

# Newton Neighbors

A community-based, volunteer-led MUTUAL AID NETWORK

#### Looking for help?

Food Advice
Household items Information
Other resources Community events

Facebook.com/groups/NewtonNeighborsHelping

#### Volunteer to help!

*NewtonNeighbors.org/helping-neighbors* 

## **NewtonNeighbors.org**

#### **Our Mission**

Facilitate community connection, mutual aid, and access to resources and supports for all people who live, work, pray, play, and/or learn in Newton, MA, and local communities

# **How to Find or Offer Help**

#### Food resources

- Newton Food Pantry: serving Newton only *NewtonFoodPantry.org*
- Centre Street Food Pantry: serving nine communities
   CentreStFoodPantry.org
- Arabic Baptist Church: serving Newton only ArabicBaptist.org/food-and-clothing-pantry
- American Legion Post 440: mobile food bank AmericanLegionPost440.org
- Newton Community Freedge: free 24-hour refrigerator and dry goods pantry Facebook.com/groups/NewtonFreedge



### Volunteer to provide food support

- Deliver food from local pantries to families
- Deliver food from food-rescue organizations to local food pantries
- Organize and stock the Freedge with donations from local businesses

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#### Clothing and household supplies

- Facebook: post a request and find a way to support neighbors
   Facebook.com/groups/NewtonNeighborsHelping
- Cradles To Crayons: children's essentials CradlesToCrayons.org
- Welcome Home: home goods pantry WelcomeHomeMass.org

## Other help and connections

- Cousens Fund: temporary financial assistance NewtonMA.gov/residents/cousens-fund
- Citizens for Affordable Housing in Newton Development Organization NewtonCAN-DO.org
- The Second Step: domestic violence services
   TheSecondStep.org
- Rotary Club NewtonRotaryClub.com
- Newton Social Services Department
   NewtonMA.gov/government/health-human-services
   /social-services
- School administration or PTO www.Newton.k12.ma.us www.NewtonPTOcouncil.org
- Newton Community Pride: information on local events from our community sponsor NewtonCommunityPride.org



# Connect with us! Resources, advice, information

## Initiatives, fundraisers, and donation drives



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Check our Facebook page for assistance and volunteer opportunities. Over the past two years, we have:

- Sponsored or cosponsored community-wide drives for diapers, clothing, toys, bikes, school supplies, and household supplies. Over 60% of these drives supported communities outside of Newton.
- Supported small businesses and families by fundraising for and donating grocery and restaurant gift cards.



- Helped fundraise to send kids to summer camp.
- Raised funds for LGBTQ+ community, immigrant and undocumented families.
- Partnered with 40+ organizations, including Newton Social Services, Newton Housing Authority, Newton Senior Center, local food pantries, and other community organizations.

# Why I volunteer for Newton Neighbors

I deliver food to residents suffering from food insecurity who cannot make it to the food pantry on their own.

The Newton Neighbors Facebook page is also a great place to find one-off opportunities to help Newton families or refugees. I love these opportunities because they are not a big time commitment, but give everyone a chance to jump in when time and resources permit.





- Helen Keller