Volunteer Link Newsletter for Open Table Volunteers

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A Monthly Newsletter

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## **Announcing Our New Home**

It's been a long time coming, but Open Table has finally found a home in Maynard: 33 Main Street, the site of the former Aubuchon building. This space will allow us to bring back together the pantry and the community supper, as well as expand our services to the community. We are very grateful to those who have provided temporary space, allowing us to continue supporting our guests while we searched for a more permanent space. Below is an architect's rendering of how the new space might look. We hope to be up and running by January 2017. We can't wait!

Please come and learn all about our new facility at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner and Annual Meeting - September 27th, 5:30 at First Parish Church in Concord. Plans and photos of our new facility will be unveiled.



## And Our New Staff

Our new space also brings with it new responsibilities and in recognition of this Open Table has also hired our first paid staff member, Jeanine Calabria, as our parttime Executive Director. Jeanine has had a long and successful relationship with Open Table, having volunteered as a cook, shopper, and fundraiser. Most recently, she has served as Open Table's president for the past three years. In her new position, Jeanine will focus on strategic planning, community outreach and fundraising, ensuring that Operations has the support they need to continue Open Table's excellent record of



building community, stocking pantries and being open to all who come. She started her new position as Executive Director on August 1.

A huge food drive to benefit Open Table guests will be sponsored by Whole Foods in Bedford, 9/30-10/2. Please come by and shop and/or volunteer to sit at our drop-off site to encourage donations and talk about Open Table. We need many volunteers! Sign-up to volunteer: <u>outreach@opentable.org</u>.

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