



# The Volunteer Link

A Monthly Newsletter

Month 2016



## Moving Day!

On a sweltering summer Saturday, our dedicated volunteers showed up to move us into our new pantry. They unloaded a truckload of supplies and organized everything in anticipation of our August 7<sup>th</sup> opening. Thanks to these wonderful people for getting our new space that much closer to being ready.



## Summer Hours

We're focusing our resources on the transition to our new home at 33 Main St. in Maynard, meaning our hours of operation will be different for the summer. We will be taking a brief vacation in Concord with no dinners for the month of August; dinners will resume there beginning September 7<sup>th</sup>. And starting August 8<sup>th</sup>, the Everett Street pantry will be open to take nonperishable food donations on **Tuesdays** from 2-5 pm.

**On August 7**, our new Maynard location will open with the following hours:

- Pantry: Mondays, 3:00–7:00 pm
- Pantry: Tuesdays (seniors only) 1:00–3:00 pm
- Dinner: Tuesdays 5:30–7:00 pm
- Pantry: Thursdays 3:00–7:00 pm

\*Note: We will be closed on Labor Day, September 4<sup>th</sup>, with no pantry services.

For information on how to register for a pantry time, go to the [guest services section of our website](#).



## Inaugural dinner in our new home August 8th

Come join us on August 8th for our weekly dinner in their new home at 33 Main St. in Maynard! We're excited to christen our freshly-minted space with good food and good friends. As usual, we'll have a deliciously prepared meal made with fresh, local ingredients. Everyone is welcome: families, kids, seniors, community members. Please join us on August 8!



## Grand Opening - September 10th!

Doesn't everybody love a party? With cake and punch? Well, we're hosting one! We will officially launch our new site on Sunday, September 10, with an open house event from 1 pm to 4 pm. As with all grand openings, there will be speeches and dignitaries, tours and tidbits to nibble on, and a ribbon cutting. And of course, cake. Put it in your calendar and take the time to swing on by and raise a glass to our new home. Address is 33 Main St. in Maynard; we look forward to seeing you there!



## TriCon Church donates an oven

How will we cook meals in our new space? With the oven donated by the generous people of Concord's Trinitarian Congregational Church! Dale Ryder, Heidi Haring and Beth Knauss came to dedicate the oven, ensuring many meals to come for our guests.



## Grants galore!

Thanks to our hard-working grant writing team and some generous benefactors, Open Table has been the lucky recipient of the following grants:

Greater Boston Food Bank (BJ's and Feed America) Matching Grant for refrigeration and shelving for our new site  
Foundation for Metrowest Capital Grant for kitchen equipment in our new site  
CHNA 15 Senior Lunch and Pantry Program in our new site  
Acton-Boxborough United Way - for cost of food

We're grateful to these generous donors for ensuring more people are fed by Open Table!



## Ride for Food!

Once again, a dedicated group of Open Table volunteers and their friends will participate in this year's Ride for Food. Organized and run by Three Squares New England, this bike ride raises money to feed hungry people around the greater Boston area. We're looking for riders AND donors, so whichever is your bag, head over to

[here](#) and sign up!



## Summer camp fun

Summer can be a challenge for families struggling to make ends meet: working parents need a place for their kids to hang out, and need to feed those kids the meals they normally get at school. Camp solves both those issues, but it's not cheap. So Open Table created a summer camp fund, and with a grant from the Foundation for Metrowest Youth in Philanthropy Program, we address this problem head on.

Each year, Open Table identifies families who could use this resource and sends dozens of kids to a place where they get to play, explore, swim, practice social skills, and yes, eat. It's a boon to families who would otherwise be stressed about their

kids, and it's a growth experience for the children. And everyone gets to relax and enjoy their summer!



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