

The Berkshire Food Project seeks to alleviate hunger, food insecurity and social isolation by serving healthy, no cost meals and connecting people to other resources, all in a dignified and respectful manner

Come see us on Sunday, October 3, 2021--Berkshire Food Project will be participating in the Fall Foliage Parade!!!

The Berkshire Food Project continues to provide meals to take home and heat up, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 11:30am to 1:00pm. This schedule will remain in effect for the foreseeable future.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

Berkshire Food Project has served over 57,000 meals already in 2021.

To all who have helped to make this possible:

Thank you!  
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## OUR PICNICS CONTINUE!

WEATHER PERMITTING,

WE WILL SET UP TABLES

SO PEOPLE CAN EAT OUTSIDE

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## THANKS TO

**CARETAKER FARM** AND **FULL WELL FARM** FOR THEIR WONDERFUL PRODUCE, TO **CRICKET CREEK FARM** FOR THEIR GOURMET CHEESES, AND TO THE BERKSHIRE COUNTY HOUSE OF CORRECTION FOR THEIR FANTASTIC AQUAPONIC LETTUCE



## A Note from Our New Executive Director, Mark Rondeau

As I write, I am starting my third week as the new Executive Director of the Berkshire Food Project. I have been overwhelmed by the support I have received from the Board of Directors, my fellow staff, and our wonderful volunteers. Also welcoming me have been staff and members of our host, the First Congregational Church of North Adams.

I come to the Food Project after 10+ years as board president of the Al Nelson Friendship Center Food Pantry. This is an all-volunteer organization just a quarter mile away on Eagle Street in North Adams. This food pantry serves many of the same people as the Food Project. I have a deep appreciation both for the dedication of those who volunteer and for the generosity of those who support efforts to feed the hungry.

The best part of this job is interacting with our guests. I've had the opportunity to do this both on the serving line and by going out to say "hello" and chat with them before we open the doors. Beyond the overriding goal of feeding the hungry, reducing social isolation and building community are key to what we do.

I am committed to the goal of eventually returning, when it can be done safely, to the dining room format that the BFP had from its inception up to the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. When that happens, I hope we can have a big Open House, inviting all our friends, supporters, and guests to see what they have made possible over the years – and maybe find ways to get more involved.

In the meantime, I welcome your observations, suggestions, and questions at [director@berkshirefoodproject.org](mailto:director@berkshirefoodproject.org)

Mark Rondeau

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**WE HAPPILY ACCEPT  
VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS!**

Call or email us today!



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