



Needham Community Council Newsletter

January, 2010

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13th Annual Food
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from Feinsein
Foundation of
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2009 ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Thanks to all of you who have generously contributed to our Annual Fund Drive. The response from the community has been great and we are well on the way to meet our goal. But, we aren't there yet. Our Annual Fund Drive comes to a close January 30th and we need your support!

If you haven't sent in a donation to our Annual Fund Drive please remember that we do not receive any public funding and we depend on your generosity to keep our programs running throughout the year.

Does your company have a matching gift program? If so, you can increase your giving even more... [click here](#) to see a list of companies that may have matching programs [please note: matching benefits change, so to be completely up to date please check with your company].

Donate Now with our secure and easy online link
www.needhamcommunitycouncil.org/donations

*It is never too early or too late to give;
and no amount is ever too little
or too much!*

ESL TUTORING SESSIONS AVAILABLE

Do you know someone who lives and/or works in Needham who might be interested in receiving free ESL tutoring? Call us at 781-444-2415 for more information.

SOMETHING NEW FOR 2010

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Winter Escape Thrift Shop Sale

Wednesday, January 27th

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 28th

5 - 9 p.m.

Friday, January 29th

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Our thrift shop volunteers have put aside a wide assortment of great summer items, ready for upcoming winter vacations; including women's sandals, bathing suits, sundresses, jewelry, bags, men's Hawaiian shirts, etc. Some children's items also will be available.

All items have been donated to the Community Council and 100% of the proceeds from our thrift shop sales fund Council programs designed to support Needham residents throughout the year.

Would you like to be notified of our thrift shop sales?

[Click here](#) to join our sale notification email list. Please put "sales" in the subject line.

NEEDHAM EMPTY BOWLS COMMUNITY DINNER



Thursday, March 4th

5-8 p.m.

Needham High School Cafeteria

A fundraiser to help support the Needham Community Council Food Pantry and to raise awareness of, and help reduce, hunger in Needham. The Empty Bowls Project is co-sponsored by the Needham Community Council, Grace Lutheran Church, Needham High School Visual Arts Department and The Potters Shop & School.

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For a minimum donation of \$10 per ticket, each attendee will receive a dinner of soup and bread, donated by local businesses, and will be invited to take home an empty handmade bowl, donated by local artists.

The empty bowls serve as a reminder of the event and that while we have just finished eating, someone else's bowl may still be empty.



Ticket sales will be limited and will be available after February 1st. [Click here](#) to visit the Empty Bowls Project website.

THANKS FOR AN AMAZING 2009 HOLIDAY OUTREACH PROGRAM

This year we provided a record number of meals, gifts, food supplies, and holiday cheer to Needham residents...more than ever before. Thank you notes have been pouring in and we love reading them.

The success of our holiday program was possible because of all those who helped us with food donations, gift cards, new toys and games, warm clothing and financial donations.



We want to especially thank our many volunteers who made our holiday programs possible with their time and energy. It would not have been possible without them!

Thanks also to the Rotary Club of Needham for the Thanksgiving Day Dinner Program, to Project Ezra and Lois Sockol from Temple Beth Shalom for the Christmas Day Dinner Program, and to the Needham Exchange Club, North Hill, Needham Women's Club and so many others for their generous donations to our Holiday Gift Giving Program.

The Needham Community Council is a private non-profit organization which supports people in Needham who have under-met health, educational or social needs and promotes volunteerism, community and a sense of shared responsibility.

FOOD PANTRY COORDINATOR Sue Biasizzo

Week after week, throughout the year, our Food Pantry Coordinator, Sue Biasizzo, helps support Needham residents with her energy, compassion and encouragement along with the distribution of a wide variety of food.

Many customers sent wonderful holiday messages ...part of one is below:

Thank you...The support you have given to our family is far beyond what I ever thought was possible. You helped me keep my chin up while things were not going well...you have helped us tremendously and by doing so you have saved us! Saved us from despair... from worrying about how we would feed our kids. The generosity that we received from you and all at the Pantry is incredible and we want you to know that we really appreciate it all so much! How can I ever thank you? I can only say on this wonderful holidaymay your never ending compassion for people never end.

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