



DECEMBER 2025 VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Hello and thank you for offering to volunteer your time with the Webster Community Chest. Here is our December 2025 Volunteer email.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss WCC volunteer opportunities further, please reply to this email and our Volunteer Coordinator, Carol Lowe, will get back to you in a timely manner.

Spaghetti Dinner (Submitted by Michael Grenier)

The Masonic Lodge on Orchard Street in Webster is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Webster Community Chest on Friday, February 6, 2026, from 5 to 7 p.m. We need volunteers to run this pop-up Italian restaurant. It is fun, social, and we'll feed you afterwards! In the past we have raised approximately \$1,000 at this event.

If you can help, please send an email to mgrenier@frontiernet.net and we will have a board member contact you.

Christmas/Winter Holiday Gift Program Needs Winter Gear (Submitted by Tracy Dennis)

Many of the children in our Christmas program need winter gear (coats, snow pants, hats, gloves, boots, etc.). We are looking for people to help provide these items for these children. If you can help, please contact Tracy at webcommchest@gmail.com or (585) 671-2060 to ask questions and discuss this opportunity.

Helping Our Neighbors (Submitted by Kathy Taddeo)

WCC's Friends of Phillips Village program is seeking additional volunteers to shop and deliver monthly to the Phillips Village Food Pantry at 100 Krieger Rd (off Phillips Road). There are 500 units in this low-income housing community, so there is much need for food assistance, especially now.

If you are interested in joining an active and organized team of neighbors helping neighbors, contact Kathy at ktaddeo5@icloud.com (with the subject line "PV Pantry") for further information. We promise you will get more than you give!

Thanksgiving Collaborative Event 2025 (Submitted by Tracy Dennis)

THANK YOU to our Thanksgiving Collaborative Event Volunteers: Judith, Bob H, Melissa, Jennifer & friends, Sharon, David, Sabryna & friends, Heather, Alex, Brittany, Carol, John, Lindsay & friends, Kathy, Rick, Denise, Tracy and Fred.

This was our largest distribution ever and every single one of you helped make it successful. Whether you helped on one day or all week, your time and hard work is greatly appreciated by the collaboration agencies, the clients/recipients, and by the Holiday Collaboration Coordinators. This year's Thanksgiving event provided 227 families with grocery items with a value of \$70-155/family. We hope that everyone who helped with this event had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Distribution Night, November 20 (Submitted by Tracy Dennis)

THANK YOU to our November Meal Center volunteers: Denise, Fred, Bob H, Bill, Michael, Judith, Heather, Ellen & Russ, Rick, Alicia, Carol, and Mary Lynne. Successful Meal Center distributions cannot happen without YOU! You are very much appreciated. THANK YOU!

133 families were fed. Each meal bag had 4 meals. We also had 120 dozen eggs, 128 bags of potatoes, 100 bags of apples, hygiene bags, laundry detergent, RG&E energy kits and goodie bags for the kids.

Three clients picked up their pre-ordered HomeHub items. After seeing what Trish and her team put together for one family, the client exclaimed, "I'm rich!" Five lucky clients got a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

December 18 is our final Meal Center 2025 Distribution from 3:30-5:00 (Submitted by Bonnie Reynolds)

Huge thanks to all who helped with the November food distribution. We tried some new processes, which are working well. Thanks Deb, Jean, Ellen, Cheryl, Linda, Delia, MaryLynne, Trish, Denise, Judith, Bob H, Fred, Mark, Bill and new driver Charlie! Many of you were new this month, many thanks. We have a pop-up distribution on December 4 which we are all set for. Our next bagging event is December 12 at 11 a.m. Let me know if you'd like to help. Bonnie (585) 770-3326.

We will be looking for helping hands as the season for food drives is upon us. WCC will need volunteers to pick up these items from collection sites and deliver them to our meal center.

Food donations can be dropped off at the Webster Library. There is a wagon across from the checkout desk labeled "Webster Community Chest."

If you or someone you know would like to coordinate a food drive for our meal center or host a "Fill the Van" food drive, please let us know.

Our Meal Center is a perfect location to hold a DRIVE-UP Donation Drive. Would you like to organize one for us? We will supply the place & volunteers to receive the food. We just need YOU or YOUR organization/company/group to organize a drive for us! Let us know if you are interested!

To see our ingredient list, click on this link and scroll down to the bottom section of the page: webcommchest.org/meal-center

If anyone knows of any additional potential drop off places, please let us know. We can use convenient places for the community to drop off donations.

Do you have any recipes for meals that we can add to our Meal Center repertoire? Please send your ideas to Bonnie at bonniebythebay2025@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the Webster Community Chest and our community.

Your Friends at the Webster Community Chest

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