

LOAVES and FISHES

Enfield Loaves and Fishes, Inc.
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Combating the uncertainties of a weakened US economy, we served 101,468 meals in 2015, including 64,544 snacks that were prepared for the Educational Resources for Children (ERfC), an after school program. We gave out 38,094 equivalent meals for emergency home consumption. These numbers do not include items such as bread, pastries, drinks, fresh vegetables and fruits that our guests can take home with them. The news media reports that the economy is improving steadily, and employment reached new levels exceeding that of last

year. At Enfield's Loaves and Fishes, we have recorded a substantial 36 % increase in meals served last year to those in need.

Our mission to "ease the hunger of the homeless, unemployed, the underemployed and working poor in the area" is a credit to the support of Enfield and surrounding communities. Wonderful, dedicated Volunteers offer to serve the hungry / needy, even on weekends and Holidays. Many have children at home, or elderly family members whom they care for, and still find time to share their love and compassion with our Guests. Volunteers become thrilled when they witness the difference they can make in someone's life, and soon become regulars at Loaves and Fishes. We have even had Volunteers walk to the Soup Kitchen in near blizzard conditions, even when parking bans were in effect – just to help serve a hot meal to a hungry soul. This is a precious gift that rests in the heart, and is impossible to place a value upon it. Hot, nutritious meals served each day have made the Soup Kitchen a haven for those with so little. It is a blessing and comforting just to feel warm, safe, and loved in today's environment.

We are grateful that many private individuals, businesses, schools, churches, and civic organizations have collaborated throughout the year to improve Enfield Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen. A special Thank You goes out to every Volunteer working behind the scenes, the ones you rarely see – those who gather in the food and stock the shelves, wash fruit and vegetables, prepare and cook the food, carve the meat, decorate the dining room, wash and dry dishes, clean tables and floors, etc. These tasks, although not as attractive as serving the meal, are certainly essential to the operation. Maintaining the property, appreciating our blessings, finding good old fashioned values in all people, and instilling neighborly relations are key in continuing this service to ever increasing numbers of needy people.

This report is only a glimpse of who we are and what we do. The Annual Report provides insight into how effective Loaves and Fishes is by feeding the hungry / needy among us, and serving the community. It is also a plea and gentle reminder of how your donations can help to ensure the ongoing survival of the Soup Kitchen.

Priscilla Brayson

Priscilla Brayson, Director
Enfield Loaves and Fishes, Inc.

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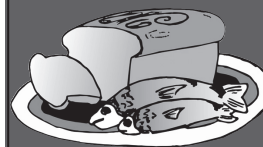
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DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS



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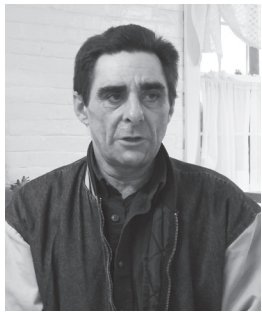


Loaves and Fishes is committed to providing meals and fellowship to the poor, hungry, and disenfranchised within our community.



FIGHTING HUNGER





Overcoming Adversity

Tommy grew up with 4 brothers in Westfield, Massachusetts. "My stepdad had extreme difficulty taking math tests, so my mom helped my stepdad pass tests for a promotion at work. Those were the days! We were a close family. Mom later divorced my Dad. He left her with nothing, only a State Allotment – there were no Soup Kitchens back then. My Mom struggled to raise us."

Tommy married Theresa, his best friend in the world, and they raised two children, whom he loved dearly. Two weeks before Christmas, she divorced him. "Theresa became ill in February. I had to declare bankruptcy in April, was now homeless, and cut off from the children. Our home was foreclosed in August, and within weeks Theresa passed away. Her son found she had died in bed.

My Aunt Betty lost both legs to diabetes. My Uncle, who was like a father to me passed away. Now,

there's no one left! I haven't seen my two kids in about 5 years! It all happened so quickly: I had a house, a family, a good job – all gone in an instant – everything!

I became Assistant Manager at Moe's, working 16 hour days. I would pass out as my health declined. I am now working at Chick-fil-A, where I purposely make customers feel at home. Perhaps that is my way of making up for all the sadness in my own life. I try to help people that I meet see the more beautiful side to life and recently gave a homeless woman some money to help her.

I first came to the Soup Kitchen on a Saturday, only to find that lunch was over. Before that, I was living on MREs, and weighed 128 pounds. I am so thankful that Murray answered the door. I was truly starving! My expression changed from sadness to joy when Murray offered me his two sandwiches and a soda or milk. You saved my life that day!

I haven't given up hope. I'm 53 now, and have been coming to the SK about a year. I have insurance and a cell phone, and I sleep in my truck when it's cold. I clean up at the gym every day, and have a sandwich or banana from the Soup Kitchen. Each day I am blessed to have meats, starches, fruits, vegetables, milk, and now weigh about 150 pounds. I thank God for You and Priscilla. You both are a God Send."

ENFIELD LOAVES AND FISHES EXECUTIVE BOARD 2015

Mr. Murray Brayson - President

Mrs. Priscilla Brayson - Director

Mrs. Emily Leary - Treasurer

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Mr. Tom Arnone - Board Member

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25 Year Tribute

We would like to congratulate Murray Brayson for 25 years of dedicated service to Enfield Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen. Priscilla started volunteering at the Soup Kitchen, and Murray decided to give her a little help. This developed from occasional volunteering to Vice-president, and then to President – still a Volunteer. Murray is the President of our Board, and the husband of Priscilla. They are celebrating their 52nd Anniversary this year.

Murray says "we're still on our honeymoon. We have (4) children and (9) grandchildren, with whom we love to spend vacations together. He worked for Pratt and Whitney and Hamilton (Standard) Sunstrand for 37 years in Aerospace Manufacturing and Engineering. Hobbies included building model aircraft, hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. Those days are gone!

Duties include organizing projects with Town Officials and service providers, tracking finances, maintenance, purchases, state and local regulations, utilities, security, insurance, and volunteer staffing. Other

duties include conducting Board Meetings, organizing upcoming projects and functions, authoring the Annual Report, writing grants, participate in meetings of various organizations, and being on call 24/7 for all emergencies.

Priscilla and Murray always try to give good, common sense advice regarding housing, heat and utility assistance, jobs, medical services, and counseling to Guests, when asked. Murray has been one of Santa's helpers for many years, following the Christmas Celebration Dinner, spreading cheer to our Guests and all the Children.

Murray not only thanks the Volunteers for their generous gift of time and love for their neighbors, but also their families, so that the hungry / needy may have a delicious meal. He says, "I hope that by showing love and respect, our Guests will pass it on to their families and friends. Please volunteer an hour. Make a difference in someone's life."

Priscilla says, "for 25 years we have been good partners, working as one. Murray's calmness, patience and support have been a blessing to me. He has truly shown his dedication for 25 years by his endless time given to feed, support, and love our sisters and brothers in need."

To Murray, a heartfelt Thank you and Blessing.

HIGHLIGHTS



Enfield Loaves and Fishes collaborated with ERFC (Educational Resources for Children) by providing 64,554 snacks and mini-meals for (8) schools at (5) locations, as well as meals for "Family Nights" and "Tonight in Thompsonville" venues.

- ◆ Members of Enfield Council of Christian Churches, collaborate with Wheeler Clinic, and are volunteers and on committees for the Warming Center.
- ◆ We periodically update our website: www.enfieldloavesandfishes.com, and are on Facebook.
- ◆ ShopRite and Stop & Shop hosted food drives for Loaves and Fishes, manned by about 80 Volunteers.
- ◆ Beautification of building and grounds was completed by United HealthCare and Mass Mutual Insurance as part of United Way "Days of Caring."

- ◆ Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Dinners were held at Loaves and Fishes, where each Guest was served by a waiter/waitress. Santa was on hand to pass out gifts to everyone, especially to over 200 Children.
- ◆ The exhaust system noise was reduced, lighting was enhanced in the kitchen, and a new Bay Marie was installed.
- ◆ A new fence was installed around the Church to reduce property damage, while improving safety for Guests and Volunteers.

- ◆ Hair stylists and Barbers gave haircuts on two occasions.
- ◆ Various Fundraisers include: Otter Creek Game Dinner, Bikers Against Hunger Motorcycle Run, Auction at Golden Gavel, Family Ford Car Nite, Rainy Day People "The Lightfoot & Croce Tribute," and a Fisherman's Breakfast.
- ◆ Parent Leadership Academy 2015 projects included providing gently used clothing, lawn and flower care, harvesting/delivering fresh fruit and vegetables, and donation of a lawn mower.

SPECIAL THANK YOU - 2015 ORGANIZATIONAL CONTRIBUTORS

BANKS/CREDIT UNIONS:

American Eagle Federal Credit Union
Bank of America, Employee Giving
Enfield Community Federal Credit Union
Farm Credit East
Kason Credit Corporation
Saving Institute Bank & Trust
Sun Life Financial
Tobacco Valley Teachers Fed. Credit Union
United Bank, Enfield
Wells Fargo Bank, OH
Westfield Bank

BUSINESSES:

Acapulco Restaurant
Action Pest Control
Added Attractions
Airways Golf Course
American Honda
Armata's Market
Arbella Insurance Co.
Artioli Dodge
Assoc. for Long Term Care / Rocky Hill
Austinbrook Sportmen Assoc.
A. Sterling Insurance Agency
Baco Pizza
Backyard Bar & Grill
Ballroom Fever
Bed, Bath and Beyond
Bielonko Farms
Big Y, Enfield
BJ Wholesale Club
Blackboard Cafe
Bob's Discount Furniture
Bombardier Aerospace / WL
Books To Dreams, Inc.
Bottle Shop
Bruno's Pizza
Browne's Memorial Chapels
Burlington Shoes
Camerota
CA Technologies
Carillo & Howland, Inc.
Carl's Appliance Service
Camino Real Kitchens
Constitution Cable Products, Inc.
Cheng Gardens
Chipotle Restaurant & Grill
Chicago Sam's
Chick-fil-A
Clarion Inn & Suites
Club Fitness
Comfort Inn
Common Ground Rotary Garden - Enfield
Community Hartford SNET
Constitution Cable Products, Inc.
Cornerstone Realty
Coronna's Package Store
Coronna's Market
Costco
Cross Road / Food Share
D'Angelo's
Dance Art Project
Dairi-Delight
Danny's Pizza
DBA Industrial Fluid Products
Diana's Bakery
Derek & Sons Construction, LLC
Denny's, Enfield
Dunkin Donuts, Enfield
Easy Pickin's Orchard
Edible Arrangements
Enfield Animal Hospital, Inc.
Enfield Builders
Enfield Carpet Center
Enfield Commons Rotary Garden
Enfield Democratic Party
Enfield Dialysis
Enfield Food Shelf
Enfield Opticians
Enfield Pizza Palace
Enfield Street Auto Sales, LLC
Fallon Moving & Storage, Inc.
Fallon Law Office, LLC
Family Ford of Enfield
Farms of Southern New England
Fazio's Restaurant
Feeding Children Everywhere
Figaro's Restaurant
Firestone Tires
Flying Fur Doggie Care
Four Corners Package Store
Frankies Firehouse, Somers
Friendleys, Enfield
Friends of Instrumental Music
Garden Dream Farms
Galaxy Liquors
Geissler's Super Market, E.Windsor / Granby
GiGi's Vegetable Stand
Gilbare Building Company
Gold's Gym
Golden Gavel
Golden Irene's Restaurant
Grey's Physical Therapy
Growers Direct, Inc.
Growth Company
Hedberg Data Systems
Halladay Farm
Hallmark Cards, Inc.
Hampton Inn
H.A.R.P. Mechanical and Home Service
Hannoush Jewelers
Hasting Farms - Suffield
Health Track Fitness & Wellness

Heavenly Edibles
Hedberg Data Systems
High Meadow Resort - Granby
Highland Park Market, Suffield
His & Hers Barber Styling Shop
Holiday Inn
Home Depot, Enfield
Housing Enterprises Inc.
IHC Risk Solutions
Incredible Edibles
Industrial Fluid Products
Integrity Martial Arts, LLC
Janik Sausage Co., Inc.
Jakes Wayback Burgers
Jeffrey P. Thompson, MD, LLC.
Johnny's Roadside Market
Joshua Center, Enfield
Kason Credit Corp.
Kay's Jewelers
Kelly Fradet Lumber
K-9 Safe at Home
K H & H Liquors
Kia Car Sales
Kim's Nails
Klotter Farms, Inc.
Kohl's Department Store Inc.
Krupa Oil Company
Lake Compounce Family Theme Park
LaQuinta Inn & Suites
Leete Stevens Funeral Chapels
LEGO Systems, Inc.
Lil' Buddy's, Inc.
Lily House Bed and Breakfast
Lovable Huggables
LuLu's Pizzeria
Maine Fish Market & Restaurant
Magic Minute VIP Car Wash
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Miller Oil Company
M&M Restaurant
Mobile Aircraft Painters, Inc.
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Moe's Southwest Grill
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My Gym
99 Restaurant & Pub
NEJF Pee Wee 03 Hockey Team
New England Lawn Co.
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Nu-Way Tobacco Company
Otter Creek Productions
Olive Garden - Enfield
Once Upon a Child
Otter Creek Productions
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Plaza Azteca
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Protech Enterprises
Quassy Amusement Park
Ralcorp Snacks
Red Carpet Nail Salon
Red Robin
Rein's Deli
Reliable Welding
Rhythms Dance Academy
Riley's School of Dance & Students
River Street Farms
Rinaldi's
Rockbestos Supranant Cable Corp
Rovithis Realty LLC
Ruby Tuesday's, Enfield
Russo Italian Pastry Shop
Satin Wood
Sayech Jewelers
Shaker Bowling
ShopRite - Enfield
Sheraton Hotel, W. Locks
Silvia's Gourmet Restaurant
Smith's Ice Cream
Smyth's Trinity Farm
Somers Ace Hardware LLC
Somers Package Store
Somers Wine & Liquors
Sonny's Place
Sophia's Restaurant
Spinella & Associates
Stop & Shop
Suffield Veterinary Hospital
Sun Life Financial
Szewczak Associates
State of CT Correction Dept.
Steve's Boston Seafood
Stop & Shop
Subway, Enfield
Suffield By The River
Suffield Cordial Shoppe
Suffield Lacross Team
Suffield Pizza
Suffield Veterinary Hospital
Target, Enfield
The Enfield Tap
The Power of Dance

The Howland & Sargent Group
The TJX Companies (Marshalls)
Thompsonville Community Garden
The Hartford Financial Services Group
The TJX Companies (Marshalls)
Tommy's Supplies LLC
Tony's Hair Cutting
Tops # CT 191 Enfield
Troiano Oil Company
Triple AAA
Townhouse Styling Salon
Town of South Windsor
Troiano Oil CO.
T & R Wholesale Foods, Inc. - MA
Turf Products LLC
UPS Supply Chain Solutions
(Underwriter's Laboratory
United Technologies Aerospace
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Virginia Riggs M. D.
Villaris
Voya Financial
Wal-Mart
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Wendy's / Enfield
Westminster Dining Service
White Eagle Farms
Windsor Locks Food Pantry
Windsor Locks Group Home
Woodcock Refrigeration Co., Inc.
Wreaths Across America
Yardehouse Tavern

CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS:

All Saints Church, Somers
Amazing Grace Church - Enfield
Archdiocese of Hartford - Annual Appeal
Calvary Presbyterian Church
Church World Service, Inc.
Community Church of Christ
Congregational Church of Somersville
Cornerstone Bible Church
Copper Hill United Methodist Church
Dominican Laity / Mother of God Chapter
Enfield Congregational Church
Felician Sisters of MA, Inc.
First Church of Christ Congregational, Suffield
First Church of Windsor
Grace & Glory Church
Hartford Congregation, Comm. Of Christ
Holy Family Church-Prayer Shawl/CCD/1st Comm.
Holy Trinity Church
Little Sisters of The Poor
Ministries of Love & Hope
Mount Carmel Women's Aux.
New Life Community Church - Enfield
Our Savior Lutheran Church
Sacred Heart Church
Sacred Heart Church Womens Guild-Youth Ministry
Second Baptist Church, Suffield
Secular Franciscan Order, St. Jos. Fraternity
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Somers Congregational Church
St. Adelbert's Church
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow
St. Bernard's Church Corporation
St. Bernards / St Vincent de Paul
St. Joseph Fraternity SFO
St. Joseph Residence and Residents - Enfield
St. Joseph's Little Sisters of the Poor
St. Martha Church, Enfield
St. Mary's Church, Windsor Locks
St. Patrick Church
St. Phillip/St. Catherine Community, Broad Brook
Suffield First Church
United Methodist Womens Club
United Methodist Church of Enfield
West Suffield Congregational Church

SCHOOLS:

Asnuntuck Community College
ACC Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society
Blueberry Hill School, Longmeadow
Bristol Central High School
CREC- PSA Community Service Club
E.H. Parkman School
ERIC Educational Resources for Children, Enfield
Enrico Fermi High School, Faculty, Clubs, Societies
Enfield High School, Students, Faculty, Clubs
Enfield High School Band and Instrumental Music
Enfield Montessori School
Enfield School Nurse Assoc.
Friends of Instrumental Music, JFK Middle School
JFK Middle School
Lincoln Culinary Institute
Loomis Chaffee Institute
Parkman School
Prudence Crandall School
Pleasant Valley School, S. Windsor
Somers High School
South Windsor High School
Suffield High School
St. Martha School
St. Patricks School, 1st Comm. Class
West Suffield Congregational Church
Suffield Academy

Suffield High School
The Montessori School
Williams Middle School, Longmeadow MA
Windsor Locks High School

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS:

AARP Enfield Chapter 3062
Austin Brook Sportsmen Assoc.
Assoc. for Long Term Care Managers
Bikers Against Hunger
Boy Scout Troop 818
Cub Scout Pack 108
Cub Scout Pack 391
Cub Scout Pack 266
CT Army National Guard
Crossroads Food Share
Enfield Police Explorers
Enfield Grange #151
Enfield Rotary Club
Feeding Children Everywhere
Spaulding School, W. Suffield
Somers High School
Cub Scout Pack 391

FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Legion, Somers
American Legion Post #80 Tanguay Magill
American Legion John Maciolek Post 154
Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 52
Enfield Armvets Post 18
Enfield Chapter 3062 AARP
Enfield Elks BPOE #2222
Enfield Grange, Inc. #151
Enfield Lions Club Inc.
Enfield Police Explorers
Enfield Rotary Club
Enfield Women's Club
Hartford Aircraft Local, Lodge 743
I.A.M.W. Lodge 743
Knights of Columbus, Council #50, Enfield
Knights of Columbus, Council 14600
Knights of Columbus, Suffield
Knights of Columbus, Council 4303, Somers
Knights of Columbus, Council 26, W. Locks
Laureate Tau
Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 1525 Bar
Lions Club - Windsor Locks
The Women's Club of Enfield
Windsor Locks Food Pantry
Woman of the Moose 1302
VFW Post 10219
Aux - Hazardville Station

FOUNDATIONS:

Aetna Foundation - Matching Grants
Antonacci Family Foundation
AT&T United Way Employee Giving
Brevity Giving Platform
Bob's Disc. Furniture Charitable Foundation
CA, Inc. Matching Gifts Program
Cyber Grants, Inc
Darden Restaurant Foundation
Goodrich Foundation
Hartford Financial Services Group
Hartford Foundation for Public Giving
Hartford Foundation
Keeney Foundation Inc.
KSD Charitable Foundation
Macie Grace Foundation
Pfizer Foundation, Matching Gifts Program
Phoenix Life Ins. Matching Funds
SBM Charitable Foundation Inc.
The Rhode Island Foundation
Mass Mutual, Matching Grant
Rotary Club Foundation/Suffield
SBM Charitable Foundation Inc.
Sun Life Financial
Travelers
Truist
Tyco Matching Gifts
United Health Group, Employee Giving
Cpgn
United Technologies, Matching Gifts
United Way of Central and NE CT
United Way of West Central CT
Voya Foundation
Wal-Mart Foundation
Waterford Group Charitable Foundation
Werth Family Foundation

OTHER:

Crabtree Family Trust
Joan Meyers Trust
Meyer Family (Living Trust)
Timothy R. Seitz Living Trust
St. Patrick Permit #16

We have made every effort to ensure accuracy and apologize for any errors or omissions.

★ 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?

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FACTS

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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.