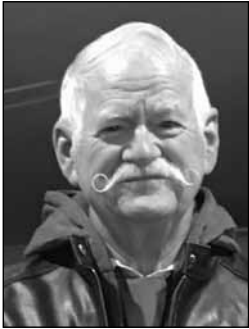


# LOAVES and FISHES

**Enfield Loaves and Fishes, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 544 • Enfield, CT 06083-0544**  
**www.enfieldloavesandfishes.com**



In 2016, Enfield Loaves and Fishes served 128,101 meals and 108,116 snacks for ERfC's Children's Programs, equaling 54,058 meals. We gave out 42,798 equivalent meals for 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.

Our mission to "ease the hunger of the homeless, unemployed, the underemployed and working poor in the area" is one that is important to the extended community. Giving support to those that need it the most includes acquaintance and stranger alike, or perhaps someone who lives just next door. With this support, they are able to feel that society cares about them, that they matter, and that they belong. These are the jewels of our community, and given the opportunity, can move on to being contributing members in the most surprising of ways.

Providing basic human needs to the best of our capability also provides hope. In these trying social and economic times, whenever we can see the good in this world we are seeing the probability that the future is within our grasp to mold. Human kindness and generosity, when shared, grows. When our Volunteers show their peers and the next generation the value of this charitable service and it takes root, the blessing of humanity's capability to spread light makes the world a little brighter every day.

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. This is a precious gift that rests in the heart, and is impossible to place a value upon it.

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.

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. We appreciate your time and attention to these actions we take that mean so much to us and those whom we serve. In your gift-giving plans this year, please share your donations to ensure the ongoing survival of the Soup Kitchen.

*Murray Brayson*  
 Murry Brayson, President  
 Enfield Loaves and Fishes, Inc.

Professionals Interested  
 in becoming Board Members:  
 please forward  
 a resume to EL&F

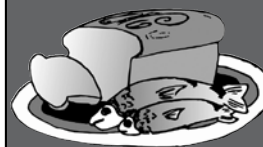
# 2016 ANNUAL REPORT OF CARING



## 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



## Dignity and Caring

Frances Spring, not quite a Senior Citizen yet, has lived in Thompsonville for almost 15 years. She has been a mother to six children over the years, and Ma Mere to 12 grandchildren, whom she loves dearly. To help the family, she said, "I found employment at Dunkin Donuts. After seven years my babysitter stopped watching my son, and I had to quit my job. Out of work, I had to start all over again." The family moved to Manchester for about a year, then returned to Enfield. She related "This Soup Kitchen is so much better than in Manchester, where it seemed you were only a number. No one seemed to care about people that came for a little help. What I really like is how Priscilla highlights the love and goodness in everyone before the meal. It makes everyone, myself especially, feel more like one big family."

Frances came to Enfield Loaves and Fishes for many years, "Particularly during the lean times, and was treated with respect and dignity." She asserted, "My family was always welcome to share a meal, find clothing, bakery items, and seek good



advice from Priscilla. I feel we were not looked down upon just because we didn't have enough money. Priscilla is an excellent source of helpful support and friendly advice. She points me in the right direction!"

"Food served at Enfield Loaves and Fishes is always healthy and delicious, and Guests are even given second helpings. The meals are much better than any Soup Kitchen I have gone to, with a great variety of foods to choose from. This is the best! Each Guest is treated as family, not just another number. The best part of Loaves and Fishes is the way Priscilla is a friend to everybody, willing to listen to a person's situation, and gives wonderful advice.

Without you people, I would be lost! And, at the end of a difficult month, Priscilla extends a helping hand."

"I am looking for work again, within walking distance or along the Magic Carpet bus line. I plan to get my driver's license, and then start looking for a car I can afford. I have volunteered at the Soup Kitchen in the past. Now the children are a little older and going to school, I believe I will have more time to volunteer. My New Year's Resolution is to give back to the community, which has been so good to me."



## ENFIELD LOAVES AND FISHES EXECUTIVE BOARD 2016

**Mr. Murray Brayson – President**  
**Mrs. Priscilla Brayson – Director**  
**Ms. Theresa Dodd – Treasurer**  
**Mrs. Emily Leary – Board Member**  
**Mr. Tom Arnone – Board Member**  
**Mrs. JoAnn Clark – Board Member**  
**Mr. Scott Kaupin – Board Member**



## Sal Vene' 25 Year Volunteer Tribute



Enfield Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen celebrates Sal Vene's 25th year of dedicated and compassionate service. He worked in the aircraft industry for 35 years, while operating his own pest control business for 25 years. Holding two jobs, Sal managed to volunteer at the Tracy Thurman Battered Woman's Shelter as Board Member and did outreach. Priscilla, Shelter Manager and Crisis Counselor, requested his exterminator services.

Priscilla, Director of the Soup Kitchen, needed an exterminator, and called Sal. Sal has been "the bug man" for EL&F ever since, gratis. Thank you. He is also Monday's assistant cook, chief slicer and dicer, and expert dish washer, and helps serving the meal. Just a thank you or a smile makes it all worthwhile.

Sal moved to Enfield at age 14, a very difficult time in his life. With academic, behavioral and attendance problems, he and his mom became regulars at the Principal's Office. Ralph Cerrato provided guidance and patience, "convinced I could turn my life around." Sal's grades went from D's and F's to graduating with A's and B's.

These formative years gave Sal the motivation and inspiration to help someone facing hard times; not to give up, but to give them the chance to succeed. He says, "If you have the opportunity you should pay back to the universe somehow for your good fortune." He hopes young people become involved at an early age to volunteer in an organization like the Soup Kitchen.

Sal has two children, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren: all very important in his life. He enjoys vacationing, reading, playing cards, and carving wood figurines. Happy News: Wedding Bells will ring for Linda and Sal on May 27th, as they start a new chapter in life. Sad News: They will move to South Carolina by July. Sal still plans to volunteer.

Thank you, kind and caring friend of 25 years.

## HIGHLIGHTS



**Enfield Loaves and Fishes collaborated with ERfC (Educational Resources for Children) by providing 108,116 snacks and mini-meals for (8) schools housed at (5) locations.**

◆ **We are a member of Enfield Hunger Action Team, Safe Harbor Warming Center, Enfield Council of Christian Churches, St Bernard / St. Vincent de Paul, Partnership with Wheeler Clinic, and Partnership with Foodshare.**

◆ **Beautification of building and grounds was completed by Eversource Employees.**

◆ **Free Haircuts were given.**

◆ **Various fundraisers Otter Creek Game Dinner, Bikers Against Hunger, Fashion Show, Fisherman Breakfast, Subway, Red Robin, W. L. Knights Of Columbus, Kohl's.**

◆ **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.**

◆ **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 455 guests. Over 250 children especially enjoyed receiving gifts.**



# SPECIAL THANK YOU - 2016 ORGANIZATIONAL CONTRIBUTORS

## **BANKS/CREDIT UNIONS:**

Bank of America  
Enfield Community Federal Credit Union  
Farm Credit East  
First National Bank of Suffield  
Highland Park Market  
Kason Credit Corporation  
Saving Institute Bank & Trust  
Sun Life Financial  
Tobacco Valley Teachers Federal Credit Union  
Wells Fargo Advisors

## **BUSINESSES:**

Added Attractions  
All Appliance Service, LLC  
Ahlstrom Nonwovens, LLC  
Armatas Market  
Artistic Hair Salon  
Artioli Dodge  
A. Sterling Insurance Agency  
ATC Group Services, LLC  
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dba Hopewell Vision  
Deckard Corporation  
Diana's Bakery  
Dr. Steven A. Meleski, DDS  
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ECAP Associates  
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Enfield Community Garden  
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GiGi's  
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Hallmark Cards, Inc.  
Happy Time Preschool  
Hamilton Sunstrand  
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Integrity Martial Arts, LLC  
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K-9 Safe at Home  
Kohl's, Enfield  
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Krupa Oil Company  
Lake Compounce Family Theme Park  
Leete Stevens Funeral Chapels  
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Matt's Sports Cards  
Miller Farms Family Market, LLC  
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Multi Family LLC  
National Financial Services, LLC  
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Pepsi Cola Bottling Co.  
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Plato's Closet  
Poultry Products  
Red Robin  
Riley's School of Dance & Students  
Rigid Mason Contractors  
Rovithis Realty LLC  
Scapa  
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ShopRite - Enfield  
Simpson Strong-Tie Co.  
Silvia's Gourmet Restaurant  
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Sofia's Restaurant  
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Suffield Thrift Shop  
Suffield Veterinary Hospital  
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The Enfield Tap  
The Hartford Insurance  
The Weed Man  
Thompsonville Community Garden  
Thompson, MD, LLC  
Tony's Hair Cutting  
Top's #CT191 Enfield  
Town of Enfield  
Travelers  
Trinity Farms  
T & R Wholesale Foods, Inc. - MA  
Turf Products, LLC  
UPS Supply Chain Solutions  
United Health Group  
United Technologies  
UTC Aerospace Systems  
Veilleux Concrete Cutting, LLC  
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White Eagle Farms  
Woodcock Refrigeration Co., Inc.  
Wreaths Across America  
Yardehouse Tavern

## **CHURCHES AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS:**

Amazing Grace Church - Enfield  
Archdiocese of Hartford Annual Appeal  
Baystate College  
Calvary Presbyterian Church

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
Church World Service, Inc.  
Community of Christ Church-Hartford Congregation  
Connerstone Church  
Copper Hill United Methodist Women  
Enfield American Baptist Church  
Enfield Congregational Church  
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First Church of Christ Congregational, Suffield  
First Church of Christ Congregational, Windsor  
Grace & Glory Church  
Hazardville United Methodist Church  
Holy Family First Communion Class / CCD Program  
Holy Family Church Corp. / Matthew 25 Group  
Holy Family Church / St. Vincent de Paul  
Holy Family Church / Prayer Shawl Group / CCD  
Holy Trinity Episcopal Church  
Lay Fraternity of St. Dominic  
Mount Carmel Womens Auxilliary  
New Life Community Church - Enfield  
Our Savior Lutheran Church  
Sacred Heart Social Action Ministry  
Sacred Heart Church - Suffield  
Secular Franciscan Order,  
St. Jos. Fraternity  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
Sonlife Church / Enfield  
St Adalberts Church  
St. Bernards Church and Church Corp.  
St. Bernards / St Vincent de Paul  
St. Catherine / St. Phillip's Community - Broad Brook  
St. Gabriel Church  
St. Joseph's Fraternity SFO  
St. Joseph Residence and Residents - Enfield  
St. Martha Church, Enfield  
St. Mary's Church  
St. Patrick's Church  
Somers Congregational Church  
Somerville Congregational Church  
United Methodist Womens Club  
United Methodist Church of Enfield  
West Suffield Congregational Church

## **SCHOOLS:**

CREC - PSA Community Service Club  
ERIC Educational Resources for Children, Enfield  
Enrico Fermi High School, Faculty, Clubs, Societies  
Enfield High School Students, Faculty, Clubs, Music  
Enfield Montessori School  
Enfield Public School  
Felician Sisters  
Happy Time Pre-school  
JFK Middle School  
Lincoln Culinary Institute  
Literacy Volunteers of America of Northern CT  
The Loomis Chaffee School  
The Montessori School, Enfield  
Parents Leadership Academy  
Phoenix Manufacturing  
Poultry Products  
Porter and Chester Institute  
Riley School of Dance  
Silvia Restaurant  
South Windsor High School  
Spaulding School, W. Suffield  
South Windsor High School  
St. Martha School  
St. Patricks School, 1st Communion Class  
Suffield Academy Leadership Class  
Suffield Academy  
Suffield High School FFA

## **CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS:**

AARP Enfield Chapter 3062  
Austin Brook Sportsmen's Assoc.  
Community Health Resources  
Cub Scout Pack 391  
CT Army National Guard  
MacDougall Walker Correctional Inst.  
Girl Scout Troop 64523, Longmeadow

Girl Scout Troop 10751, Enfield  
South Windsor Community Women's Club  
State of CT, Dept. of Corrections  
Suffield Field Hockey Team  
Suffield Womens Club  
Suffield Rotary Club  
Town of South Windsor Teen Center  
Town of Enfield  
Women's Club of Enfield

## **FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS:**

American Legion Post #80 Tanguay Magill  
American Legion John Maciolek Post 154  
Amvets, Post #18  
Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 52  
Donate Well  
Enfield Chapter 3062 AARP  
Enfield Elks BPOE 2222  
Enfield Grange, Inc. #151  
Enfield Lions Club Inc.  
Enfield Rotary Club  
Enfield Women's Club  
I.A.M.A.W AFL - CIO Local Union 743  
I B E W Local Union #35, AFL-CIO  
Knights of Columbus, Council 50, Enfield  
Knights of Columbus, Council 14600  
Knights of Columbus, Suffield  
Knights of Columbus, Council 26, W. Locks  
Loyal Order of the Moose, Lodge 1525  
New England Chapter APWA  
North Central CT Lawyers Assoc.  
Network for Good  
Suffield Rotary Club  
Suffield Woman's Club  
The Benevity Community Impact Fund  
Windsor Locks / Lions  
Thompsonville Moose Lodge 1525  
VFW Post 10219  
Aux - Hazardville Station

## **FOUNDATIONS:**

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American Endowment Foundation / Brevity  
Beatrice Fox Auerbach Foundation  
Bob's Disc. Furniture Charitable Foundation  
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KSD Charitable Foundation  
Melvin S. Cutler Charitable Foundation  
My Tribute Gift Foundation  
Meyer Family Living Trust  
Mass Mutual, Matching Grant  
Pfizer Foundation, Matching Gifts Program  
Phoenix Life Ins. Co.  
Rotary Club Foundation of Suffield  
Rotary Club Foundation / Suffield  
SBM Charitable Foundation Inc.  
TJX Foundation  
Travelers / Cyber Grants  
United Health Group  
(Employee Giving Campaign)  
United Way of West Central CT  
United Way of Central and NE CT  
UTC Foundation  
Voya Foundation  
Werth Family Foundation  
Wal-Mart Foundation

## **OTHER:**

Cpl. Stephen Bixler Memorial Fund  
Meyer Family (Living Trust)  
Seitz Living (Trust)  
St. Patrick Permit #16

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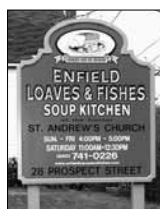
## “HUNGER HAS NO SEASON”

### 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 at  
28 Prospect St., Enfield, CT



### MAILING ADDRESS:

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### OUR WEB SITE IS:

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**JOIN US ON FACEBOOK**

## FACTS

We have gone from serving **15,625** meals in **1992** to **128,101** meals in **2016**, while **108,116** snacks were prepared for children in Educational Resources for Children (ERfC). Of the thousands of meals served, more than **45 %** went to children both in the soup kitchen and ERfC after school programs. Food for **42,798** meals was provided for home consumption.

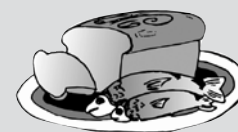
We are staffed almost exclusively by volunteers from the community and operate under the guidance of a Director and a volunteer Board of Directors. For information, contact Priscilla at [pbelf@aol.com](mailto:pbelf@aol.com).

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.



**LOAVES  
and  
FISHES**

## 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, mortgage, 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.