



A Monthly Newsletter

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Numbers Tell the Story

At Open Table we think about our guests and volunteers as individuals and the stories we usually tell are about those individuals. But occasionally it is useful to look at the big picture and fortunately Ray Andrews, our numbers guy, allows us to do this.

What happened in 2015?



We begin with the pantries, located in Concord and Maynard. We served 658 households, not counting repetitions, which means that if a family came repeatedly during the year, this number only counts them once. Those households had a total of 1,477 people, 372 of whom were children and 179 were seniors. If we count the number of households and individuals benefiting, meaning that we count everyone even if they have been counted before, we served 7,463 households consisting of 16,743 people. These people received fresh produce, packaged food and dairy items at both pantries and meat, fish and prepared foods in Maynard.

2015 was a year of many challenges. The Maynard pantry was moved in the fall to our new location at the Coolidge School on Bancroft Street in Maynard. Thanks to our incredible volunteers this was accomplished without missing a single night of service.

This year the Maynard dinner service was suspended for six weeks in the summer when we lost our location. Thankfully the Sudbury United Methodist Church stepped in and we have been serving dinners there for the last few months. Even with that loss of dinner service we were able to serve 6,717 dinners at our two sites giving

23,460 people a delicious healthy meal.

149,600 lbs of food was transported from the Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB) South Boston facility to the Maynard site - that means many hours of lifting for our volunteers! Thanks guys - that's a pretty impressive weight lifting statistic. Gold's Gym members eat your hearts out..



As an all volunteer organization Open Table is totally dependent on its supporters and we are very grateful for all they do for us.

Occasionally, however, a contribution really gives us a big smile.

This week we received a very generous donation from Chloe who sent her birthday money from her 11th birthday to Open Table. Aren't kids today great? Thanks, Chloe, and Happy Birthday.

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