

Medfield Food Cupboard

Community Update

Fall 2020, Volume 29



Together
We
Serve



From all of us at the Medfield Food Cupboard,
thank you for helping us serve our neighbors.

Overwhelming Community Response to COVID-19

The outbreak of COVID-19 last winter came unexpectedly and without a plan to address a global pandemic. Using all our resources, including outreach to our committed community, we quickly responded to meet this challenge, enabling ongoing service to our clients without interruption. We are deeply grateful to:

- Our volunteer staff who worked with great effort to implement an adapted distribution model which met CDC safety guidelines
- The United Church of Christ, our long-term partner, who readily accommodated our need for additional space and time in their building
- Medfield Makes Masks for supplying our volunteers with beautifully made masks to help ensure the safety of all
- Medfield High School, Medfield Outreach and the Council on Aging for their dedicated partnership in support of the Tuesday Out-

reach Project, a new initiative which provided additional food support to Medfield residents through the summer

- Residents who contacted us to volunteer, donated to our food drives and thoughtfully checked in to ask about our staff and clients
- Our donors who generously provided needed financial support and to our Medfield youth who arranged food drives and donated money raised through bake sales and fundraisers
- Town of Medfield officials at the Public Safety building and the DPW who facilitated our month-long food drives in the spring and the fall, allowing us to stabilize our food inventory

We say it often and cannot say it enough: **THANK YOU.** We appreciate and depend on your continuous support of our shared mission. Our combined efforts truly make a difference, now more than ever.



HELPING

- 80 Households
- 200 Individuals
- 70 Children
- 20 Seniors
- 40 Families with children

PROVIDING

- Fresh produce
- Dairy
- Meat & eggs
- Shelf stable food
- Essential household items



**PLEASE VISIT
OUR WEBSITE
TO SEE OUR
FULL LIST OF
CORPORATE &
COMMUNITY
DONORS**

On the Search for a New Home...

With the growth of the Food Cupboard over the last two years, we are in need of a new home with more space. We recently met with the Board of Selectmen to inquire about the use of town-owned land on which we can build and are working together to bring this to fruition. We hope to have a detailed plan in place by next fall which marks our 30-year anniversary...and a cause for celebration. Stay tuned!

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Dear Friends & Neighbors,



Together we do. Our doors are open, our shelves are stocked and our hearts are filled with gratitude. A year ago it would have been unfathomable to predict, let alone prepare for, the cataclysmic event that would befall our families, our community, and our country. Yet, due to your swift and steadfast response, there was never a single moment of hesitation from the Board that the food cupboard would remain open and serving our community throughout the pandemic.

Together we serve. Over these eight months, we have been able to meet the increasing needs of our existing households and respond to the many new requests for assistance. Volunteers, working out of our space in the UCC basement, are pre-packing the groceries for the 80 households relying on us for support. Each distribution is a sight to behold with over 400 bags of food "filled to the brim" covering the entire floor in Fellowship Hall. In addition to offering curbside pick-up, we are delivering groceries to more than 30 homes including the elderly, clients who lack transportation or those who have compromised health.

Together we continue. We are currently serving over 200 Medfield residents, the largest number in our history. There is no telling how much demand will grow, but we face these uncertainties with optimism and confidence, knowing with you at our side, our mission to provide food security to our neighbors in need is unassailable. We will continue to help the many individuals in our community struggling with financial hardships put food on their tables in the year ahead.

We thank you for your partnership and wish you and your loved ones good health,

Susan Gorog and Tracey Rogers, Co-Presidents
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Medfield Food Cupboard

Proposed Leadership 2020-2021

OFFICERS:

Co-Presidents

Susan Gorog & Tracey Rogers

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Jacqui Doe

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Megan Infantino

Communications Director

Susan Maritan

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Theresa Ibla & Susan Ott

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Abby Marble

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Katherine Lyons &
Becky Pagliazzo

Perishables

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Amy Slavik

Set-up

Sue Buckley

Student Volunteers

Denise Hosey



Yes, I want to help alleviate hunger in Medfield

Please visit our website at medfieldfoodcupboard.com and click "Donate" to contribute, or complete the form below and mail it with your check to:

Medfield Food Cupboard, P.O. Box 172, Medfield, MA 02052

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please consider checking with your employer about matching gift programs.

Medfield Food Cupboard is funded solely by donations & grants.

Thank you for your support!

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Annual Meeting

November 10TH
6:30 p.m.

Please join us by going
to our website for the
Zoom link.

