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## Breaking Bread Food & Thrift to reopen in new space next month

Moultonborough pantry serves 35 communities around the lake, beyond

BY BOB MARTIN  
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**M**OULTONBOROUGH — Volunteers at the Breaking Bread Food & Thrift have been busy moving items from the former location to 1173 Whittier Hwy, which is expected to be up and running sometime in April, after it passes inspection.

Breaking Bread serves up to 1,000 people each month, but recently the organization faced a challenge when the team needed to leave their space on Bean Road. Fortunately for the many who need their services, they were able to find a home visible and near the road through town.

"I am excited to begin afresh," said Rhonda Vappi, the executive



Diane Bigl goes through a box of produce at the new location of Breaking Bread Food & Thrift at 1173 Whittier Hwy in Moultonborough. The food pantry is expected to open its doors next month. (Bob Martin/The Laconia Daily Sun photo)

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## Beriont running for Congress touting local experience

Hampton Selectboard chair, a Democrat, running campaign without social media

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Carleigh Beriont, chair of the Hampton Selectboard, is running for the Primary Election nomination to represent New Hampshire's First Congressional District as a Democrat, and thinks it's about time people talk to each other again.

Beriont grew up in New Jersey, and married her husband in Enfield, in 2012, before

living and working in the Republic of the Marshall Islands as a teacher for three years.

An adjunct faculty member at the Harvard Kennedy School and former union organizer, Beriont said she's observed the local impact of decisions made at the state and federal levels on local communities, like her own, which influenced her decision to seek election to Congress. She said she's put 16,885 miles on her car campaigning across New Hampshire.

"I study U.S. policy and environmental policy, labor policy, immigration policy, and teach about it. I think it was really after the last election in 2024, I started to feel like there was a real disconnect between what I was teaching my students, and the reality that we were experiencing, in terms of how much of an impact they could have on the world around them," Beriont said.

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