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### Coming Events

**PACH at the Farmers' Market**  
**September 20**

**Drive-Thru Food Drive**  
**Saturday, Sept 27th**  
**9am- 1pm**  
**Peter Fitzpatrick School**

**Senior Center 'Presents for Parents' Coat Drive**  
TBD

**PACH Holiday Basket Paper Turkey Sale**  
TBD

**Fuel Assistance Applications**  
TBD  
[More details](#)

### Get Ready for the Drive-Thru Food Drive

PACH will host its third annual, 'Drive-thru Food Drive' at the Peter Fitzpatrick School driveway on Saturday, September 27th.

We are in need of non-perishable food items, paper goods, and personal care items, including:

- canned meat
- pasta and pasta sauce
- cereal
- juice boxes and snacks
- canned fruit and vegetables
- diapers and baby items
- household cleaners
- laundry detergent
- deodorant
- soap and body wash
- shampoo and conditioner

Our team of PACH volunteers will unload your donations while you wait. You don't even have to get out of your car!

Easy in, easy out, and a huge benefit to PACH!

[Click here for a list of the most critical items.](#)

### Hunger In Our Community

PACH recently participated in a survey conducted by The Greater Boston Food Bank ("GBFB") in cooperation with Feeding America, the national network of 200 food banks. According to the GBFB, *Hunger in America 2014* is "The most comprehensive survey of hunger ever undertaken in eastern Massachusetts."

A summary of findings declares, "*Hunger is not a problem facing just those in poverty. A recent study shows that 47% of those at*

## PACH Outreach

**PACH Outreach is an all-volunteer, community-based organization providing short-term assistance to Pepperell residents during difficult times.**

**The only food pantry for the 11,000 residents of Pepperell, PACH serves over 475 individuals each month, including seniors, families, and single adults.**

**PACH is about neighbors helping neighbors.**

[Learn more today.](#)

**From January to August 2014, PACH has served:**

- 1418 households
- 3245 clients
- distributed 2784 bags of groceries

## Office and Pantry Hours:

**Tuesday: 5 - 7:00 pm**  
**Thursday: 2 - 4:00 pm**  
**Thursday: 5 - 7:00 pm**

## Stay Connected



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*risk for hunger in eastern Massachusetts earn too much to be eligible for government-provided emergency food assistance. Many never dreamed they would need a food pantry or community meal program to feed themselves and their families."*

The report goes on to state, "There is no one face of hunger."

- 1 in 3 are children under 18 and 1 in 5 are 60 years or older.
- In 67% of households, the main income earner is not employed. More than 2/3 of those unemployed are elderly, retired, disabled, in poor health or caring for someone in poor health.
- 57% of households have at least one member with education beyond high school

[Click here to read the full report.](#)

## We Couldn't Do it Without You!

PACH is extremely grateful for the many individuals, organizations, businesses, and schools that support us with donations of food, money, and time. This month we would like to say a special thank you to:

- Our dedicated volunteers who donate their time week after week
- Loaves & Fishes GBFB Delivery Team
- Ray Kane and North Middlesex High School students
- Dragonfly Farm
- Pepperell Christian Fellowship
- 4H Stars and Strides Equestrians
- Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dicenzo
- Pepperell Farmers' Market
- Donelan's Supermarket
- Hannafords of Townsend

## Senior Center "Presents for Parents"

The Senior Center will hold its second annual "Presents for Parents" Day on Saturday, December 13th. Seniors will help children select presents for their moms and dads, wrap the gifts, and make a holiday card.

Tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches will be served and Santa will make a visit.

This year, the Senior Center is adding winter coats and will be holding a coat drive to collect new and gently used coats. Look for details in the next few weeks.

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