



Turkey Tuesday is back!

A Few Words...

The Bethel Area District Exchange & Food Pantry, fueled by 100 volunteers, builds community by making food and clothing available to those in need, providing affordable housing for local families, working with students in local schools, working with local farmers and partnering with Oxford County food pantries.

Enjoy our fall newsletter and join us for Turkey Tuesday, November 26.

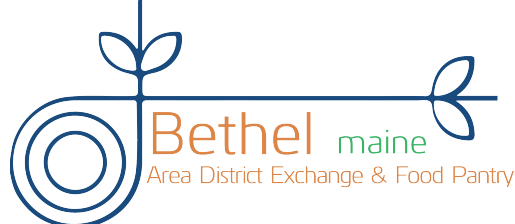
With Gratitude,
Dave Bean
Executive Director

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The Return of Turkey Tuesday

After 30 **amazing** years The Good Food Store has handed Turkey Tuesday off to the Bethel Area District Exchange and Food Pantry (BADE&FP).

Here's what remains the same...

- Turkey Tuesday is an event that brings Western Maine together.
- Doors open at 5pm and dinner starts at 6pm.
- You need to bring your own plates, silverware, tablecloth etc.
- Feel free to bring side dishes and desserts to share!
- A donation to BADE&FP is suggested:
 - Use the QR code displayed on each table
 - Give cash/check
 - [*Donate specific items from the list below](#)

Here's what's new...

- We are excited to announce that Turkey Tuesday's new home is Mt. Abram.
- The only alcohol allowed must be purchased at the Mt. Abram bar. Mt. Abram will donate 25% of the profits to BADE&FP)
- We will need many volunteers on different teams November 24-26. Volunteer sign up by skill set at: www.bethelareafoodpantry.org
[**Teams listed below](#)

*Donation List

Personal Hygiene
Baking Goods
Progresso Soup
Paper Towels
Soap (all types)
Toilet Paper
Cereal
Snacks

**Volunteer Teams

Kitchen Team (Must have professional kitchen experience) 11/24- 11-26
Table/chair Set Up (Must be able to lift 50 lbs) 11/24 late afternoon
Inside Set Up (Must be detail orientated) 11/26 from 4-6pm
Serving Team (Must be able to lift 25 lbs) 11/26 from 5-8pm
Transportation (Medium SUV needed) 11/26 5pm
Clean Up Mt Abram (Must be detail orientated) 11/26 7:30-9pm
Dish Crew, Gould (Must have professional experiece) 11/26 8-9pm
Return tables/chairs to Gould (Must be able to lift 25 lbs) 11/26 8-9pm



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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PROGRAMS



FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY PROGRAM

Home delivery is available by request.

DISTRICT EXCHANGE EMERGENCY PROGRAM

Food is just a phone call away when needed.

DISTRICT EXCHANGE CLOTHING CLOSETS (CPS, TMS, TMH)

Clothing closets at each public school, supports all students.

FOOD PANTRY EMERGENCY PROGRAM

After a fire or other crisis, we deliver.

SENIOR BOXES

Every individual age 60 and over is eligible for additional food.

BACKPACK PROGRAM

When school is in session, we provide meals and snacks over the weekend to bridge the gap.

SNACK PROGRAM

We provide snacks for all local public school students.

REPANT! PROGRAM

We create and sell tote bags from used pants and the proceeds support the Smile Fund and our nonprofit.

FARM TO PANTRY PROGRAM

We deliver produce and fruit from local farms to area food pantries.

ORDER AHEAD PROGRAM

An online food ordering system for pickup or delivery.

COMPUTER/TABLET PROGRAM

We help Neighbors who are job searching or doing school work get the device and the training they need.



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THE CHALLENGE



ALREADY, WE'VE ...

- Renovated and opened the new District Exchange (August 2023)
- Renovated and opened the new Food Pantry (September 2023)
- Constructed a 300 square foot commercial cooler/freezer for ten times the capacity (January 2024).

OUR GOALS ARE TO ...

- Complete work on our building and grounds
- Pay off our Genesis Fund loan free and clear

OUR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AT A GLANCE...

PHASE ONE

Emergency Generator	\$ 25,000.00
Apartment Two	\$ 12,000.00
Siding/Fascia Repair	\$ 5,000.00
Pave Parking Lots	\$ 65,000.00
Phase One Total	\$ 107,000.00

PHASE TWO

Financial Sustainability	\$ 213,500.00
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PHASE THREE

Complete Financial Sustainability	\$ 213,500.00
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Capital Campaign Total	\$ 534,000.00
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