

LOAVES and FISHES

Dear Friends of the Soup Kitchen,

February 27, 2016

Enfield Loaves and Fishes beseeches your support for "**Springtime Challenge**" **March 1 through April 30, 2016** to assist the increasing number of Guests. For some EL&F is survival – not a hand out but a hand up, as this may be the only meal they receive that day. This is such a contradiction in a land that is so prosperous. It is extremely important for you to know that Loaves and Fishes is ever grateful for your continued generosity. All are welcome to a hot, nutritious meal in a family setting. While we know that "**Hunger Has No Season**", we remember the working poor, the unemployed, the homeless, perhaps as close as our neighbor next door. In fact, about one in seven adults suffer from hunger, and over forty percent of area school children need a subsidized breakfast and /or lunch program during the day.

Last year, Enfield Loaves and Fishes (Soup Kitchen) served 101,468 meals, of those meals 38,094 meals for home consumption, while 64,554 snacks were prepared for ERfC Educational Resources for Children (after school programs encompassing eight schools being housed at five locations). We have an increase of 1/3 more meals than last year. Our goal remains the same: ensure that all who pass through our doors feel loved, wanted, and satisfied with a delicious and healthy meal.

As you may know, we are located in the lower level of 28 Prospect Street in Enfield. Dinner is served Sunday through Friday from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, and a Saturday Brunch from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. We also offer an assortment of gently used clothing, bakery items, occasional free haircuts and general health clinics, free flu shots, information regarding housing, fuel, and assistance programs, and a caring ear for the hurting soul. Even during difficult economic times, your generosity has been ongoing and we want you to know how grateful we are for your support. Without generous benefactors like you, and a terrific team of volunteers who give of themselves selflessly week after week, this Soup Kitchen would not be able to continue the fight against hunger in our community.

We have enclosed a return envelope for your convenience or you can go to our website www.enfieldloavesandfishes.com and click on the donation page to make your donation through PayPal. Your donation is Tax-deductible as we are a 501(c) 3 non- profit organization.

Sincerely,



Murray Brayson, President

