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North Andover Thrift Shop Supports Regional Food Security and Community Health With \$5,000 in Donations

North Andover, MA – February 3, 2026 — Continuing its longstanding commitment to reinvesting in the Merrimack Valley, the North Andover Thrift Shop is pleased to announce a new round of charitable giving totaling **\$5,000**, supporting five organizations whose missions advance food security, human dignity, and educational opportunity.

The following donations have been made:

- **\$1,000 to Bread & Roses Community Kitchen (Lawrence)** – Supporting the organization’s work providing hot meals, pantry services, and holistic support to individuals and families facing hunger and housing instability in Greater Lawrence.
- **\$1,000 to Our Neighbors’ Table (Amesbury)** – Helping sustain the Seacoast Regional Food Hub, open-market food access, and community-based hunger relief programs serving thousands across northeastern Essex County.
- **\$1,000 to Cor Unum Meal Center (Lawrence)** – Supporting Cor Unum’s daily breakfast and dinner service, which offers free, nutritious meals to anyone in need in a welcoming, judgment-free environment.
- **\$500 to the South Church Giving Garden at Rolling Ridge (North Andover)** – Assisting in the volunteer-led cultivation of fresh produce that is donated to local food pantries and food justice organizations throughout the region.
- **\$1,500 to the North Andover Scholarship Foundation** – Continuing the Thrift Shop’s commitment to educational advancement through a scholarship that will be awarded to a North Andover High School student in early 2026.

“These organizations embody the values we care most about—compassion, care, and community,” said a spokesperson for the North Andover Thrift Shop Board. “As a volunteer-led nonprofit, we are keen to help alleviate food insecurity in our region, and we’re proud to turn donated goods into real, measurable support for neighbors across the Merrimack Valley.”

Founded more than 70 years ago, the North Andover Thrift Shop transitioned to an **online-only eBay storefront** in 2024 following the closure of its Sutton Street location. Despite the shift, the shop has remained deeply rooted in the community, continuing to raise and distribute funds to local nonprofits and student scholarships.

To learn more or support their mission, visit www.northandoverthriftshop.org

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