

# LOAVES and FISHES

Enfield Loaves and Fishes, Inc.  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT THERESA DODD

I was honored to begin my term as President of the Board of Directors of EL&F in February 2020. I stand in admiration of everything this organization has achieved since its inception and have watched how expertly our volunteers have handled the explosion of need in the face of the COVID pandemic. We are so very fortunate to have many dedicated, caring people who come together every single day to help serve a hot meal to those less fortunate.

The Board of EL&F is an amazing group of nine accomplished people representing the nonprofit area, the for-profit sector, community leaders and those in the service industries. The Board strives to operate to a standard of best practices, representing the non-profit world and our members; we are focused on input, processes and supporting our staff and volunteers with a clear vision. I invite you to meet the full 2021 Board of Directors roster later in this newsletter.

It is a very exciting time to be part of the EL&F Team. Ideas imagined years ago have come to fruition, most notably with the acquisition of our new facility at 23 North Main Street, the former site of Silvia's International Restaurant. As I write this, we are completing repairs and renovations to the building and are eager to move all operations to the new location in February 2021. This move will allow our volunteers to better serve our guests during COVID; once we can open for indoor meals again, we will have a comfortable and beautiful setting for those utilizing our services.

We have outfitted the facility with almost everything we need and will now focus our attention on our strategic direction for the future by defining organizational objectives. We will continue to amplify our nonprofit resources, work to update, and refine our corporate governance structure, and will emphasize a refocus on our mission. We hope to form a coalition of local non-profits, businesses, and donors to share knowledge and foster unity that best serve our community.

Enfield Loaves and Fishes is an organization built on the strengths of our board, volunteers, and staff; the purpose of the board is to direct the work being done. I believe that we have the vision of what we can achieve as an organization and my goal as Board President is to keep us loyal to that vision, guided first and foremost by our mission.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our vision. I cannot wait to see what we will achieve together as we continue to grow.

**Professionals Interested in Becoming Board Members:  
Please Forward a Resume to EL&F.**

## 2020 Annual Report OF CARING

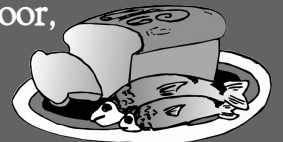


### DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS



### MISSION STATEMENT

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



### FIGHTING HUNGER



# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE, FRANCIIE BERGER



I am the newest member of the Loaves and Fishes team. I took on the newly created role of Director of Finance and Administration in December. While I am handling all responsibilities related to the financial side of the organization, I am currently focused on our move from 28 Prospect Street to 23 North Main Street, the former site of Silvia's International Restaurant.

It is an exciting and humbling time to be here. The COVID-19 pandemic has more than doubled the number of those in need of a hot meal and a caring hand in our community. Our Board of Directors anticipated this and was proactive in finding the perfect new space in which to better serve our guests.

Extensive renovations were needed to bring the building up to code. We have put on a new roof, updated electrical and HVAC systems, installed a new combination boiler/water heater, replaced damaged ceiling tiles, and put in fire protection and security systems. We are working with Eversource on a cost-saving program to install energy efficient lighting throughout the building. We will also be reopening the walk-up/drive-through window, which dates from the time the building was a bank. This will be a tremendous aid in serving our guests until we can safely invite them back inside.

We have saved money wherever possible, but the costs have added up. Through your generosity we have been able to handle many of the expenses, but we are still need your financial support. Due to the building's layout, 90% of our food storage will be in the basement. Currently the only access to this space is via a steep, narrow staircase. We are in desperate need of a Vertical Platform Lift. Not quite an elevator, but more than just a dumbwaiter, this lift would allow for a person and a food cart to travel between the basement and the kitchen upstairs. This is not just a convenience; it is a necessary safety measure.

To help raise the money for this lift and our other outstanding renovation bills, we have started a Go Fund Me campaign that can be found at <https://charity.gofundme.com/o/en/campaign/enfield-loaves-and-fishes-help-us-feed-our-neighbors>. You can also donate via the usual means by sending a check to our new address, Enfield Loaves and Fishes, 23 North Main Street, P.O. Box 544, Enfield, CT 06083-0544.

Thank you for your support. I am proud to be a cog in the wheel of this life-changing organization.

## ENFIELD LOAVES AND FISHES EXECUTIVE BOARD 2020



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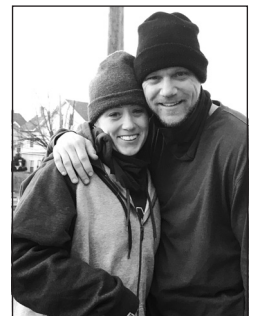


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BOARD MEMBER  
District 2 Councilor  
Town of Enfield

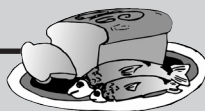
## MESSAGE FROM KRISTINA ADDISON

To Priscilla, Mike, and the whole team at Enfield Loaves and Fishes, you are a blessing!!! What they do and the resources they have saved our lives. We have never been homeless, let alone ever had to sleep in a car. We lost all hope, cold, hungry, alone, scared, depressed, confused and helpless. We tried to get help for our situation from other agencies with little being offered. I was told to contact Priscilla, so with nothing left to lose, I went to the Soup Kitchen, in tears, and found Priscilla who gave me a warm anxiety blanket and food, for which I was extremely grateful. A few nights later, I was having car issues to get to the Soup Kitchen. I was desperate when I finally arrived, Priscilla took me in, let me sit down, get warm, and eat a good meal. She then got a hold of several people who managed to get me into Cornerstone in Vernon. Since I'm a survivor of domestic violence with PTSD and a cancer patient I was then able to be moved to a hotel through a grant for the homeless. Through all of what has happened to me, Priscilla never gave up on me, and has restored my faith in humanity. I know I'm not the only one who she has helped and I know I won't be the last. Thank you to Ms. Priscilla and her community, the love you spread is nothing short of an amazing blessing.

Sincerely,  
Kristina Addison



## HIGHLIGHTS



- ◆ Enfield Loaves and Fishes collaborated with ERfC (Educational Resources for Children) by providing snacks and mini-meals for eight schools housed at five locations.
- ◆ We are members of Enfield Hunger Action Team, Enfield Safe Harbor Warming Center, St Bernard / St. Vincent de Paul, and in Partnership with Foodshare.
- ◆ We received from Home Depot new LED lighting.
- ◆ Enfield High School Students cooked 35 Turkeys, deboned them, and made 5 gallons of gravy for the Thanksgiving meal.

- ◆ Boy Scouts peeled our potatoes for our Thanksgiving Meal and the Christmas Meal.
- ◆ ShopRite hosted a food drive for Enfield Loaves and Fishes. Through the effort of almost 100 volunteers, enough food and donations were collected to supply the Soup Kitchen for several months.
- ◆ Knight of Columbus took over the week around the holidays to give our chefs the week off.
- ◆ Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Grab & Go dinners were distributed outside of Enfield Loaves and Fishes.
- ◆ Total meals served for those holidays were over 1,500.
- ◆ Enfield Loaves and Fishes moved to 23 North Main Street.

# SPECIAL THANK YOU - 2020 ORGANIZATIONAL CONTRIBUTORS

## **Banks / Credit Unions:**

360 Federal Credit Union  
Bank of America , Charitable Gift Fund  
Enfield Community Federal Credit Union  
Farm Credit East Cares Community Fund  
Tobacco Valley Teachers Federal  
Credit Union  
Webster Bank

## **Businesses:**

Able Care Pharmacy  
America's Charities  
Airways Golf Course  
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Browne Memorial Chapels  
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Costco - Enfield  
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Easy Pickin's Orchard  
E&R Laundry and Dry Cleaners  
Enfield Animal Hospital  
Enfield Carpet Center  
Enfield Kite  
Enfield Street Auto Sales, Inc.  
Enfield Community Garden  
Fallon Law Office, LLC  
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Subway - Enfield  
Suffield Pizza  
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Transportation Marketing and  
Logistics LLC  
Veeder-Root Co.  
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W. D. Sweet Flutes  
Whimsical Acres  
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## **Churches and Religious Organizations:**

Amazing Grace Church - Enfield  
Archdiocese of Hartford Annual Appeal  
Calvary Presbyterian Church  
Community Church of Christ - Enfield  
Congregational Church of Somers  
Congregational Church of Somersville  
Copper Hill United Methodist Women  
Cornerstone Church - East Windsor  
First Church of Christ Congregational -  
Suffield  
Faith Baptist Church  
Felician Sisters  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
Hazardville United Methodist Church  
Hartford Congregation Community  
of Christ  
Holy Family First Communion Class /  
CCD Program  
Holy Family Church / St. Vincent de Paul  
Holy Trinity Church - Enfield  
Holy Family Ladies Guild  
Little Sisters of the Poor  
Mary, Gate of Heaven Parish  
Mount Carmel Women's Auxiliary  
Ministries of Love and Hope, Inc.  
New Life Church  
New Day Church  
Sacred Heart Church - Suffield  
Second Baptist Church - Suffield  
Saint Constantine and Saint Helen  
Greek Orthodox Church  
Somers Congregational Church  
St. Catherine of Siena Parish  
St. Bernard Church  
St. Bernard / St. Vincent dePaul  
St. Catherine / St. Phillip Community -  
Broad Brook  
St. Jeanne Jugan Parish  
St. Joseph Residence and Residents -  
Enfield  
St. Joseph's Fraternity SFA  
St. Martha Church - Enfield  
St. Marianne Cope Parish - Broad Brook  
St. Michael's Parish - Longmeadow  
St. Patrick's Church  
St. Raymond of Penafort Parish  
United Methodist Church of Enfield  
West Suffield Congregational Church

## **Schools:**

Enfield High School Culinary Dept.  
Enfield Montessori School  
Enfield School Nurses Associates  
Pope Francis Prep School - Springfield  
Riley School of Dance  
Suffield Academy  
Suffield High School, Students, Clubs

## **Civic Organizations:**

America's Charities  
Bright Horizons  
Enfield Food Shelf  
Enfield Baseball and Girls Basketball  
Teams  
Kids First of Enfield

Salvation Army  
Town of Enfield, CT  
Town of Enfield, Municipal Employees  
Womans Club of Suffield  
Womans Club of Enfield

## **Fraternal Organizations:**

America's Charities  
American Legion, Post #80 Tanguay Magill  
American Legion, John Maciolek Post 154  
Amvets, Post #18 - Enfield  
Boy Scout Troop 819  
Broadridge Matching Gift Program  
Connecticut Elks Association  
Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 52  
East Windsor Lions Club  
Enfield Lions Club, Inc.  
Enfield Grange #151  
Hartford Aircraft Local IAMAW AFL-CIO  
Knights of Columbus, Council 50 - Enfield  
Knights of Columbus, Council 14600 - Enfield  
Knights of Columbus - Suffield  
Loyal Order of the Moose, Thompsonville  
Lodge #1525  
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North Central CT Lawyers Association  
North Thompsonville Firemen Benefit  
Association  
Rotary Club of Enfield  
Schwab Charitable  
Vernon Grange #52  
Windsor Locks Lions  
Thompsonville Loyal Order of Moose Lodge  
#1525  
United Way of Central and NE CT  
United Way of SW Pennsylvania

## **Foundations:**

3M Foundation  
Aetna Foundation, Inc.  
Antonacci Family Foundation  
Bank of America Charitable Foundation  
Bob's Disc. Furniture Charitable Foundation  
Central New York Community Foundation  
Carris Corporate Foundation, Inc.  
Charities Aid Foundation of America  
CNY Community Foundation, Inc.  
Cyber Grants, Inc.  
DeNucci Family Charitable Gift Fund  
Disney Worldwide Services, Inc.  
Embraer Foundation  
Fidelity Charitable Foundation  
Hartford Foundation for Public Giving  
James W. Cox Foundation  
KSD Charitable Foundation  
Melvin Cutler Charitable Foundation  
Meyer Family Living Trust  
New Alliance Foundation  
SBM Foundation  
The Hartford Insurance Giving Committee  
TJX Foundation  
Town Fair Tire Foundation

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★ WE CANNOT EXIST WITHOUT YOUR HELP! THANK YOU! ★



## THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS & CONTRIBUTORS



# “HUNGER Has No Season”

### WHO ARE WE?

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

### WHERE ARE WE?

We have moved to  
23 North Main Street • Enfield, CT 06082

### MAILING ADDRESS:

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

### PHONE NUMBER: 860-741-0226

### OUR WEB SITE IS:

[www.enfieldloavesandfishes.org](http://www.enfieldloavesandfishes.org)

### JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

### FACTS

We have gone from serving **15,625** meals in **1992** to **177,245** meals in **2020**, which includes snacks for children in Educational Resources for Children (ERfC) programs. Food for **83,854** 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 Brayson at [pbelf@aol.com](mailto:pbelf@aol.com).

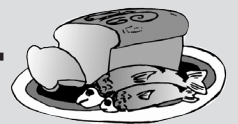
Dinners are served, free of charge, **Sunday** through **Friday** from **4 - 5 P.M.** and on **Saturday** from **11:30 - 12:30 P.M.** All meals are **Grab & Go**. Various churches and organizations provide the meals and volunteers on Saturdays and Sundays.



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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, supplies, equipment purchases and maintenance.

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