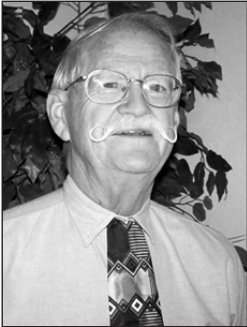


# LOAVES and FISHES

**Enfield Loaves and Fishes, Inc.**  
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Year 2011 has been a tremendous year of changes for Enfield Loaves and Fishes, due largely to the uncertainties of the still weakened US economy. We served 42,792 meals, of which 16,641 were to children. Surprisingly, this reflects about 40% of the total meals for the year being served to children. Another 32,666 snacks were prepared for the Educational Resources for Children (ERfC), an after school program. In addition, we gave out the equivalent of 9,566 meals

for emergency home consumption. What the numbers do not reflect is how many items such as bread, pastries, drinks, fresh vegetables and fruits that were made available for our guests to take home with them over the year.

Numbers are only part of the story: Our mission is to “ease the hunger of the homeless, unemployed and the working poor in the area”. With the support of Enfield and surrounding communities, the nutritious meals served each day have become a haven for those with so little. Sometimes it is a blessing just to feel warm, safe, and cared for in today’s economic climate.

It has been said that many hands make light work, and we’ve been blessed to have a lot of helping hands. Our dedicated volunteers have made a huge difference in the lives of so many. We are honored that many private individuals, businesses, schools, churches, and civic organizations have collaborated to improve “this old church” in which Enfield Loaves and Fishes now functions. Painting rooms and adding new windows and doors has improved the appearance of the property, and installing more efficient fluorescent lighting will help reduce expenditures. Replacement of ancient, worn out equipment also increases our ability to continue our quality service.

Storm Alfred devastated Connecticut. Wet snow snapped trees and power lines. First streets, then entire towns went dark. Trees cracking in total darkness - enough to shake anyone’s inner strength. Neither vehicle nor home was safe. First light revealed massive destruction. After long, cold, sleepless nights, we made fresh coffee, breakfast, and meals every day. Guests, neighbors, volunteers, and friends joined together, making this a stronger community.

So what about the future? We must sustain and improve the means to renovate the facility to suit our present and future needs. We are growing and struggling to tackle the mountains of work involved in maintaining and running an operation of this significance and magnitude.

This annual report is a snapshot of who we are, what we do, and where we are going. It is also a plea and gentle reminder of how your donations can help to ensure the ongoing survival of the Soup Kitchen, in order to provide the basic essentials necessary to feed the hungry and needy.

*Murray Brayson*

Murray Brayson, President  
Enfield Loaves and Fishes

# 2011 ANNUAL REPORT OF CARING

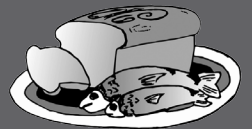


## DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS



## MISSION STATEMENT

**Loaves and Fishes is committed to providing meals and fellowship to the poor, hungry, and disenfranchised within our community.**



## FIGHTING HUNGER





## RON GREGORY TRIBUTE

Enfield Loaves and Fishes wishes to pay tribute to Ron Gregory for his dedication and volunteer service for twenty-five years. Our appreciation is endless. Ron's culinary background and desire to serve those in need made him a natural in volunteering at the Soup Kitchen. He has been in food service for over fifty years, been a restaurant manager, chef in a convalescent home, the University of Hartford and Combustion Engineering. Long ago at Loaves and Fishes, Ron not only cooked, he assisted in coordinating volunteers and planning meals.

Through the years, Ron has "worn many hats". He's cooked and served, overseen maintenance and upkeep of St. Andrew's, and made deliveries to the Food Shelf, Enfield Terrace, and the Enfield Senior Center. He networked with the Springfield Rescue Mission and Emergency Shelter after Hurricane Irene and Storm Alfred, when we had an abundance of baked goods to share. Ron served on various boards including the

Emergency Loan Fund, Enfield Council of Christian Churches, Educational Resources for Children, and Operation Fuel. He also has thirty years in volunteer Fire Service.

Church ministries have been a great part of Ron's life, serving as Secretary, Treasurer, Junior and Senior Warden, and Sexton at St. Andrew's. Previously Ron was Liturgical Assistant for the State of Connecticut, and is a licensed Lay Minister. While four Episcopal Churches were planning to merge into one, now Holy Trinity, the home of Enfield Loaves and Fishes was in jeopardy. Ron was instrumental as liaison between St. Andrew's and Loaves and Fishes to secure the location for the Soup Kitchen. With Ron's marvelous voice, where else would you expect him but in the choir loft? When Ron does have a free moment, he enjoys singing with the Barbershop Harmony Society, going fishing, and is an avid bowler. He would be thrilled to show you his trophies - just ask him! Being semi-retired, Ron still devotes about thirty-five hours a week to causes 'dear to his heart'. We are thankful and appreciative of his commitment to Enfield Loaves and Fishes in service to his brothers and sisters in need. Ron says, "My main focus in life is helping people," and that surely he has done. Ron's name may never be 'up in lights', but in the eyes of those he has served, "He will always shine"

## ENFIELD LOAVES AND FISHES EXECUTIVE BOARD 2011



- Mr. Murray Brayson – President
- Mrs. Priscilla Brayson – Director
- Mrs. Emily Leary – Acting Treasurer
- Mrs. Heidi Thibodeau – Co-Secretary
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### JOHN JANAS'S STORY

John Janas has been coming to Enfield Loaves and Fishes for over five years. He is an engineer that has worked for world class companies, innovative leaders in manufacturing high tech products. He is on long term permanent disability resulting from Multiple Sclerosis and the disease's devastating symptoms. He said, "Soon after being diagnosed with MS, my world stopped - in the blink of an eye. Suddenly, I found myself without a steady income, as well as the comfort and security of a good job. Compounding

these hardships, my marriage crumbled shortly thereafter. What can I do? Who could I turn to? I felt as if I lost my entire family. I keep thinking of how fortunate I must have been to meet a priest who spoke one word - 'Hi'. It seemed as if he must have sensed my pain. I am so grateful the man was there. I was able to discuss and validate some of my anger, hurt, and feelings of failure. The sense of loss is incredible - the lack of purpose, of value to society, and being a part of something".

"I wrote a letter to the MS Society, which they published as written. They added my picture and a paragraph, asking for donations. United Way asked me to do presentations as well. Amazingly, donations increased dramatically. It is such a wonderful thing to help someone. It adds immeasurable self-esteem and value to my life.

Now I enjoy my hobbies and outdoor work within my physical limitations. After spraining my ankle this summer, I found it difficult to do these things, which makes me feel depressed. Hands-on work helps me to feel more connected, useful, and self-sufficient. I have to do many of my own repairs for financial reasons to save money, for I am in fear of losing my home. Some repairs I can't physically do myself, which is another source of frustration.

I go to Loaves and Fishes because I am in financial crisis due to my low disability income. It is so difficult to make ends meet - just barely keeping my head above water. There are days when my body feels so fatigued due to MS, especially during the warmer weather. Coming to EL&F helps me in so many ways. There are hot, nutritious meals, fresh fruits, donations of clothing that fit me, household items, and even books. I count my blessings daily. Priscilla, the Director, always has a smile on her face, and finds the time to say 'hello' to me. Every day you can find laughter and friendship in the air: simple things that make the quality of life better. You have no idea how much this place means to me!

Life has been a great teacher to me, providing both lessons on relating with people, especially those undergoing hardships; and showing me the value of each breath I take, of each person I encounter, every minute of the day. I have an 'Attitude of Gratitude', and have learned to 'Walk Between The Raindrops'. I don't have everything I want, but I do have everything I need. When asked how I'm doing, I respond, 'Not bad for a guy my age.'

## HIGHLIGHTS

WE ARE A MEMBER OF THE ENFIELD WOMEN'S CLUB, ENFIELD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND THE ENFIELD COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES.

\*WE PERIODICALLY UPDATE OUR WEBSITE: WWW.ENFIELDLOAVESANDFISHES.COM

\* ENFIELD LOAVES AND FISHES COLLABORATED WITH ERFC (EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN) BY PROVIDING 32,666 SNACKS AND MINI-MEALS FOR (5) SCHOOLS HOUSED AT (3) LOCATIONS.

\* SHOPRITE SUPERMARKET HOSTED A FOOD DRIVE FOR LOAVES AND FISHES. THROUGH THE EFFORT OF ALMOST 40 VOLUNTEERS, ENOUGH FOOD AND DONATIONS WERE COLLECTED TO SUPPLY THE SOUP KITCHEN FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

\* THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SIT-DOWN DINNERS WERE HELD AT LOAVES AND FISHES, AND EACH GUEST WAS SERVED BY A WAITER/WAITRESS. SANTA WAS ON HAND TO PASS OUT PRESENTS FOR CHRISTMAS TO THE CHILDREN. EVERYONE RECEIVED GIFTS.

\* GAME DINNER (FUND RAISER)  
\* RILEY DANCE STUDIO (FUND RAISER)  
\* FLU SHOTS WERE GIVEN BY HOME & COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE

\* ENFIELD LOAVES AND FISHES BENEFITED FROM A GOLF TOURNAMENT SPONSORED BY MAINE FISH MARKET & RESTAURANT OF EAST WINDSOR.



# SPECIAL THANK YOU - 2011 ORGANIZATIONAL CONTRIBUTORS

## BANKS-CREDIT UNIONS:

American Eagle Federal Credit Union  
Bank of America  
Enfield Community Federal Credit Union  
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First Pioneer Farm Credit A.C.A.  
New Alliance Bank  
New England Bank  
Rockville Savings Bank  
Saving Institute Bank & Trust  
Sovereign Bank  
Sun Life Financial  
Tobacco Valley Teachers Federal Credit Union  
US Trust Bank of America  
Webster Bank N. A. - Waterbury

## BUSINESSES:

Action Pest Control  
Acme Auto Leasing, LLC  
Ahoj Water Treatment  
Allied Rehab / Enfield Star  
Alstom Power Inc. / Windsor  
Amber Food sales  
Around Town Singers  
Bauer Advertising, LLC  
Beaver Tree Service, LLC  
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The Paradies Shops  
The Martin Brower Company, LLC  
Thompsonville Community Garden  
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Visiting Nurse Health Service of CT  
U.STORE.IT  
United Technologies  
Walgreen Distribution Center  
Wal-Mart  
Weed Man - Chicopee  
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William Laboratories Inc.  
Windsor Locks Social Services  
Word Com Inc.  
Woodcock Refrigeration Co., Inc  
XL Center - Hartford  
Yankee Marketers  
Yard House

## CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS:

All Saints Church Holy Name Society / Faith Formation - Somersville  
Amazing Grace Church - Enfield  
Archdiocese of Hartford  
Calvary Presbyterian Church - Jr. & Sr.  
High Youth Group, Enfield  
Community of Christ Church - E. Windsor  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Church World Service, Inc.  
Congregational Church  
Golden Saints - Windsor Locks  
Congregational Church - Somersville  
Congregational Church Mission - W. Suffield  
Dominican Laity / Mother of God Chapter  
3rd Order  
Enfield Congregational Church  
Ecumenical Christian Council of Churches  
Enfield CT.  
Felician Sisters  
First Church of Suffield  
First Church of Christ Congregational Women's Fellowship  
Holy Family Church / St. Vincent de Paul  
Holy Trinity Church  
Life Church / Granby  
Ministries of Love and Hope - Enfield  
New Life Community Church - Enfield  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Aux.  
Our Savior Lutheran Church - S.Windsor  
Sacred Heart Church - Suffield  
Sisters of Notre Dame de Nomur  
St. Adalbert Church - Enfield  
St. Bernard Church / St. Vincent de Paul  
St. Catherine Church - Broad Brook  
Saint Joseph Residence and Residents - Enfield  
St. Martha Church Prayer Group - Enfield  
St. Mary Church  
Small Christian Comm - Windsor Locks  
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox - Enfield  
St. Patrick's Church / 8th Grade CCD - Enfield  
Second Baptist Church - Suffield  
St. Philip Church  
Secular Franciscan Order  
St. Joseph Fraternity  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
Simsbury  
Somers Congregational Church UCC  
Suffield Congregational Church  
The First Church in Windsor  
United Methodist Church - Enfield  
United Methodist Church - Hazardville  
West Suffield Congregational Church

## SCHOOLS:

Alcorn School  
Asnuntuck Community College  
E.R.f.C - Educational Resources for Children - Enfield  
Enfield High School Students Faculty / Clubs  
Enfield Montessori School  
Enfield Public Schools  
Enrico Fermi High School  
Faculty / Clubs / Societies  
JFK Middle School / Community Service Club / Students and Faculty  
Lincoln Culinary Institute - Suffield  
The Loomis Chaffee School  
Mabelle B. Avery Middle School SAVE Club  
Students and Faculty - Somers  
Montser' School  
Parkman School  
Prudence Crandall School  
Public Safety Academy  
Spaulding School - Suffield  
St. Adalbert School - Enfield  
St. Bernard School, West - Enfield  
St. Martha Roman Catholic School / Parish - Enfield  
Suffield Regional Agriscience Center  
Suffield Middle Schools  
The Enfield Montessori School  
Windsor Locks High School

## CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS:

AARP Enfield Chapter 3062  
AARP, North Central Chapter 1209  
Courtney for Congress  
Cub Scout Pack 391  
Enfield Democratic Town Committee  
Enfield Junior Women's Club  
Enfield Rotary Club / Community Garden  
Foodshare, Inc.,  
A Partner of America's 2nd Harvest  
Girl Scout Troop 10348 - Enfield  
Girl Scout Troop 10758 - Enfield  
Scout Troop 819 - Enfield  
Somers Women's Club  
American Legion Riders Post 154  
Cybulski Correctional Inst.  
VFW Post 10219  
Hazardville Station VFW

MacDougall Walker Correctional Inst.  
Pat's Angels  
Outlaws M/C - Enfield Charter  
North Central CT Chamber of Commerce  
North Thompsonville Fire Dept.  
Somers Rotary Club  
Somers Supper Club  
Somers Women's Club  
Somers Vol. Fire Dept.  
Suffield Emergency Aid  
Suffield Vol Firemen's Assoc.  
Suffield Rotary Club  
Taste of Enfield / Town of Enfield  
Thompsonville Fire Dept  
Thompsonville Little League  
United Way of Capital Area, Inc. - Hftd  
Voices For Thompsonville  
Windsor Locks Fire Dept.  
Woman's Club of Enfield

## FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Alpha Delta Kappa of Springfield, MA  
Alpha Delta Kappa of Enfield  
American Legion Post 17  
American Legion Post 154  
American Legion Rider Post 15  
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Disabled American Veterans Chapter 52  
Enfield Elks Club BPOE 2222  
Enfield Lions Club Inc.  
Knights of Columbus / Enfield  
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Knights of Columbus - Suffield  
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NWTf N. Central CT Chapter  
Suffield Firemen's Assoc  
American Legion Post 80  
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• WE CAN NOT EXIST WITHOUT YOUR HELP! THANK YOU! •



**Thank you to all the Volunteers & Contributors**



**“HUNGER HAS NO SEASON”**

**WHO ARE WE?**

Loaves and Fishes is a nonprofit, volunteer program incorporated in 1982. Our purpose is to feed and aid the disenfranchised.

**WHERE ARE WE?**

We are located in Hargrave Hall at the Olde St. Andrew's Church, 28 Prospect St.

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**FACTS**

The number of Guests served has increased dramatically from 15,625 meals in 1992 to **42,792** meals in 2011. Of the thousand of meals served, **16,641** meals, or about **40%** were to children. In addition another **32,666** snacks were prepared for children in ERIC (Educational Resources for Children) after school programs encompassing five schools. Another **9,566** meals were provided for home consumption in emergency situations.

We are staffed almost exclusively by volunteers from the community and operate under the guidance of a Director and a volunteer Board of Directors.

Dinners are served Sunday through Friday from 4-5 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 - 12:30 p.m., with various churches and organizations providing the meals and volunteers on Saturdays and Sundays.



**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**



**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

**Enfield Loaves and Fishes** is solely dependent upon donations and volunteer help from individuals, churches, organizations, corporations and local businesses in North Central Connecticut throughout the year.

The soup kitchen **does not** receive monetary support from local, state or federal governments.

There is a constant need for volunteers and donations since **“Hunger Has No Season.”** Monetary donations support food purchases, rent, insurance, supplies, equipment purchases, and maintenance.

**Volunteers are needed** to help with the transportation of food and supplies, stocking, food preparation, serving, and cleanup.