

## The Volunteer Link

## A Monthly Newsletter

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# THANK YOU TO OUR PRODUCE SUPPLIERS





One of the principal joys of summer is the great local produce. We are very fortunate to have a number of local farms and grocery stores who supply us with an amazing selection of fresh fruit and vegetables. Our continuing thanks to Gaining Ground, First Root Farm and Marshall's Farms.



We are also grateful for produce received along with other items from Wegman's, Roche Bros,

Crosby's, Sudbury Farms, and Trader Joe's. The Greater Boston Food Bank is another source of great produce - this week including corn and fresh peaches. A sample of what we were

As most of you know, with the changes at Clock Tower Place by the new owners, Open Table has not had access to the kitchen and dinners have been suspended until we can find a new site. A committee of OT volunteers is working diligently to solve this problem and we'll post as soon as we have news. Follow our Facebook page for up to the minute news.

AND A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO THE CONCORD CARLISLE COMMUNITY CHEST

able to offer on a recent night at the pantry included onions, carrots, potatoes, multiple kinds of lettuce, kale, mustard greens, kohlrabi, harcourt radishes, spinach, green peppers, broccoli, avocados, squash, lemons, garlic scapes, tomatoes, blue berries, strawberries and other berries and bananas, apples and peaches.

#### YOU CAN HELP

While we have lots of people growing or donating great produce, we need people to help deliver it to Open Table. Pickups occur from the farms and stores on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. If you can help, please e-mail Maynard Pantry Coordinator Pam Gardner at pgardner@opentable.org.

We are also looking for someone to coordinate pantry pick up. This could be someone who needs to work from home since it can be done via phone calls or e-mails. Send a note to Pam if you are interested in this job or would like more information.

We are also looking for a photographer who could come to the pantries and dinners and other events to take photos that we could use in our community outreach. If you have a camera and a good eye, contact Open Table at <a href="mailto:lnfo@opentable.org">lnfo@opentable.org</a>.



We are very grateful to the Concord Carlisle Community Chest for their generous grant. This will allow us to purchase dairy, eggs and produce for our guests - a critical part of the healthy food that we provide. Kelly Driscoll, grant allocations team lead and CCCC board member is shown delivering the grant to OT president Jeanine Calabria at their Giving Day when \$570,00 in grants was made to 28 community organizations.

### **An Opportunity to Share**

Do you have extra tickets to a summer fun activity that you aren't going to use?

The Guest Support Team has been happy to receive tickets to concerts, games, plays, musicals and movies throughout the year that we can pass on to our guests to brighten their lives. We would love to have some special activities to share with them this summer. If you have tickets that you would be willing to donate, please contact Lisa Richards at 978-505-8159 or abolishpovertyl@gmail.com.

This is just another example of our loving and supportive Open Table community.

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