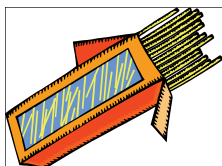


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# Outreach News

Centre Congregational Church ♦ 5 Summer Street ♦ Lynnfield MA 01940

## Food of the Month in the Missions Pantry



### Pasta

All donations go to  
Haven From Hunger

## My Brother's Table

One of the local soup kitchens/food pantries that Centre Church supports is [My Brother's Table](#), which is located in Lynn.

My Brother's Table was created in 1982 to provide free, nutritious food to the homeless, those living in transitional housing, and mentally ill individuals who were no longer in institutions. Today many residents of Lynn live below the poverty line, including families and 15 percent of Lynn 's residents over the age of 65.

My Brother's Table serves all who come in need regardless of race, color, creed, or sex. Meals are provided in an atmosphere of welcome and guests are treated with love and dignity.

More than twenty years ago, the founders wrote:

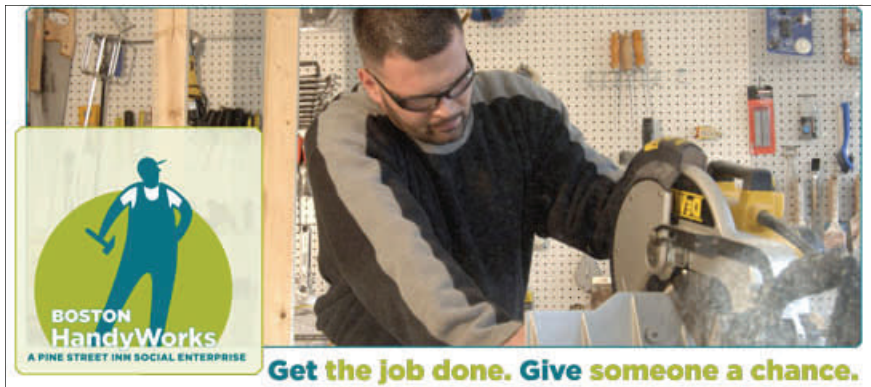
We volunteers have more to learn than to share. My Brother's Table will be a center for barriers to break down, for the poor to educate the rich, the elderly to teach the young, the powerless to humble the powerful. And, since we are caring for God's people, we will always get what we need.



## Pine Street Inn Job Training Program = Self Reliance and Dignity

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**Pine Street Inn**, long known for providing critical services to homeless people in Boston, also offers job training. Each year, the **Building Maintenance Training Program** trains more than 35 men from Pine Street's transitional shelter programs. During the 8-week program, trainees learn "hard skills" such as floor care and basic carpentry, as well as "soft" skills, such as team work and professionalism.



After trainees graduate, they work through **Boston HandyWorks**, which offers high quality repair and maintenance services at competitive prices. Clients get great work at a low cost and at the same time help people get back on their feet as they acquire job skills and experience that make it possible to re-enter the workforce and rebuild their lives. All service teams are trained and supervised by highly skilled professionals in the repair and maintenance fields. Fees earned through the projects help pay salaries and provide training.

**Michael Owens** recently graduated from the Building Maintenance Training Program. Impressed by Michael's leadership and how he mentored others in the program, his teacher nominated Michael to address his fellow graduates at the ceremony. Michael said:

*"I've been lucky to have been given opportunities to get my life back on track, and I'm going to make the most of those opportunities."*

Within a week after his graduation, Michael was offered a permanent position in the facilities department at Brighton Marine Health Center.

Thanks to your generosity, the Outreach Team made a donation to Pine Street Inn's jobs training program, to help people like Michael achieve self reliance and enjoy the dignity that comes with it.

