

# Neighbors In Need

Spring 2018

Bringing healthy food to those in need for 35 years

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## Cummings Foundation

It's been a fabulous week for Neighbors in Need thanks to the Cummings Foundation! In 2015, Neighbors in Need received one of the Cummings Foundation's 100k for 100 community grants. This year, the agency was selected as one of thirty Greater Boston recipients for a 10-year sustaining grant from the Foundation. Long-term financial support is rare for non-profits, making fundraising a constant and time-consuming task for organizations. As grant focuses for other donors have shifted, this commitment is much appreciated and necessary. Linda Zimmerman, Executive Director, and Lisa Smith, Donor Relations, represented the nonprofit at the May 3 Sustaining Grant Awards Night at Trade Center 128 in Woburn.



From left to right: Bob Keefe, Cummings Foundation volunteer, Lisa Smith, Linda Zimmerman, and Christina Berthelsen with the official award notification

## Methuen Pantry Success!

Our newest pantry, held on Tuesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and located at the Methuen Public School Family Resource Center at 10 Ditson Place opened in November and hit the ground running! While housed at the MPS building, volunteers from First Church Congregational Methuen are coordinating and staffing the pantry. The pantry opened just in time to distribute 100 Thanksgiving meals and since opening the pantry clientele has more than doubled! This April, our lead volunteers, Ken and Marilyn Peck, were recognized by the Rotary Club of Methuen "Service Above Self" Award, for their significant contributions to the Methuen Community.



Key Methuen Pantry volunteers include (back row, left to right ) Ken Peck, Bob Newton, Ray Benedix, Bruce Stella, Judy Scannell, (front row left to right) Marilyn Peck, Anne Benedix, Carmen Rosario, & Sue Newton



Ken and Marilyn Peck, joined by Linda Zimmerman, received a special citation from MA State Representative Diana DiZoglio at the Rotary Club's "Service Above Self" Award ceremony on April 10th.



Methuen Volunteers in action

# Neighbors in Need Feeds over 2,200 families Thanksgiving & Holiday Meal Baskets!



AHS Football unloads trucks full of meal baskets



St. Michael's CCD getting NIN ready for Thanksgiving



The New Balance Team



NIN volunteer Joe Garofalo



Pfizer volunteers



Methuen Rotary volunteers lend a hand

Neighbors in Need families enjoy pork shoulders in their Holiday Meal Baskets—thanks to Ballard Vale United Church



## Thanksgiving/Holiday Meal Donors & Volunteers

*The holiday meal program is only possible because of our committed volunteers and generous donors. We are grateful for this support. Thank you! The following businesses and organizations volunteered, or donated food/meal baskets:*

550 Broadway Lofts • American Training • Andover Country Day School • Andover HS Basketball • Andover HS Football • Ballard Vale United Church • Charles G. Pringle Foundation • Cedar View Health Center, Methuen • Christ Episcopal Church, Andover • Community Day Charter School • Daisy Troop 82081, Andover • Esperanza Academy • FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association • First Congregational Church, Methuen • First United Methodist Church, North Andover • Forest Street Union Church, Methuen • Girl Scout Troop 63204, Methuen • Holy Family Hospital • Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia Jerusalem • Merrimack College • Merrimack Valley Federal Credit Union • Methuen HS Hockey & JV Hockey • Methuen Public Schools • Music Together • Neighbors in Need Board of Directors • New Balance • Newcomers Club Empty Nesters • North Andover Cub Scout Pack 89 • Oak & Iron • OSRAM • Pfizer, Inc. • Phillips Academy • Poppets Early Learning Center • Primrose School, Andover • Regency at Methuen • The Savings Bank • Sentinel Benefits • Shawsheen School, Andover • South Church, Andover • South School, Andover • St. Michael's CCD, North Andover • St. Paul's, North Andover • Tenney Grammar School, Methuen • West Parish Church, Andover • Wood Hill Middle School, Andover



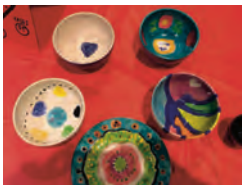
Methuen HS Hockey helps in the warehouse



Esperanza students help clients carry meals



Methuen High School volunteers lending a hand.



Thanks to the Lawrence Public School Art Department for naming Neighbors in Need one of the beneficiaries of their Have a Heart auction! NIN received \$2,000 from this event!

Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center & the Andover Artists Guild generously made Neighbors in Need the beneficiary of their December Art Show. Here, long-time NIN volunteer Jeff Kress poses with his one of his paintings.



Hats off to Sandra Nutter, loyal Third Baptist volunteer, who retired in January after 20 years of service. We are forever thankful to her for her service and we wish her well. We'll miss you Sandra!



We loved being the O'Handley/Paul Bancroft Destination Imagination Team's community partner and are grateful for their food and diaper collection!

Thanks to South Church, North Reading Union Congregational Church, and the annual Christian Men's Christmas Eve Breakfast for their collections of diapers & formula to support of our Infants in Need Program!



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Saturday, May 12 is the annual Post Office Food Drive! Volunteers are needed at the warehouse from 1-6:00 PM. To volunteer, contact [volunteer@needfood.org](mailto:volunteer@needfood.org)!



Neighbors in Need is now part of Jet.com "JetCares Give a Pack Program"! JetCares Give a Pack allows people to support enrolled nonprofit organizations by making donations to them in the form of JetCash, which can then be used by Neighbors in Need to purchase JetCares items, like economy size diaper packages with special discounts. To make your donation, go to <http://go.jet.com/give-neighborsinneed>

The Giving Garden is back in full swing! We need many volunteers to make this work, no experience necessary! Whether you'd like to come help with your family, on your own, or with a faith or other community group, you are welcome at the garden! During the growing season usual work sessions include: Sunday afternoons, Tuesday evenings, and Thursday mornings. Sign up directly using this link:

<https://southchurch.com/giving-garden/>

