

2021 Annual Report OF CARING

LOAVES and FISHES

Enfield Loaves and Fishes, Inc.

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Message From President Kelly Hemmeler



It was a great privilege to begin my term as Board President of the Board of Directors in February 2022. I have been involved as a volunteer raising money since 2005, volunteering since 2016 and as a board member since 2020.

I would like to recognize Priscilla Brayson for her 34 years of dedicated service. Priscilla laid the foundation for the organization. She was able to transition out of that role to enjoy her retirement. The board wishes her lots of happiness.

Former President Theresa Dodd nominated me as a board member during a time of great uncertainty and a whole lot of changes! No one knew in the spring of 2020 how the Covid-19 pandemic was going to change things for Enfield Loaves and Fishes. All we knew is that it would be changing the way we did business. The demand for food assistance increased as did the donations from our extremely generous community. We moved to a new location to accommodate the complicated new procedures needed to assist people with food insecurity safely during the pandemic. Our diligent board was able to meet often and move swiftly in our ever-changing world.

Our Interim Executive Director, Francie Berger was instrumental in moving to the new location and set up efficient practices for staff and volunteers. She helped keep costs down as well as manage the move and preparation needed for the new location while keeping us within the Covid-19 rules.

Last but certainly not least, I had the immense pleasure of being part of the search committee for a new Executive Director. Maya Nicole Matthews brings an incredible amount of energy and knowledge. She is a pleasure to work with as well as a person who cares deeply for the organization and the people it serves. Ariana Maggio started as a volunteer to create a social media presence and is now assisting Maya in running the organization. This dynamic duo is exactly what we needed and became a part of the team right when we needed them.

Enfield Loaves and Fishes is an organization built on the strengths of our board, volunteers, and staff. I am excited to help move the organization forward.... We are preparing to serve inside our dining room again and will be planning a celebration next year when Enfield Loaves and Fishes has their 40th anniversary! We have a 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 by our mission.

**Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting
Enfield Loaves and Fishes.**

MISSION STATEMENT

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



"Hunger Has No Season"



**THANK YOU TO ALL OF
OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS**



Message From Executive Director Maya Nicole Matthews



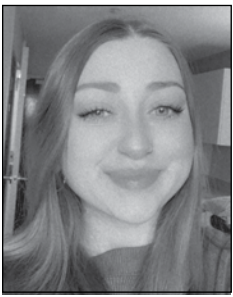
It has been my pleasure to start my tenure as the new Executive Director of this wonderful organization! This opportunity brings me full circle - I was baptized in St. Andrews Church, where Victor and Gloria Scussel founded the soup kitchen in 1983. Priscilla Brayson joined the organization as a volunteer in 1987, and progressed to Director of Operations, and finally Executive Director. She retired from this role last summer after 34 dedicated years of service to this organization, building it into the successful operation that it currently is.

Of course, none of our services would be possible without our volunteers, community partners and generous donors. The worldwide pandemic was devastating for so many and hit our population hard. People that were on the brink of food insecurity were pushed over the edge. Our meal counts almost doubled. Our faithful volunteers that were able to contribute safely made sure that we were able to serve a hot meal to those in need every day.

The cost associated with takeout supplies coupled with purchasing a new building that needed significant updates put a huge dent in our finances. The magnificent work of Interim Executive Director Francie Berger and our volunteer grant writer at the time, Roseann Caliento, found us grant funding to help get us through. Working with the Enfield Food Shelf, Foodshare HAT, Enfield Social Services, the Enfield Police Dept. and Thompsonville Fire Dept. helped us make sure we were covering the bases regarding the needs of our neighborhood.

Enfield Loaves and Fishes is in the hearts and minds of our schools, local churches, organizations, and individuals that not only donate their money, but their time to us. I am so proud to be able to serve my community in this role among so many remarkable people. A special thank you needs to go out to my staff, Michael LeBorious, Ariana Maggio and Mary Lee Brody. Their expertise and support helps me succeed in my new position. I am looking forward to inviting everyone inside for a warm and delicious homemade meal this spring!

Message From Ariana Maggio, Assistant to the Executive Director



In October of 2021 I was assigned a community project by my school, Bay Path University. I had to explore a community concern and learn about the impact it has on our community. I chose Enfield Loaves and Fishes and the problem of hunger in my community.

I have been able to gain firsthand experience about food insecurity. Because Enfield Loaves and Fishes operates primarily on volunteers and donations, an organization's internet presence is extremely important to communicate with residents and donors efficiently. I completed my community project by creating Enfield Loaves and Fishes new social media accounts and revamping their website.

My skill set matches the current needs of the organization, and I have happily accepted the role of Assistant to the Executive Director. My duties have expanded to being responsible for our donations and financial systems.

I plan to further my education with two master's degrees in Strategic Fundraising and Business Administration. I am looking forward to continuing collaborating with the amazing individuals that support our organization.

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Message from Mary Lee-Brody, Kitchen Manager



I've been part of the Enfield Loaves and Fishes community for the past 6 years. My first introduction to the soup kitchen was an article in the Hartford Courant on the many volunteer chefs that help. I thought it would be a great place to keep my culinary skills sharp now that I no longer worked in a test kitchen. What I gain from Enfield Loaves and Fishes is immeasurable. It's the sense of community that pervades the soup kitchen - the community of volunteers that we could not do without, the community of organizations like Foodshare, generous vendors, individual donors, church groups and local groups that keep us well supplied, and finally the reason for our being - the community at large that are so thankful for their meals. The community spirit is the main reason that I continue to give my time to Enfield Loaves and Fishes.

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While we have made every effort to include all of our donors, we apologize if there are any errors or omissions. Please contact us at info@enfieldloavesandfishes.org with any suggestions.

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



Highlights

- ◆ Enfield Loaves and Fishes received a perfect score on our North Central Health District Inspection.
- ◆ We have partnered with Midwest Foodbank with which we have a standing monthly appointment to help supplement our current food sources.
- ◆ The Max Cares Foundation donated over five hundred pounds of beautiful meats and roasts for us to provide our guests with special meals throughout the holiday season with the help of Jack from Suffield Pizza, the Suffield Knights of Columbus, and the Suffield Masons.
- ◆ Numerous area organizations ran food drives for us, and we would like to thank Enfield High School, John F. Kennedy Middle School, Enfield Soccer Club, Enfield Twin Rinks, Blue Thunder Technologies, Boy Scouts of America, Carr Hardware, Opera House Players and Temple Beth El among any others we may have unintentionally missed. THANK YOU.
- ◆ We received a \$10,000 award from the Archdiocese of Hartford through referral. We are so grateful to our community churches for their graciousness in nominating us.
- ◆ We have new Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter Pages! Please follow us: Facebook: www.facebook.com/enfieldloavesandfishesinc
Instagram: @enfieldloavesandfishes
Twitter: @loavesfishesct
- ◆ Enfield Loaves and Fishes has joined forces with Enfield Social Services, the Enfield Community Police, Thompsonville Fire Dept., Enfield Emergency Services, Enfield Food Shelf, and the Enfield Safe Harbor Warming Center for monthly Cold Weather Planning Meetings. Our goal is to share ideas and resources to make sure that our most vulnerable population is receiving the resources they need and not falling through the cracks.
- ◆ We have been working with a great organization called Transition to Work, where employees on light duty can help at the soup kitchen as much as their physical limitations allow. It has been a pleasure to make new friends and teach them about our services and community. They help us while they heal and we are grateful to have them as a part of our team, even if temporarily.
- ◆ Community Service was on hold for over a year during the pandemic. Now that it has been reinstated, we have helped many people fulfil their court ordered requirements. We have been fortunate to have had diligent workers come through our door and follow all our policies and procedures to ensure the safety and productivity we here at Enfield Loaves and Fishes expect from them.

Call To Action

Enfield Loaves and Fishes is a soup kitchen providing meals, aid, and companionship at no charge. We are in Enfield, Connecticut and serve anyone in need in the surrounding area. A non-profit 501(c) (3) organization, incorporated in 1983, our purpose is to feed and aid the disenfranchised.

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Office Hours: 10 AM - 6 PM Monday - Friday
Accepting Donations: 11 AM - 3 PM Monday - Friday
*Meal Service: 4 PM - 5 PM Monday - Friday
11 AM - 12:30 PM Saturday

***All meals are grab and go until further notice.**

Enfield Loaves and Fishes strives to make a difference in the lives of people who live with food insecurity. We serve every meal with dignity and respect in a nurturing environment. Our volunteers, Board of Directors and staff strive to make a positive difference in our community and in the world. The strength of the organization rests on their shoulders.

How You Can Help

There is no single face of food insecurity. It impacts every community in the United States. Food insecurity is a complex problem. Though closely related to poverty, not all people living below the poverty line experience food insecurity. Low-income families are negatively affected by multiple, overlapping issues such as lack of affordable housing, social isolation, chronic or acute health problems, high medical costs, and low wages. We are truly fortunate to have so many dedicated, caring people who come together every single day to help serve a hot meal to anyone that is hungry.

Please Donate Today

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 donations since **"Hunger Has No Season."** Monetary donations support food purchases, supplies, equipment purchases and maintenance.

Give back by becoming one of our beloved volunteers! Call (860) 741-0226 with your availability.

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