

LOAVES and FISHES

Enfield Loaves and Fishes, Inc.

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Enfield Loaves and Fishes offers hot, well balanced, nutritious meals, including fresh fruits, vegetables, and dairy products. This is extremely important to help maintain good health, since many of our Guests have only one meal a day. Enfield Loaves and Fishes was honored to serve 74,243 meals this year, of which 46%, were for children. Food for 14,343 meals for home consumption was provided to assist families in emergency situations, including Fire Victims this winter. In a nation so alive with opportunity,

prosperity, and wealth, the statistics seem incredible. 54,388 snacks were prepared for children in Educational Resources for Children (After School) programs at eight schools housed at five locations.

Although the news media states the economy is steadily improving, we see another side to this issue. The number of Guests seeking our services continues to increase. In the surrounding areas we see the economy continues to be plagued with high unemployment. As a result, increasing numbers of people are losing their savings, homes, and retirement accounts. Stagnant investments result in fewer jobs created, and employers are afraid to invest mediocre earnings on expansion. People suffering severe financial losses find eating at the Soup Kitchen is the one security they can count on. Many full time jobs have become part time. Laid-off workers became discouraged, and quit searching for work. College graduates were having difficulty finding employment, with many applicants being told they were overqualified for each position they were seeking. Guests can use the Soup Kitchen to save for rent, heat, lights, medicine, and clothing for the children, health insurance, and to supplement money they receive just to survive. Anyone is welcome to hot meals, seven days a week; and to find resources regarding job opportunities, social services, rents, household appliances, furnishings, heating and medical assistance. We heartily thank friends, schools, churches, organizations and businesses that generously partner with the Soup Kitchen to ensure "no one goes hungry."

Christmas for all ages was celebrated on 12/22/14. Festive lights and Christmas decorations were artistically placed by students and youth groups from Enfield and as far away as Somers. Some also assisted the adults with food preparation. Students served the Christmas Dinner participating as waiters and waitresses. One volunteer played the keyboard and led the guests in singing carols. Following dinner, other Student Elves and adults helped distribute gifts to over 364 Guests, while Santa gave presents to over 250 children. Arrangements were also made to have few families adopted by the community to provide Christmas gifts to the entire family.

The support of volunteers and the communities at large is tremendous. Our Volunteers graciously donate their time, talent, and love creating colorful, nutritious and delicious meals. Without their kindness and generosity, this valuable mission to end hunger could not be sustained. Guests offer genuine thanks, and often "pitch in" without being asked.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our Volunteers, and all our Guests, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who share in this worthwhile effort. May your kindness and generosity be multiplied many fold and returned to you.

Priscilla Brayson
Priscilla Brayson, Director
Enfield Loaves and Fishes, Inc.

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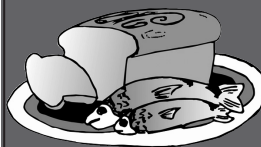
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DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS



MISSION STATEMENT



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



FIGHTING HUNGER





Becoming Independent

In April of 2014, Debbie Marotta began volunteering at Loaves and Fishes. Originally, volunteering was an opportunity for Debbie to get out of the house she shared with her father and sister. At the time, she was on disability and was looking for a place where she could make good use of her time.

Debbie had no idea that this decision would be a life changing one. At the Soup Kitchen, she discovered a wonderful community that was supportive not only of its' guests, but of her too. "The best part of working here is

the people." said Debbie.

Priscilla Brayson, the director of Loaves and Fishes, became a mentor to her in several ways. First, by connecting Debbie with the Enfield Housing Authority that administers Section 8 and public housing programs. After a few months on a waiting list, Debbie was able to secure housing for herself in Enfield. "Moving out on my own gave me a sense of being independent." Debbie explained.

Secondly, Priscilla directed Debbie to the Easter Seals organization. Easter Seals provides pre-vocational development, work adjustment training, job placement, supported

employment and production facilities for individuals with disabilities. Through Easter Seals, Debbie received computer training and lessons on creating a resume. She also became involved in a training program at Loaves and Fishes where she's learned food preparation, kitchen regulations and guest relations. "It's been a real learning experience." Debbie described.

Debbie enjoys observing Priscilla interact with guests at the Soup Kitchen and guiding them to much needed social services. "Priscilla doesn't show favoritism and she's very compassionate." said Debbie. One example given was when Priscilla heard about a woman with two children who needed help and a place to stay. By the time the woman came into the Soup Kitchen, Priscilla had already collected boxes with toiletries and other items for the family. She also directed the woman toward a place for her family to stay.

Debbie herself has three adult children: a daughter and son who live in Connecticut and another son who lives in California. Her daughter, whom she describes as her best friend, is a Medical Assistant and her two sons are a Police Officer and a Chef. Debbie continues to check the job postings at the CT Works Center in Enfield. With her new computer and guest relations skills, she's hoping to find a part-time receptionist position in the near future. She's very grateful for the opportunities that Loaves and Fishes has opened up for her.

By: Janice Morton

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A Conversation with Francis Cook ★ A Volunteer in So Many Ways



- Q:** Francis, how long have you been volunteering at Loaves and Fishes?
A: 19 1/2 years, but I started when I was 10. (Laughs, always the joker.)
- Q:** But Francis, I thought you were 88 years young.
A: No, I'm 89 and will turn 90 this year in September.
- Q:** You're a Windsor Locks boy, what made you come to Enfield's Soup Kitchen?
A: I saw a notice in St. Mary's Church bulletin. That's all it took.

- Q:** I know you're a busy man, what keeps you going when you're not washing Dishes at Loaves and Fishes?
A: I deliver Meals on Wheels - for the past 40 years or so. I've been singing at nursing homes, but not as often as I used to. I've taught CCD classes and I read to children at the North Street School in grades K-2. Sometimes I work one on one, if a child needs help. There was this one boy who asked me how old I was. I told him 80 and he said "you're almost dead!" (Laughs).

- Q:** Tell us about your home life, you're a husband of 58 years.
A: I'm a father of 4 and a grandfather of 4. I was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Windsor Locks as a young man and worked at Pratt (& Whitney).
- Q:** Tell us about the nick name your Wednesday group gave you?
A: "Fantastic Francis".
- Q:** And your buddy and close co-worker, also from Pennsylvania is ____ ?
A: Tom Terrific! What a duo!
- Q:** Every Wednesday for the past 20 years you've come to Loaves and Fishes where we find you in the sink washing dishes, scrubbing pots and pans. Why do you keep coming back?
A: To help so many people who need this, and grateful for what I have.
- Q:** Francis, one last question. What is something most people don't know about you.
A: Oh, nothing. I'm an open book!

Francis always has a gentle peaceful kindness about him and brings joy to the dinner setting, especially when he plays the keyboard and sings during each Christmas Celebration.
By: Marion Maruca

HIGHLIGHTS



Enfield Loaves and Fishes collaborated with ERfC (Educational Resources for Children) by providing 54,388 snacks and mini-meals for (8) schools housed at (5) locations.

We are a member of the Enfield Chamber of Commerce, and the Enfield Council of Christian Churches.

◆ We periodically update our website: www.enfieldloavesandfishes.com

- ◆ ShopRite and Stop & Shop hosted food drives for Enfield Loaves and Fishes. Through the effort of almost 80 volunteers, enough food and donations were collected to supply the Soup Kitchen for several months.
- ◆ Beautification of building and grounds was completed by UTC Group Employees and National Guard "Days of Caring," and Suffield Academy.
- ◆ 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 gifts to everyone. The children especially enjoyed it.
- ◆ Free Flu Shots were Administered by the VNA.
- ◆ Enfield Loaves and Fishes benefited from a Golf Tournament sponsored by Maine Fish Market & Restaurant of East Windsor.
- ◆ A new steam Boiler was installed.
- ◆ A new stove and convection oven were donated by the Suffield Knights of Columbus.
- ◆ An Ansul system was funded by donations from many civic minded organizations.
- ◆ New Fire Alarm Panel
- ◆ Free Haircuts were given.
- ◆ Various fundraisers included a Fashion Show, Game Dinner, Zumba, Bikers Against Hunger, a Wine Tasting, and a Fisherman Breakfast.

SPECIAL THANK YOU - 2014 ORGANIZATIONAL CONTRIBUTORS

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Tobacco Valley Teachers Federal
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Woodcock Refrigeration Co., Inc.
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First Church of Christ Congregational, Suffield
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Holy Family Church Corp.
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St. Phillip Church
St. Patrick's Church
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Somers Congregational Church
Somersville Congregational Church
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United Methodist Hazardville
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SCHOOLS:

Asnuntuck Community College
ACC Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
CREC- PSA Community Service Club
ERIC Educational Resources for Children,
Enfield
Enrico Fermi High School, Faculty, Clubs,
Societies
Enfield High School Students, Faculty, Clubs
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Enfield Public School
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Happy Time Pre-School
JFK Middle School
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Porter and Chester
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Spaulding School, W. Suffield
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St. Martha School
St. Patricks School, 1st Communion Class
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Suffield Academy
Suffield Agri-Science FFA
Suffield Middle School
Windsor Locks High School

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Boy Scout Troop 819
Cub Scout Pack 108

Cub Scout Pack 391
Cub Scout Pack 201
CT Army National Guard
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South Windsor Teen Center
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Suffield Womens Club
Suffield Rotary Club
2 Mom's on a Mission
Thompsonville Fire Dept
Town of Enfield
Women's Club of Enfield

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Enfield Rotary Club
Enfield Women's Club
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Knights of Columbus, Council 14600
Knights of Columbus, Suffield
Knights of Columbus, Council 26, W. Locks
Laureate Tau
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South Windsor Teen Center
Somers Woman's Club
Suffield Woman's Club
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Meyer Family (Living Trust)
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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., Enfield, CT



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FACTS

We have gone from serving **15,625** meals in **1992** to **74,243** meals in **2014**, while **54,388** snacks were prepared for children in Educational Resources for Children (ERfC). Of the thousands of meals served, more than **46 %** went to children both in the soup kitchen and ERfC after school programs. Food for **14,343** meals was provided for home consumption in emergency situations, including victims of house fires this winter.

We are staffed almost exclusively by volunteers from the community and operate under the guidance of a Director and a volunteer Board of Directors. For information, contact Priscilla at pbelf@aol.com.

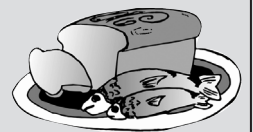
Dinners are served, free of charge, **Sunday** through **Friday** from **4-5 p.m.** and on **Saturday** from **11-12:30 p.m.** Various churches and organizations providing the meals and volunteers on Saturdays and Sundays.



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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 businesses in North Central Connecticut throughout the year.

The soup kitchen **does not** receive monetary support from 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 shelves, food preparation, cooking, serving, and cleanup.