

## Bootstraps Bonuses

Benefits you get as one of the Boots' troops

We have several spaces open to us in an upcoming CPR (re)certification class. If you would like to participate, please contact Amy at 978-927-1561 or amurphy@beverlybootstraps.org.

Learn Excel: We have an excellent computer instructor willing to offer classes in Microsoft Excel for Bootstraps volunteers, starting at the most basic level and moving up through advanced manipulations in this application. If you would be interested in this class, please email Kristna at kevans@beverlybootstraps.org.

If you are over 55 and unemployed, you might be able to get paid minimum wage for your volunteer time with Beverly Bootstraps Community Services. For more information, contact Cynthia Andrews at 978-810-0413 or candrews@operationable.net.

If you are age 55 and older and volunteer with Bootstraps, you are eligible for membership in RSVP, part of Senior Corps. As an RSVP volunteer you get to attend their annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and other community social events, and receive their quarterly newsletter and membership in the Corporation for National and Community Service. RSVP volunteers may also receive up to \$15.00 per month for travel to and from their volunteer commitments. Kristna has application information.

**Boots Scoop by Email** We would like to send you this newsletter in email format to save trees and postage. If you are willing to receive Boots Scoop by email, please email Kristna at kevans@beverlybootstraps.org to let her know.

# BOOTS SCOOP

Beverly Bootstraps Volunteers Newsletter

Summer 2010

## Volunteer Appreciation Event

We want to THANK YOU! Please come celebrate and get to know other members of our Bootstraps' family. We'll have good eats, pass out prizes, play some fun games, and get to know other Bootstraps staff and volunteers. Bring a friend or family member(s)!

Please join us Thursday, June 17, 4:30-7:30 at Lynch Park at 55 Ober Street in Beverly (parking is free). Please bring a blanket or your favorite beach chair.



## Welcome

to Boots Scoop, where a few times a year I, Kristna Evans, your Volunteer Coordinator, will let you know what's happening at Bootstraps that might be of interest to all our Boots troops who help make the wonderful work we do happen. I'll let you know about events, get you some inside information on what's going on at Beverly Bootstraps Community Services, tell you our volunteer needs, let you in on some great benefits that come with being one of our volunteers (we wish there were even more ways we could stay thanks!), give you a voice to talk

with one another, and whatever else you'd like! Let me know what more would be useful or of interest. Just to let you know how amazing you are: From September 2009-April 2010 our volunteers logged over 9,500 hours (and that doesn't include all the unlogged hours, or those who ran a food drive or participated in a one-time volunteer event). Since January you have logged almost 5,000 hours; in those four months Boots, Straps and More volunteers alone logged over 3,000 hours!

*Kristna Evans*

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# Volunteer Voila!

Where we put out our needs and wait for the usual Bootstraps volunteer magic to happen!

If you would like to help us with any of these needs, unless otherwise noted, please contact Kristna Evans, Volunteer Coordinator, at 978-927-1561 or kevans@beverlybootstraps.org.

★ We are planning a survey of at least 400 Food Pantry clients to get a better understanding of the hunger issues and food needs in the Beverly and Manchester areas. We need patient volunteers who are good listeners and are available to interview pantry clients several shifts between June 28th and July 31st.

★ Help tell our community about the programs and services of Beverly Bootstraps Community Services. Staff a table with our newest staff member, Ashley Ganem at the Youth at Risk Conference on June 9th at Endicott College.

★ We are looking for simple recipes that are easy to make and use our food pantry ingredients, especially the healthy, but less popular items. Please send recipes to Kathy Kirlis at kkirlis@beverlybootstraps.org or mail/drop it off at our office.

★ We need shoppers to keep an eye out for a particular item coming on sale at Christmas Tree Shops.

★ Beverly Bootstraps Community Services will have a booth again at ArtsFest this year, Saturday, June 19. We'd love two volunteers to do face painting at our booth!

★ We are getting some great office furniture and a refrigerator from Microsoft when they move this summer. We need strong helpers (and perhaps a truck or two) to load and unload the furniture on either Friday, June 25, or Saturday, June 26.

★ We are renting a box truck (we are looking to buy a gently used one). If you can drive the truck and/or help carry furniture, or if you have your own van or truck and are willing to do furniture or food pick-ups and delivery, we could really use your help!

★ We have one slot open on Wednesdays for the summer from 10:45-12:30 in our Pantry! We also need a summer morning pantry prep volunteer to help put together bags of food on Thursdays and Fridays from 9-11am.

★ Starting in June we need someone to drive to Henry's every Tuesday and Friday mornings (sometime between 8:30 and 10am) to pick up their weekly donations of meat, pastries, and deli items, and deliver them to our pantry.

★ We have many Boots, Straps and More shifts and several Front Desk shifts open.



*"We are all like one-winged angels. It is only when we help each other that we can fly." —Luciano de Crescenzo*

Do you know how important you are to us? Beverly Bootstraps Community Services relies on our volunteers every day. Thank you to the angels who packed the bags in the food pantry so that 2172 people could have food in 2009. We noticed the halo on the tutor bent over the books with a student, and the wings that blended in with the clothes that a volunteer is sorting at Boots, Straps and More.

It is because of all you angels helping the clients, the staff, and other volunteers that this agency can fly. It is because of all this help that we send out over 10,000 newsletters to our community supporters, that we can give out over 580 backpacks to children before they start school, and that over 60 students are learning English.

You give over \$31,000 worth of volunteer hours per month.

You are critical to us making our mission happen, and you are appreciated!

## Volunteer Voices

In each *Boots Scoop* we will feature volunteer voices; this will be a place for all of you wonderful volunteers to have your say and hear from one another. If you have something you'd like to include, just let Kristna know! This Volunteer Voices features quotes from our Boots, Straps and More: *Bargains for a Cause* volunteer survey. This is what many Thrift volunteers think is the best thing about volunteering at the store:



Fran Price having fun volunteering at Boots, Straps and More

*"Interacting with different people."*

*"Relaxed, friendly atmosphere."*

*"The camaraderie and helping the occasional person in a special way."*

*"The friendliness of other volunteers and helping customers find what they want."*

*"It's a great place to help out: I enjoy the whole thing...I like the merchandise and making it look good."*

*"The people."*

*"It doesn't get boring as different items are coming in all the time—you never know what to expect—it's fun."*

*"I enjoy working with the other volunteers and like to socialize with and help the customers."*

*"The people and the merchandise."*

*"Helping people."*

*"Knowing I'm helping in some small way."*

*"Working towards a goal for everyone."*

*"I love helping people."*

*"Networking, meeting people, helping to make a difference in the hunger war."*

*"The love and caring of Jackie and Mary; the wonderful friendships we make with all the other volunteers."*

*"Interacting with customers and learning about their lives."*

*"Getting to interact with so many people."*

*"Seeing how thrilled people get to find great bargains and helping those who truly couldn't afford to buy elsewhere."*