Fluffs of dandelion are carried away by the wind and germinate where they land. Its seeds are symbols of love and take root and spread more love in places where they land.
Since March 16th the Soup Kitchen has adapted to serving more meals, transitioning from a sit down dining room style lunch to a hot to-go meal, in a recyclable container. All meal preparation, serving at the door, and cleaning has been done by a core group of fearless volunteers. Patrons are greeted at the door by a kind hearted volunteer and handed a bagged up lunch to-go. Bags are filled each morning with a drink, various snacks, a fruit or vegetable and something hot. We are grateful for our volunteers who continue to exude kindness & hope to the community.
The Bread of Life Family Shelter and Veteran Shelter clients have been actively practicing social distancing while still maintaining a safe social environment at the shelter. The clients have had BBQs using items provided from the food truck as well as food donations dropped off by loving individuals. Each client enjoyed making and sharing side dishes with each other. BOLM Staff, Jessica and Sarah, hosted a game day with the clients after the BBQ, engaging them in games such as Ladder Ball, Corn Hole, Chalk Drawings, Bubbles and many other outside activities.

Those who live at our Lawrence House property are delivered left over meals from the Soup Kitchen. At Bread of Life we are fortunate to have staff who are so compassionate.

Rodney Markham started driving the food truck last fall. During the pandemic, he has courageously continued with his regular route and has been flexible as donations have changed. Anthony Voytasko, a dedicated volunteer, has been a blessing as Rod’s wing man.
Right now having a home to call your own is more important than ever. Bread of Life Ministries has continued to house individuals and families in the midst of COVID-19. Megan Jalbert and her family were some of those housed recently. Megan shared her experience with Julia, our housing coordinator.

Megan, her long term partner and two children came to Bread of Life Ministries this past fall. The family had aspirations of being stable and having a safe place for their girls, like all those who walk through the shelter. Megan shared, at times, the shelter was emotionally taxing, but the program challenged their life long habits. She optimistically stated that the difficult moments all felt worth it. Their hard work and saving money, paid off. Their family applied and was approved for Bread of Life housing. Megan, cheerfully remarks that her girls love having their own rooms and employment is going well for their family. Successes like Megan’s in the middle of the chaos, remind us that despite obstacles safe, affordable housing is possible.

Meet our new staff

Laura Briggs was formerly an Operations Lieutenant for the Kennebec County Sheriff’s Office. After 14 years of working long days and nights, she wanted to find something more family oriented. Laura has two little girls and wanted to be home more with them. Since, coming to Bread of Life as our Shelter Manager she feels like she truly belongs. She enjoys the staff and helping clients take steps forward to succeed in life.

Julia Kimball, our new Housing Coordinator comes to us with a non-profit background and homeless prevention experience. Coupled with that, she has recently completed her degree in Public Administration. She loves coming to work everyday knowing the work she does makes a difference to our community.

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