



An Emergency Food Pantry and Referral Service for Hampshire County
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Dear Friends:

Thirty years ago this week, a small but dedicated group of community members with big hearts and a compelling vision joined forces to create the emergency food program that became the Northampton Survival Center we know of today. They acted upon the simple truth that still forms the basis of the Center's mission – that it is not acceptable to allow our neighbors to go hungry when, working together, there is a solution.

Those visionary volunteers laid the groundwork for what is now a vital institution central to our community's care for each other. Now operating with the help of hundreds of volunteers, the Center takes in and gives out ten thousand pounds of food every week to neighbors who have fallen on hard times and who, at least for this moment, need a helping hand.

It is now well understood that adequate nutrition forms the cornerstone of all other forms of well-being – physical and emotional health, gainful employment, performance in the classroom – all forms of being a contributing member of society. Nowhere is that fact more compelling than when we strive to serve those most vulnerable among us – the over 1,300 children and teens who together make up a third of our clients today.

From Cummington to Hatfield, Easthampton to South Hadley, and all around Hampshire County, The Northampton Survival Center's success depends on the active involvement of all of you who join us in the commitment that we will not let our neighbors go hungry.

Please join us with a financial contribution to our work. Thank you for your support,

Heidi Nortonsmith
Executive Director

Please note: If a monthly system of giving would make contributing easier for you, please consider becoming a Direct Donor by filling out the information on the enclosed envelope. A monthly donation of just \$20 helps us buy 100 pounds of food!

