stop & Shop stores located at 99 Charles Street, Malden AND 1690 Revere Beach Parkway, Everett. Two stores! Thank you!

On-the-go nutrition for Everett students
Lots of great snacks for Bread of Life’s Backpack Nutrition Program! Thank you Hinge Fitness and Melrose Kind!

**Bloomin’ 4 Good Bouquets @ Stop & Shop**

Let’s fight hunger with every bouquet sold! For the month of April, each time a shopper purchases a $10.99 Bloomin’ 4 Good Bouquet with the red circle sticker at Stop & Shop 99 Charles St., Malden, Bread of Life will receive a $1 donation. Make someone’s day (and your day!) by buying flowers and supporting Bread for Life!

**Cambridge Savings Bank**

Thank you Cambridge Savings Bank for your commitment to our community and for your support of Bread of Life! A $20,000 Food Assistance Grant for our programs - we are very grateful. #communitypartner

In photo:
Gabriella Snyder Stelmack, Bread of Life
Louis Soares, Cambridge Savings Bank

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Volunteers needed Thursdays between 8:30 am and 12 pm at our pantry, 109 Madison Street, Malden, to help pack groceries for the Everett Mobile Market. Call Charlene at 781-824-0564, or come to 109 Madison Street, Malden.

Volunteers needed Thursdays from 3-5 pm to distribute groceries at the Lafayette School, 117 Edith Street, Everett. Call Charlene at 781-824-0564, or come to the Lafayette School.

There are plenty of other 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 pantry at 109 Madison St. Malden, MA.

*Food for the Body...Nurture for the Soul*

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