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North Andover Thrift Shop Responds to Food Insecurity Concerns With Targeted Community Giving

North Andover, MA – October 30, 2025 — In response to rising concerns over food insecurity and uncertainty surrounding potential changes to federal SNAP benefits, the North Andover Thrift Shop has directed its latest round of charitable giving toward organizations addressing hunger and youth development across the Merrimack Valley. A total of **\$3,000** has been donated to three local nonprofits whose work is vital to the health and well-being of families in the region.

The following donations have been made:

- **The People's Food Pantry – \$1,500**, in support of their volunteer-run effort serving food-insecure individuals and families across the Merrimack Valley.
- **The Merrimack Valley Food Bank – \$1,000**, helping sustain regional food distribution to hundreds of pantries, shelters, and meal programs across northeastern Massachusetts.
- **Communities Together Manos Felices Program – \$500**, supporting their after-school program focused on holistic development, community, and joyful learning for youth in underserved neighborhoods.

In addition, the Thrift Shop has **set aside a total of \$1,500** from its last two giving rounds to support a **North Andover High School Scholarship**, which will be awarded in early 2026 through the North Andover High School Scholarship Foundation.

“These gifts reflect our mission to reinvest in the Merrimack Valley,” said a spokesperson for the Board of the North Andover Thrift Shop. “Thanks to the generosity of our donors, our ever-growing group of eBay buyers, and the creativity and dedication of our volunteers, we’re able to continue supporting organizations that directly impact lives across our region.”

After losing its physical storefront on Sutton Street in 2024, the North Andover Thrift Shop embraced a new model—moving its entire operation online via eBay. The shop continues as a force for good, channeling proceeds from online sales directly into local charitable giving.

For over 70 years, the North Andover Thrift Shop has empowered the community to give back through the simple act of donating or shopping secondhand. With a motto of “*We were doing thrift before it was hip*,” the shop continues to blend sustainability, volunteerism, and philanthropy—now reaching supporters far beyond North Andover through its digital storefront.

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