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United Way



Dear Friends of the Community Center,

When the word went out that area food pantries would not have any turkeys for Thanksgiving this year, Easthampton area residents and businesses started asking how they could help. It was such a heart-warming feeling, knowing that area people reached out to help their neighbors!

My heartfelt thanks to the following for their contributions towards the cost of turkeys; Kiwanis Club of Easthampton, Southampton, and Westhampton; Canton Business Systems; Donna Cushing; Finck and Perras Insurance Agency and Arbella Insurance Co; Big E's Supermarket; Easthampton Lion's Club; Our Lady of the Valley Parish special collection; Trinity Lutheran Parish; Off The Map Tattoo; Darci Cintron and associates doing the Zumbathon; The Helping Hand Society; The Rotary Club of Easthampton; Dave Sullivan; the many, many people that stopped by with gift cards, turkey certificates, and turkeys anonymously. If I have left anyone off this long list please accept my sincere apologies. Every contribution was special! All of the 920 families that needed food for their Thanksgiving holiday received a turkey or a chicken, and all of the fixings to make a complete meal! The Food Pantry distributed a record 21,600 pounds of food for Thanksgiving.

My deepest thanks to the volunteers that come each day to help in the Food Pantry. It has been an exhausting few weeks and we have moved thousands of cans, boxes, and bags of food in the two weeks preceding Thanksgiving! Thank you all!!



Please scan this QR Code with your smart phone to make a donation on 12-10-14 for Valley Gives Day!



On 12-10-14 The communities of Western MA will be joining together for 24 hours to support non-profits working to make our region an amazing place to live!

This is an e-philanthropy event to encourage residents of Hampshire, Franklin, and Hampden counties to contribute to their favorite non-profits via [www.valleygivesday.org](http://www.valleygivesday.org). This will be the third year of our participation in this spectacular event and we hope to make it the best year yet! Funding raised goes to help feed your neighbors in need in our Food Pantry Program. You can schedule your donations anytime after December 1st.



## On Going Here at Your Center:



**Tae Kwon Do Class** Monday and Thursday nights from 6 to 8:30 PM  
Cost \$5.00 per class

**Line Dancing—Class Schedule**  
Monday: 1-2:30 PM  
Friday: 9:30—11AM  
Cost \$3.00 per class

**Landscape painting class with Carl Poole.**  
Bob Ross style of painting. Class will be taking a break for the winter months. The class will resume in March 2015

### Clothing Closet

Hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 9 AM until Noon and Monday, Wednesday evening 4-7 PM

### Food Pantry/Gluten Free Pantry

Monday 9AM—Noon & 4—7 PM  
Wednesday 9AM—Noon & 4—7 PM

### Wednesday Morning

**Ladies Group** will continue to meet on Wednesday morning from 9 AM to 11 AM.

We are always looking for new helpers to knit and crochet- stop in and join us!

### Board Game Thursdays



**Scrabble Club** and **Chinese Mah Jong**



Groups meet from 9:30 AM to Noon.

**TOPS (Take off Pounds Sensibly)** Meets every Wednesday from 6:30 to 8 PM. Come and learn a sensible way to healthy living. For more information call Dolores at (413)- 203-1457.



## Community Care Kitchen Dinners

Meals served from 4:30– 6 PM

Rolls & Butter, Juice & Coffee Served with all meals

**December 2nd**

Sloppy Joes  
Corn  
Brownie  
Sundaes

**December 9th**

“Christmas Dinner”

Roast Pork  
Mashed Potatoes  
Glazed Carrots  
Applesauce  
Apple Cake  
w/ice cream

**December 30th**

New Year Celebration  
Annual Smorgasbord



### Pitch Club



Monday,  
Wednesday and Friday  
9 AM until Noon

**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC**

December 18th  
10 AM to Noon





## LET'S HAVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR...

All of our friends at St. Philip's Episcopal Church and Our Lady of the Valley Parish for their continued support for our Food Pantry. Trinity Lutheran Church, First Congregational Church of Southampton, Ferry St. Package Store, Christ United Methodist Church, and the Westhampton Council on Aging, as always the foodstuffs you donate help so very much!

Thank you to Donald Payson; Dave and Melissa Fagnand; Karen Carr; Diane Geissler; Clem Couchon; Gene and Anne DeFilippo; Doug and Judy Purcell; Nancy LaFleur, Donna Cushing, A-Z Storage (David, Melissa and Thomas Boyle) and the Taralinkof family for your continued monthly support!

Thank You to **Tandem Bagel** for their donation of bagels to our Food Pantry and to **Small Oven Bakery** for their wonderful donation of croissants and scones

There were many groups that did special collections for the Food Pantry during the Thanksgiving holiday season and we are so grateful for all their help in filling our shelves.

Thank you to Emily Williston Library "Food for Fines" program, Cub Scout Pack 207, Boy Scout Troop 205, Girl Scout Troop 12960, White Brook Middle School after-school Program for hundreds of pounds of health and beauty aids collected, District Attorney Dave Sullivan for his holiday Food Drive; Delights of the Earth for the wonderful boxes of handmade soap; God is Love Parish; Colleen Archambault's class at Young World Childcare; the children at Our Lady of the Valley Childcare Center; Suzi Buzzee and associates at Keller Williams; Easthampton Chiropractic; the employees at Big Y Southampton; Maple Street School; The Southampton Women's Club; Tops 383 of Easthampton; and so many of you that came in and dropped off cans, boxes, turkeys, bags of potatoes, and pies! Thank you to all of you that dropped off Big Y turkey coupons, gift cards, and Big E's turkey points to help us purchase even more turkeys.

. WE DID IT! All that came to the Center in need, received food for Thanksgiving. Over 21,600 pounds of food distributed in two weeks!



## Travel News

There will be no trips in January and February due to uncertain weather conditions.



## Municipal Coat and Food Drive

December 9, 2014



Municipal offices will be collecting cans of food and gently used winter coats to help the Community Center Food Pantry



Collection boxes will be available at City Hall for your donations.



**Help us keep area families in our community warm this winter!**

Easthampton Community Center Board of Directors meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11th at 1 PM.

If you have any questions or concerns and would like to be placed on the agenda please call the office at 527-5240.



Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Easthampton Community Center, from 2:30pm  
 Film viewing (96min.) followed by discussion and sampling  
 of plant-based foods.  
 Watch the acclaimed film that shows how a plant-based diet can reverse obesity, type  
 2 diabetes, hypertension and other common disorders. Offered by physician and  
 Certified Food for Life instructor, Nora E Hanke. \$5. No preregistration required.



**Jammies for Juniors** With all of us keeping the thermostats down to help with fuel costs, the Community Center again this year, wants to help families keep kids warm. We will be distributing a new pair of pajamas to all the children for the holidays. If you would like to help by donating a pair of pajamas or if your children need a pair of pajamas, please contact the office and let us know at 527-5240. Let's make it a warm, fuzzy holiday season in Easthampton!

A **Salvation Army** representative will be available on Monday mornings, 9:30 to 11 AM in the main hall, to help anyone in need with vouchers for clothing, food, and utilities.



Merry Christmas from Mary Newton!

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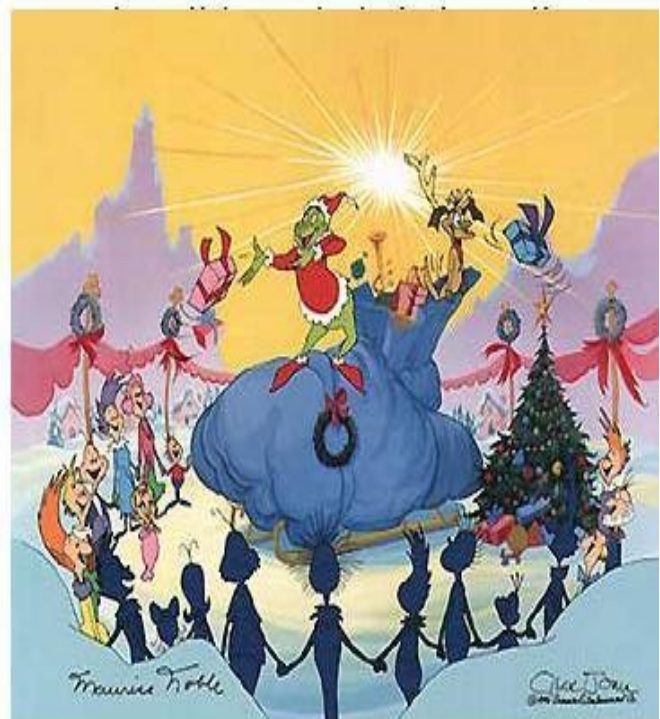
6:00pm sharp @ Easthampton rotary center

Music  
Hot Chocolate \*provided by The Silver Spoon  
Singing  
and great Holiday Cheer!

Please bring an unwrapped toy under \$10 and I will bring a big Santa bag to collect and donate to the Easthampton Community Center who distributes gifts to local low income family's and cash donations go to the Easthampton Community Center!

A holiday Whobalation in Easthampton, come sing like the Who's in Whoville with a huge group of people who then join together to sing hand in hand!

Feel free to invite as many people as possible!! The more Who's of Whoville the better!



*Francine Finkle*

*Clue Jones*



SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) Dick B will be available to answer all your health insurance questions.

Please call the office at 527-5240 to make an appointment.

SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) Assistance is available at your convenience.

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Fuel Assistance Questions ? Please call Community Action, First Call for Help,  
56 Vernon Street, Northampton 800-370-0940



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**OFFICE HOURS : Monday through Friday 8:30 AM until 5:30 PM**

**Friday AM– Office closed to go to the Food Bank**



**FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHING CLOSET HOURS:**

**Monday 9 AM until Noon and 4 PM until 7 PM**

**Tuesday (Clothing Closet Only) 9 AM until Noon**

**Wednesday 9 AM until Noon and 4 PM until 7 PM**





