



From the Desk of
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Outreach Council

Happy New Year to All!

I am writing to thank all of you for your time, effort, and energy throughout the year and of course, most recently, with all our additional holiday programs. LCOC volunteers and staff worked extra hard this past holiday season to bring joy to so many of our community members. All this happiness is made possible by the generosity of the community.

2025 was a memorable year, breaking records for the organization. We served more than 5,000 individuals by year's end, and we hit all-time highs in each of our end-of-year efforts. Here is a quick snapshot of what we accomplished together:

- Provided 504 new winter coats for children and adults
- Assisted 905 families with traditional Thanksgiving meals
- Hosted more runners than ever before—3,000 to be exact—at the Annual Chatham Turkey Trot
- Gave the gift of joy and happiness to 818 children (501 Kids/317 teens) from 368 households through Santa Stops in Orleans and Truro
- Exceeded our \$800,000 fundraising goal for our annual Gifts of Hope campaign.

We thank you, celebrate you, and wish you a great year ahead.



Announcing



The evening includes:
Specialty tastings created by Chef Ceraldi with ingredients from an LCOC Food Pantry

- Other Passed Hors d'oeuvres**
- Silent & Live Auctions & Fund-a-Need**
- Food Stations and Raw Bar**
- Signature Cocktail**

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EXPANDED ORLEANS MAIN FOOD PANTRY OPENS!

The newly expanded LCOC Main Food Pantry officially opened on December 2. The sparkling, bright space triples our capacity to serve the community.

The pantry has gone from 836 square feet to 2,203 square feet thanks to a six-month renovation, which gutted the ground floor of LCOC Headquarters at 19 Brewster Cross Road.

Clients are raving about the "market-like choice" experience, while additional pantry volunteers have signed on to meet the increased traffic and usage.

The renovation also includes a large walk-in freezer and increased storage space for volunteers and staff to receive and weigh food deliveries and donations via a separate double-door access area adjacent to the pantry.

There is also a "flex space" for programming, events, and other needs as they arise.

Pantry hours are Monday-Friday, 9:30am-Noon and Wednesdays, 3:30pm-5pm.



Volunteer Profile

Pat Perry Remembers and Reinvents: Looking back on a Decade of LCOC Service

When Pat Perry left city life in a corporate job, she made a major life change in retiring to Orleans. But she arrived with volunteerism already in her blood.

"When I lived in New York, I volunteered at the Lower East Side Action Project and Little Star of Broome Street, both organizations focused on keeping children on Manhattan's Lower East Side engaged and off the streets," shares Pat. After moving to the Cape, her volunteer activities shifted, including stints as membership chair with Nauset Newcomers, Secretary, then President, of Orleans Improvement Association, and as a board member and Membership Chair of the Orleans Yacht Club. "I was also a Big Sister in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Cape Cod program for over two years. While I enjoyed those positions, I felt that I should devote time and energy to the segment of our community that lives in the shadow of million-dollar homes."

I started working with LCOC around 2016. I started as a Client Advocate; I also subbed at the Front Desk and finally moved to the pantry. It has been a great experience learning the various volunteer functions and how they all integrate to help LCOC clients."



Today, Pat serves as the Pantry Manager of the Main Orleans Pantry opened on December 2, 2025. Looking back on a decade volunteering with LCOC, Pat reflects, "there are so many memorable stories. Some heartbreaking and others full of hope and joy. Most recently, she recalls the single mother whose SNAP benefits were cut and whose child has mobility issues. A client who volunteered to help distribute turkeys as a way of giving back, and the joy expressed by parents who can keep their children warm and well-fed while giving them the holidays they deserve. "What resonates most for me is the resilience and fortitude of our clients."

Speaking to her experience in opening the newly expanded Main Pantry on the ground floor of 19 Brewster Cross Road in Orleans, Pat shares that the kindness and dedication of the Pantry Volunteer Team and their ability to transition easily and gracefully from one space to another twice in one year were inspiring to watch. "The light and brightness of the new space make the client experience so much nicer, allowing for one-on-one interactions between clients and volunteers."

She also ceases to be amazed by how, in times of need, the local community steps up. "Over the past few months, I was overwhelmed by the number of food donations, both big and small, delivered by individuals and local businesses to the Orleans Pantry. There is such generosity in our community."

Pat Perry is one of 200 LCOC Volunteers. With their volunteer time, they double the hours of our annual staffing!

Why do you give to LCOC? We want to hear.

Some of your responses will be printed in our 2025 Annual Report.

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Do you know a Cape Coddier struggling financially who also may be food insecure? LCOC is here to help residents in the 8 Outer and Lower Cape towns.

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