

July Monthly Newsletter

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Bread of Life

Food for the body...Nurture for the soul

Reflections from our Director

"The mighty oak was once a little nut that held its ground." -
Anonymous



How this reminds me of Bread of Life's Under One Roof project!

It started over fifteen years ago as an acorn of a thought, a longing for a home large enough for all our programs and housing for our homeless guests. The acorn germinated and a tender shoot appeared above the ground. We searched for properties to purchase and finally found [54 Eastern Ave.](#) in Malden. We invested in architectural schematics. We started fundraising in earnest. Winds sometimes nearly flattened the sapling. Things we had been counting on blew away. We kept pushing forward. Leaves were stripped from the young tree, branches broken off, but we pushed forward. The mighty oak is now looming. We are planning on starting the construction site work this month, laying the foundation before the cold sets in, and completing construction in 14 months. We have overcome every obstacle with the help of God, who is able to make a way where there is none, and thanks to each one of you. You believed in this vision of the community coming together to ensure that neighbors have food and housing. You persevered through the storms and dry seasons. We are so grateful for your commitment, perseverance, flexibility, financial support and sweat equity. We did this all together. We couldn't have done it without YOU.

Thank you and God bless you,
Gabriella



Making a Difference

A teacher in the Everett Public Schools English Learner Department shared the impact of our Backpack Nutrition Program that distributes backpacks of food every month to students in need:

"Kids will never tell you that they need food or they're hungry. They're too ashamed. The backpacks are a great solution. They can say 'Can I have a snack bag? I love those chips.' But they can actually make meals from the contents. It has cereal, milk, raisins, juice, crackers, tuna, peanut butter, fruit cup, Chef Boyardee, cup of soup." One student, 12 years old, confided to the teacher that she couldn't get suppers at home. The backpacks supplied her suppers.



Community News

Adelaide Breed Bayrd Foundation

A big thank you to Adelaide Breed Bayrd Foundation. Last month Foundation President, Henry Kezer and Vice President Laura Hodgin presented a check for \$50,000 for Bread of Life's Under One Roof project, bringing their total commitment to \$300,000! They also presented a



check for \$75,000 for our food security programs. We are so thrilled to be partnering with them! Thank you for all you do for our community.

Phantom Gourmet Food Festival

It was a fantastic day at the Phantom Gourmet Food Festival in Malden on June 25th! Bread of Life hosted a table and chatted with thousands of food festival guests about our work. Thank you Phantom Gourmet for the great opportunity to participate in such a fun event!



Save the Date!

Bread of Life's Walk

Saturday, October 1st 12pm
Pine Banks, Melrose

Join us to help stop food insecurity for our neighbors!



Volunteer Opportunities

Bread of Life is looking for volunteers for these programs:

Grocery Delivery Program

Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10:30 and 4:30
Starting from Bread of Life Food Pantry - 109 Madison St., Malden

- Help deliver boxed groceries to homebound individuals in your vehicle.

Evening Meals Program

Tuesdays through Fridays, 3:30 to 7:00
First Baptist Church - 493 Main St., Malden

- Sample tasks: Help unload food from van, prepare and pack meals for pickup, clean up and break down.

Everett Mobile Market

Thursdays, 2:00 to 5:00
Lafayette School Parking [Lot - 117 Edith St., Everett](#)

- Cantonese, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Spanish speakers needed!
- Sample tasks: Help distribute groceries from truck; interview recipients to complete application form.

Everett Backpack Nutrition Program

Delivery on Mondays 11:00 to 5:00; Packing on Fridays 12:00 to 4:00
Bread of Life Food Pantry - 109 Madison St., Malden



- Help pack backpacks with breakfast, lunch, supper and snack items for Everett Public School students in need; deliver to Everett Public Schools on Mondays.

We have many other volunteer opportunities available. If you or someone you know wants to make a difference and get involved, please contact our new Volunteer Coordinator Eileen Mullen at Eileen.Mullen@BreadofLifeMalden.org or 781-397-0404.

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