



A BRIDGE OF HOPE

The Community Survival Center

What's Happening....

Happy New Year! Wishing



everyone a safe and healthy 2022.

Instagram

We are now on Instagram! How cool are we?! Check us out at [Survival_center240](https://www.instagram.com/survival_center240).

Emergency Food Pantry

Our Emergency Food Pantry is open Monday through Thursday from

9:30 AM until 4:30 PM. There is a permanent outdoor canopy for shelter and a bench for seating.

Thrift Shop / Fill a Bag Program

The **Thrift Shop and the Fill a Bag Program** are open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 until noon, and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 until 3:00. Four masked shoppers are allowed inside for 20 minutes. We disinfect between each

Donations

Currently, we are taking donations of clothing or household items on a limited basis – two containers/vehicle/week

Food Bank

Thanks to the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, we have new shelving units. They replace quite old and well-used shelves that were bending in the middle. The new ones are also a little bit deeper and can safely hold many, many cans, boxes, and jars of food.



CONSIDER PAYING TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE BY DEDICATING A GIFT IN THEIR NAME TO THE COMMUNITY SURVIVAL CENTER



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Donations Accepted

- www.communitysurvivalcenter.org
- Facebook —make donation via PayPal
- Checks Mailed to:
Community Survival Center
240 Main Street
Indian Orchard, Ma 01151
- Phone (413) 543-3930

Testimonial

Sometimes it is nice to know who and how you are helping at the Community Survival Center. I received a call from a man who had lost his job and whose fridge was empty. He had a family of five and needed some help. He said that he was embarrassed to even ask about getting food from our Emergency Food Pantry. When I explained the paperwork needed and told him how many times he could come to the Pantry he said, "I just need help this one time." He said again that he never thought he would need this kind of assistance. I told him that he shouldn't be afraid to ask for help as that is exactly why we are here.

Everybody needs help at some point and we are just glad that we can provide that help. And we provide that help thanks to the generosity of our donors. Last year, you contributed 98,631 lbs. of food for us to distribute in the Pantry. Wow!

A family of five is given just over 100 lbs. of food in bagged groceries. Each household receives three frozen meat items and enough food to last for eight days.



Front Window

Several people have commented on the boarded-up windows on the Main Street side. There was an unfortunate accident when a car backed into our windows but thankfully, no one was injured. We should have everything repaired sometime in February.

Knights of Columbus

Lastly, many thanks to the Knights of Columbus from St. Cecilia's Parish in Wilbraham. They donated over \$2,500.00 from funds raised for their Thanksgiving Food Drive.



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