

News from around the table

### One grant, two grants...

Not all of our money comes from donations; some of it comes from grants. Our illustrious grant-writing team recently earned us two grants from local cultural councils, Maynard and



Concord. Watch this space for details on what art-inspired projects these grants will fund.



#### **Senior luncheon**

Our Valentine's Day senior luncheon was a huge hit with the large contingent from the Maynard Council on Aging attending for a special meal and sweet

treats. Kudos to Maynard COA for partnering with us to make this a great

# **Volunteer spotlight**

Kim Kelly helps at our bagging station with first time volunteer, Levi. These two volunteers are among our most cheerful faces! Kim is a fairly new addition to Open Table and hails from Perth, Australia! Levi came to Open Table with



volunteer Tom Marshall, who mentors a group of special needs men. Levi and Kim were a dynamic duo, bagging groceries for our guests and helping them out to their cars - and doing it with brilliant smiles!

- by Patty Helsingius



# **Consulting Win**

Community Consulting Teams of Boston (CCT) has selected Open Table as one of its 11 pro bono management consulting projects for 2018. The team assigned to us includes people with Ivy League, international, and government experience.

They are currently volunteering in every aspect of our organization to find out what we do and analyze what we need. It's a great opportunity for us to become even better at what we do!

### **Upcoming events**

#### Food for fines:

From Sunday, March 18 to Saturday, March 24, the Concord Free Public Library will offer a weeklong Food for Fines Program, enabling patrons to eliminate their overdue fines while



supporting community members in need. Fines will be waived in exchange for food donations delivered to the circulation desk at either Concord Free Public Library location at 129 Main Street or 1322 Main Street. Please check the Concord Free Public Library website, <a href="mailto:concordlibrary.org">concordlibrary.org</a>, for more information.

#### Theme dinners at First Parish:

Theme dinners are the plan for every first Thursday of the month at First Parish in Concord. These dinners can offer a taste of a different culture, related entertainment, or just a change from the norm. Here's what's coming up:

April 5 – Greek Foodopolis

May 3 – Cinco de Mayo

June 7 – Breakfast for Dinner

Put them on your calendar and plan to join us!

Coming next month: April 15 - Orders will be taken for the Annual Mother's Day Card sale to benefit Open Table.

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Thank you to the Business 500 Foundation members, local businesses who contributed to making our new facility a reality and continue to support Open Table - together we can make a real difference in our community.

This month we want to highlight our partnership with the following Business 500 Foundation members:

















#### Thank you!

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- \*\*See the full list and learn more about the program **HERE** on our website.

And as always...

...thanks to our amazing and dedicated volunteers, and our generous donors! You make it possible to feed and comfort 300 families annually. Thank you!









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