



OPEN TABLE

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News from around the table



New Hours, New Days

It's a new year, and Open Table has new hours: Our pantry is now open on Tuesdays from 12:45 for seniors, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-6:30 for everyone in our service area.

Our community dinner in Maynard has changed to Monday nights (it was on Tuesdays), with doors open at 5:00 and dinner served at 6:00. The dinner in Concord will stay on Thursday nights, with doors open at 4:45 and dinner served at 5:30. Both are free and open to everyone; donations are always accepted from anyone who chooses to give.

Save the Date!

We're celebrating our 30th anniversary of service to the local community with an exciting fundraiser called Chopped for Charity! On March 29th community teams will compete for glory in a fast-paced cooking challenge using mystery ingredients, a la the Food Network's popular cooking show, Chopped, while guests enjoy food and beverages from local businesses.



So plan to join us for this fun event, which takes place at The Thoreau Club in Concord. **Tickets go on sale on our website starting February 15.** And if you're interested in participating as a cooking team, sponsoring the event, or buying a program book ad, contact us at events@opentable.org and we'll give you more info.



Annual Appeal – it's not too late to give!

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to our Annual Appeal this year – we are so grateful to

all of you. If you haven't had a chance to donate and want to, there's still time. In fact, the current government shutdown has put an extra burden on our resources as we step up to provide groceries to those not receiving their government paychecks. Every dollar helps, so if you were thinking of giving but hadn't gotten around to it, now would be a good time to do so. Simply go [here](#).

And to all of you, thank you!

Speaking of awesome supporters...

The Acton Bubble A3 Tennis Team recently came and cooked for Open Table. Their Indian-themed dinner was a huge hit for guests, but clearly it was a hit for the cooks as well. Thank you, team!



Saturday Pantry Opens for Government Workers without Pay

Open Table volunteers and board members mobilized quickly to open a special Saturday pantry service on

January 19th for workers affected by the government shutdown. Families from Hanscom AFB as well as others found a fully stocked market of food choices along with diapers, Kid's Bags with snacks and bunches of flowers all donated from local organizations. A Coast Guard family sent us this afterwards: "I want to say thank you for your amazing pantry and support...this was amazingly thoughtful and our family thanks you!"

A big thank you to Rose Saia, OT Pantry Director who put in many hours to be sure that this special pantry day was a success and to the team of operations leaders who willingly gave up a Saturday to help.

Southern Country Campfire dinner

Come in from the cold and warm up with a Southern Country Campfire dinner, Thursday, January 24, at First Parish in Concord. On the menu is



crudités (grapes, clementines and apples), chili mac and cheese, South Carolina slaw, southern chopped salad, corn bread, and Peach Cobbler with vanilla ice cream.

Plus, we'll have classic country and cowboy campfire songs performed by [The Workingman's Duo](#), with Tom Yates on guitar and vocals, and Rick Maida on base.

Doors open at 4:45, dinner is served at 5:30, and as always, it's free and open to everyone.

Are you a local business owner? Join our Business 500 Foundation! Go [here](#) for more information.

As always...

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



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