Bread of Life Ministries feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, and provides services that help people change their lives and take personal responsibility. God calls us to minister to one another and assist those in need.

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From groundbreaking to ribbon cutting, the shelter expansion project has gone from a dream to a reality. Bread of Life Ministries is proud and humbled by all of the support we received from this kind and generous community. Thank you to all who participated in this dream come true.

It’s a blessing for us to be able to provide a safe, supportive, and homelike environment for Veterans, Individuals, and Families.

Our new mission is to

“Always Say Yes”
Safe and Supportive Homes

Bread of Life Ministries has 83 apartment units in nine buildings throughout the Augusta area. We are proud to offer a variety of units ranging from boarding room style living quarters to efficiencies to two- and three-bedrooms. We offer several transitional housing units which provide a subsidized rent for a maximum of two years. We also have permanent housing, which provides tenants the ability to remain in the unit without time restraints.

It is our goal to provide those in need with safe, affordable housing and to provide support for tenants to become the best versions of themselves.

Meet our Veteran Jason Baker. He successfully transitioned to stable BOLM housing in December 2018 and volunteers at Bread of Life on a regular basis as a way to give back. Congratulations Jason!

Meet Veteran Ray Simpson. Once at the Veteran’s homeless shelter, he is now housed and stable in BOLM apartments. He has been a positive and caring role model to all other persons he comes in contact with. Congratulations Ray!

“The services offered to me at BOLM allowed me to overcome my addictions and get treatment for my mental health. It [working with other veterans in the BOLM community] made the transition easier because I was surrounded by people that understood what I was going through.”

“I’m no longer homeless thanks to the Bread of Life getting me housed in one of their own apartments. The best part about Bread of Life was having the food truck, transportation (which was a huge help), being surrounded by other vets knowing I wasn’t alone, and all the help the staff and everybody gave to keep us staying focused.”

Tools for Lasting Success

Bread of Life Ministries provides free case management services to all clients who enter the shelter programs. Our goal is to end homelessness one person and one family at a time through case management services and our shelter-based Structures Program.

Case management staff like Carol Lagassey (above) work with clients to develop specific goals around obtaining housing, employment and other resources to help them become self-sufficient. Connecting effectively with government and non-profit resources and various other support systems results in new opportunities for success.
The Soup Kitchen: Where It All Began

More than three decades ago, Carolyn Neighoff, recognized a need and led an effort to feed the hungry in downtown Augusta. With the support of seven founding families from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Carolyn purchased a building on 157 Water Street. The soup kitchen opened its doors in September of 1984 and continues to serve from the same location today.

Bread of Life Ministries serves between 40-120 lunch meals per day or about 32,000 - 36,000 meals per year. The Soup kitchen is a pillar of Bread of Life Ministries and a beacon of hope to those in need. All are welcome to a place where people are served a nutritious meal by our Kitchen Manager Kim White (left) and all of our compassionate volunteers in a safe environment.

“A year ago, when I walked through the doors at Bread of Life Ministries on a mission to give to the community, I was blessed exceedingly more back in return. I am forever grateful. It is my great pleasure to serve” in the Soup Kitchen.”

The Soup Kitchen went through a little makeover this spring when the Cynergy Group Volunteers from the Kennebec Valley Chamber decided they would like to give back to the community. This hardworking crew took on the project of repainting the soup kitchen to give it a refreshing new color for spring. Jeff, our maintenance director, (seen hiding in the background) prepared the kitchen, or should we say, destroyed the kitchen. The volunteers did a great job putting it all back in order. The community and we were impressed with the great job they did.
There Are Many Ways to Make a Difference

Bread of Life Ministries thrives from the generous support of our community donors and volunteers. No matter the size, all donations and acts of service are appreciated. From financial gifts, volunteering individually or with a group, goods or services, you can help Bread of Life Ministries continue to grow, providing support to those in need. Please go to our website and www.mainebreadoflife.org and our Facebook page to check out the videos and find more information on the Capital Campaign and the variety of ways you can contribute.

Financial Gift

Bread of Life Ministries was built from the generosity of others, and continues to be supported by those who believe in our mission. No matter the size, all donations make a difference. 90 cents of every dollar goes directly to the operations and services of Bread of Life.

Food

In Maine, 1 in 4 children is food insecure. Our soup kitchen aids by serving between 32,000 and 34,000 hot meals per year. Bread of Life is eager to work with local farms, businesses and individuals in reducing food waste and ending hunger in our community.

Group Work

Lots of valuable work can get done when many hands come together. We love working with groups to accomplish a goal at one of our shelters or properties. Please get in touch to coordinate how your school, company or group of friends can make a difference.

Goods & Services

Looking for other ways to give? Please contact us if you have alternative goods or services you’d like to donate to Bread of Life. To learn more and purchase items for our Housing Starter Baskets call 626-3434.

Volunteer

Volunteers are a vital part of Bread of Life Ministries and the services we provide to our clients. Without our volunteers, much of the work we do would not be possible. Our volunteers find so much fulfillment through their service.

Clothing

Bread of Life Ministries offers a small clothing closet where clients in shelter can pick out clothing for job interviews. Often times, a (like) new outfit can make the world of difference in boosting confidence. If you’d like to make a clothing donation, please call us at (207) 626-3479 to coordinate.

Amazon

There are two great ways to give with Amazon. When you shop smile.amazon.com and choose Bread of Life Ministries Inc. as your charity, we receive .05% of qualifying sales at no cost to you! We also have an Amazon Wish List. These are items that help Bread of Life continue to love and care for the people we serve within our shelters.

~Be Somebody Who Makes Everybody Feel Like a Somebody~