

## **PETER GREY**

### **Citizen of the Year 2015**

Peter Grey, a life-long Bedford resident, founded the Bedford Community Table/Pantry in 1991 and has been the heart and soul of the organization ever since. As the Founder, Director and President of the Board, he donates numerous hours every week for 50 weeks during the year. From recruiting volunteers to cooking the meals, Peter is willing to help wherever is needed to help support children and families in need. Despite losing his eyesight many years ago, he hasn't missed a beat and continues to build shelves, repair broken equipment and connect with all kinds of people using his true compassion and sense of humor to develop meaningful relationships. He has engaged hundreds of Bedford citizens in helping others. Recognized for his efforts, Peter was a 2014 Myra Kraft Community MVP award winner.

Peter has made many other major contributions to the town. Almost every year he participates in the "Celebrating Differences" program at the Lane and Davis Schools, talking to students about what it's like to be totally blind and fielding their questions. He has a long history of participation in local committees, including Fair Housing, Bedford Local Transit, Public Ceremonies, Capital Expenditures, Bedford Housing Authority, Bedford Santa Program, and several others, often as committee Chairman.

It would be hard to imagine a more qualified candidate for Bedford Citizen of the Year. Peter's efforts have made Bedford a more compassionate town. His example and encouragement have introduced scores of young people and adults to the satisfaction of volunteering. He is a paragon of selflessness, and the fact that he has accomplished so much while totally blind is an inspiration to all.