

**Founded: 1976**

**Our Current Location:**

1200 North Pleasant Street  
North Amherst, MA  
(Basement of the old North Amherst School)

**Our Future Location:**

138 Sunderland Road  
North Amherst, MA  
(Former Site of Rooster's Restaurant)

**The Communities We Serve:**

- Amherst
- Belchertown
- Deerfield
- Granby
- Hadley
- Leverett
- Pelham
- Shutesbury
- South Deerfield
- South Hadley
- Sunderland
- Whately



**People Receiving Services in 2010**

3,000+

Up 41% since 2007  
over 1,200 were children



499 new families  
registered for our  
Food Pantry



450  
people were treated  
by our Health Clinic



Amherst Survival Center

**Our Core Programs:**

- Daily Hot Lunch
- Daily Fresh Food Distribution
- Food Pantry
- Free Health Clinic
- Free Store (Clothing & Housewares)
- Community Center
- Volunteer Opportunities



**Food Distributed in 2010**

118 Tons = 4,922 boxes  
of groceries valued at over  
\$400,000

**Hot Lunches  
Served 2010:**

11,000+



**Operating Budget  
Fiscal Year 2011**

\$367,000

**Professional Staff:**

2 Full Time  
5 Part Time

**Volunteers:** 200+

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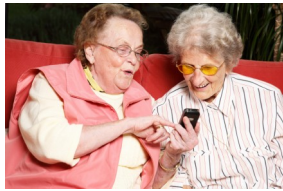
## Who are the people at the Amherst Survival Center?

Where do they come from – the people who line up outside our basement door in all kinds of weather to bring home some fresh produce, a new outfit, or to enjoy one hot, nutritious meal? These people are our neighbors. Here, is a look at the lives and backgrounds of a sampling of ASC consumers, told in their own words.

Carla is a single mother of three young children. She was receiving public assistance and studying for her teaching certificate when she came to the Survival Center. Through the Amherst Survival Center Carla was able to feed and clothe her family while she received support with her resume and job search. She also managed to find the time to volunteer at the Center. She secured a job teaching at a local school and has been able to provide a more secure life for her kids. She always tells us, *“I couldn’t do it without you guys.”*



Doreen was raised in her parents’ native Holyoke. After attending UMass she spent her career as a reference librarian in Florida. A self described “loner type,” Doreen returned to western Massachusetts 20 years later to care for her mother who had been diagnosed with cancer. After her mother’s death, Doreen says “I really sort of collapsed. It was hard to see her go, and



I had a lot of emotional trauma from that inside myself.” She found the Survival Center a few years later. “I was down and out. I think I just came for the food but I wanted to be around people. I thought maybe I’d get some guidance here. I met a lot of people. The food is delicious and the support is wonderful. I feel really safe, and I benefit a lot. I hope that I can return that at some point.”

After earning his college degree, Ken worked on seasonal projects for the U.S. Forest Service and National Parks Service around the nation. Between his jobs Ken indulged his love of the outdoors and desire to see the world, traveling to 20 countries. But then, “I started getting sick. I had a triple bypass, so I had to retire. I can’t afford to live on the Social Security I get. I’ve even got diabetes now and sleep apnea.” Despite his health, Ken continues his nomadic ways spending much of the year living in a tent in the South and returning north as the weather warms. Ken appreciates all that the Survival Center offers people facing challenges like his. “These people (at the Survival Center) gave me a tent. The food here is tremendous. They started the free clinic right here with the doctors which has been wonderful. I have to take 6 pills a day. They got me a prescription. And I even manage to take a shower here. They’ve really helped me out a lot.”



There are many more people and stories like these being written every day at the Amherst Survival Center. Your contributions go directly to help all of these neighbors in need. We are grateful for your support!