



The Volunteer Link

A Monthly Newsletter

Month 2016



New Facility Gets More Support

As contractors work on the structural elements of our new site, others in the community are stepping up to provide the items that go inside. Trinitarian Congregational Church in Concord has funded our convection oven; Middlesex Charitable Foundation has supported our walk-in refrigeration; and the Nash Family Foundation has supported our checkout and scale station. We are very thankful for the support of these generous neighbors!

For the latest news and photos of our new facility buildout, check out the [New Facility News](#) page on our website.



Sudbury Dinner Update

The dinners in Sudbury are unfortunately still suspended. There have been electrical challenges in the renovation that were unforeseen and continue to keep us from being able to serve here. As soon as anything changes, we'll let you know. Or check for news on our website: opentable.org



Welcome, New Drivers!

We're excited to welcome four new First Parish Church of Concord members to our Greater Boston Food Bank driving team! This crew leaves Acton on Mondays at 9:00 am and returns at 1:00 pm – it's a real time commitment. We are so very happy to have a full crew now to help with the critical job of retrieving food – sometimes as much as 6000 pounds – to distribute to our guests. Thank you!!

Volunteer of the Month

This year, we'd like to highlight the people who make Open Table the caring organization that it is. January's honored person is Josh Lee, who helps at the Maynard pantry. He was nominated by Patty Helsingius, who had this to say about him:

"Josh Lee's official job title right now is curbside pick-up guy. He comes early and stays late every single week. Josh has the single best, most cheerful attitude of anyone I know. When Open Table was at the Clock Tower, every week he would wash dishes and sing show tunes while doing it. He has been known to also do this at the dinners at Sudbury United Methodist Church. He would also offer to bring the aprons home and launder them."

"At the pantry, he helps to carry the grocery bags from the building to the curb, and helps to load the groceries into either the van from the Council on Aging or individual cars. He always gives everyone a big smile and jokes with everyone. He is as strong as an ox, and takes on any job. When asked, he will always stay to help close the pantry. He is invaluable!" opentable.org





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