



OPEN TABLE

FRESH FOOD. HEALTHY COMMUNITY.

News from around the table



It's a record!

Summer didn't slow us down: Open Table served a record **330** families in our pantry each month during July and August! That's a lot of groceries at a time when there's no school offering lunch

relief. Thank you to our amazing and dedicated volunteers and our generous donors for making this possible.

Now on to fall news...

Maynard Fest -- September 29th

If you haven't had a chance to visit Open Table's impressive building (or even if you'd like another look), add to your enjoyment of Maynard Fest on September 29 with a tour of our facility. You can take a look at the pantry and the kitchen where we prepare the great food we offer our guests and you can see the amazing original artwork we have on the walls of our dining area. Stop by between 11 am and 1 pm for hot dogs and chips! We'll even give you a healthy apple to munch on while you enjoy free music and kids activities, visit the library book sale and check out all the vendors (100+) at the festival. Festivities kick off at 9 am and continue to 3:30.



Hot Jobs!

Summer may be over but there are some hot opportunities for anyone looking to help out at Open Table. Take a look at what we need and then either speak to a manager or email us at volunteer@opentable.org.

Head cooks: For our Concord dinner on Thursday nights. If you love cooking and enjoy the challenge of creating a healthy meal for a large crowd, this is the job for you!

Apron & towel laundry: On your own time! Pick up aprons and towels at 7:30 pm on Tuesday or any time Wednesday; wash, dry, fold and return by noon on Thursday.

Truck unloading: Strong arms needed Mondays & Thursdays, 12-2, to take the donated goods off the truck. Should be able to lift 40 lbs.

Join us September 26th

It only happens once a year – our Annual Meeting is free and open to all who want to learn about where we've been and where we're going. This year's event is Wednesday, September 26th, starting at 7:00pm, at our home at 33 Main Street in Maynard. Our speaker is April Laskey, Director of Nutrition for Billerica Public Schools, a woman who has done groundbreaking work in finding ways to feed both BPS students and the community at large. A stirring speaker, light refreshments, and excellent company – what more could you want?? Kindly rsvp to events@opentable.org



There's still time...

...to donate to our Ride for Food! It takes place Sunday, September 23rd, in Dedham, and we are THIS CLOSE to reaching our goal! We have 21 riders and over \$26k raised so far – jump in to help us reach our goal of raising \$30k! To learn more and to donate, go [here](#).

Back to our roots – CROP Walk

Thirty years ago, Open Table was a germ of an idea, sown by the local CROP walk, a national walk organized to address hunger. There is still a CROP walk in Concord every year; this year's walk takes place Sunday, October 21st. Choose one of two 7km loops and enjoy a beautiful fall walk while raising money for Open Table and eight other local



food pantries and community dinners. Full details including how to register and/or donate can be found [here](#).



Edible Boston call-out

WE know our community dinners are amazing, but it's nice to know others agree with us. Our dinner was included in the recent issue of Edible Boston, a publication that highlights food and

eating in the Greater Boston area. The article focused on hidden eateries that are also doing good. Read the article [here](#).

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