



BEVERLY BOOTSTRAPS COMMUNITY SERVICES

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"Bootstraps is amazing. You have helped to give my family some stability...
thank you for all you do for people like me."

-former client

Dear Friend,

Last year, we educated, empowered and embraced **over 2,100 families** in need of food, shelter, heating assistance and youth and adult education programs.

This past summer, we met Scott, his 2 year-old daughter Maddy and 3 year-old son Troy shortly after their mother had abandoned them, leaving the family with little to no resources. Unlike most families in this situation, they had a caring family member who let them stay with her in a one-bedroom apartment. Without her they may have become homeless.

When Scott turned to us, our case workers quickly realized that the family needed much more than housing as he was recently laid-off from his job and had no means of transportation.

The family immediately began using our food pantry while we coordinated with other agencies to secure child care services and rental assistance. During this time, Scott was able to establish medical services for his children and find a new job. When the family moved, we provided a voucher to our thrift store, Boots, Straps and More, for furniture and other household items.

No one chooses to be in a situation that causes them to seek help at Beverly Bootstraps Community Services. These days especially, there is no "normal" clientele. We serve children, teens, young adults, seniors, families, unemployed, underemployed, people struggling with the cost of a medical issue, some who are chronically living in poverty and some who have a temporary financial emergency.

Without the generosity of community members like you, we would not be able to help Maddy, Troy and Scott and struggling families like them. **The need has grown immensely**, to the point where the Food Pantry alone is **distributing approximately 1,000 items of food daily**.

We continue to need your help to assist us in educating, embracing and empowering those who turn to us in their time of need. Please write your check today or donate online: www.beverlybootstraps.org.

Gratefully,

Sue Gabriel
Executive Director

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