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OPEN TABLE

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News from around the table

Ride for Food Goal Reached!!

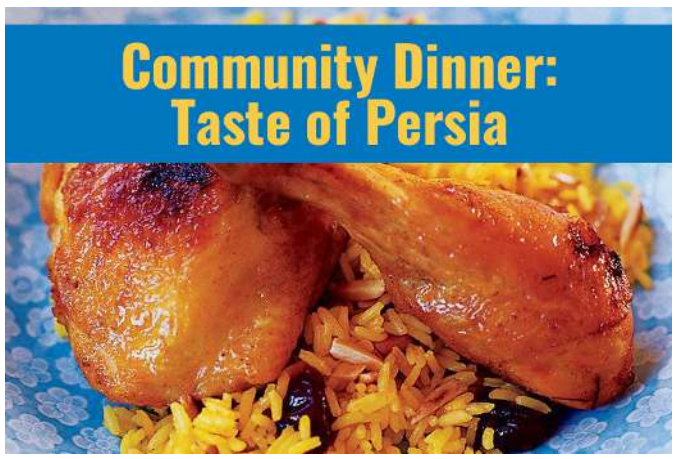
We did it!! With the help of YOU, our supporters, donors and friends, we raised more than $35k at the Ride for Food. That's $10k more than last year, and $10k more to feed and support people in our area with food insecurity. Thanks for being part of our team!

Trick or Treat

On Thursday, October 25, Open Table will be part of downtown Maynard's annual trick-or-treat event, which runs from 4-6 pm. We'll be distributing treats outside of 33 Main Street as well as cookies and hot cider. Normal pantry hours will be in place, but be advised that Main Street will be closed for this event, so people should plan to park in the back.

And in Concord that same evening, October 25, our Halloween dinner will be served by the Concord Academy soccer team IN FULL COSTUME!! How fun is that?? Soccer coaches John Hickling and Adam Simon have generously offered their enthusiastic team every year as a day of service for their team. Students will both serve and dine with our guests. Come join them!

Persian Dinner



It's a taste of the Middle East on **Tuesday, October 30th**, at our dinner in Maynard. Prepared and donated by members of the local Persian business community, this delectable meal will consist of roasted Persian chicken with dried cherries and saffron rice, homemade soup, and carrot cake. Decorations and Persian music will complete the festive atmosphere. Doors open at 5:00, meal service begins at 6:00.

For those who like to plan, upcoming special dinners in Maynard will include a harvest meal on November 6, featuring produce from local farms; a holiday dinner on December 18; and on January 15 there will be breakfast for dinner.

Empty Bowls

Don’t forget about this fundraiser on November 4: Empty Bowls. It’s from noon to 4 pm at Newbury Court in Concord. Make a donation (minimum suggested is $25), pick out a beautiful handmade bowl and enjoy a lunch of soup, bread and treats. All money raised goes to Open Table; for more information, go **here**.

Thanksgiving Planning

November is just around the corner, and with it Thanksgiving. Our special Thanksgiving dinner will happen one week before the big day: on Thursday, November 15, at our Concord location, First Parish. To reserve a seat (and so we have a headcount for the event), email **concorddinner@opentable.org**

Our schedule for the week of Thanksgiving will be:

- Monday, November 19: Pantry is CLOSED.
- Tuesday, November 20: Senior pantry 12:45-3 pm, all others 3-6 pm to pick up holiday items.
- Thursday, November 22: We are CLOSED.

Our turkey distribution days are Thursday, November 15 and Tuesday, November 20. On those days, guests may choose to pick up a turkey (and a bag with stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce and root vegetables) and not shop that day; they may pickup the turkey and fixings and shop at their regular appointment time that day; or not pick up a turkey but shop that day at their regular

appointment time.

It’s multiple choice with no wrong answer!

Thanksgiving Turkey & Stuffing Donation Request

Our freezer space is limited and we want to offer 100+ families a turkey, stuffing and all the fixins' for a Thanksgiving meal! Two organizations (Cambridge Trust and Imprimativa) have generously committed to providing 50 turkeys.

Can you help?

We are seeking 50 more turkeys to distribute to guests on Thursday, November 15 and Tuesday, November 20.

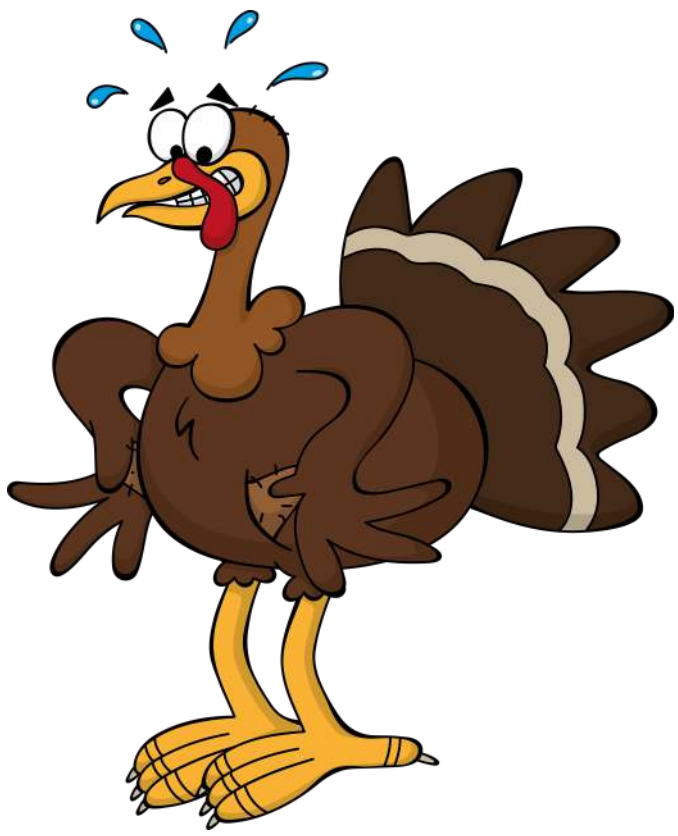
If you can provide a frozen 10-15 lb. turkey plus a bag of bread stuffing, we will happily accept your donation in Maynard on these days:

- Wednesday, November 14, 10AM-4PM
- Thursday, November 15, 10AM until NOON
- Monday, November 19, 10AM-4PM
- Tuesday, November 20 - 10AM until NOON

If you can help, please send an email to **pantrydirector@opentable.org** with your name, #of turkeys & stuffing and the day/time you can drop them off.

We already have 75 families who want a turkey; more will be signing up. Our guests will be able to shop for Thanksgiving fixins’ in our market so, with your help, they will have a holiday table filled with turkey, stuffing, cranberry sauce, roasted root veggies, and more. Mmmm!

Turkey Trot



Before you sit down to that turkey dinner, why not pre-spend your calories with a quick trot around the block? The Turkey Trot is a 5K run around Concord's MinuteMan Park.

This family friendly event, along with the Acton Turkey Trot the following day, attract over 1,000 runners combined. A portion of both these events benefit Open Table, Acton food Pantry, and area local youth running programs. Come on out with a super-fun attitude and your running shoes! Costumes are encouraged! Walkers welcome!

The 5K Race, which starts at 8:30 AM sharp, starts and finishes at the Keyes Road parking lot in Concord Center. The top-3 overall will win medals as well as the top-3 in 9 age groups from 12 & Under to 70+.

Participants who pre-register are guaranteed to receive an event T-shirt. Pre-registration is $30 and is available online or by mail (see the **event website** for details). There is a cap of 1500 entrants, so register early.

Participants are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to support the Open Table pantry.

Call for Volunteers

Do you have a flair for froufrou? A penchant for planning? Join our team of party planners putting together our 30th anniversary celebration. This enthusiastic and fun group could use a few extra hands, for all types of jobs, big and small. Need more details? Contact event planner extraordinaire Alannah Gustavson at **events@opentable.org** and she'll hook you up.

Fall is when we count our blessings! Thank you to our amazing and dedicated volunteers and our generous donors!

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