



OPEN TABLE

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News from around the table



Come celebrate our 30th!

It's almost here: our Chopped for Charity fundraiser! It's all happening March 29th from 6-10 pm at the Thoreau Club. This fun-filled night will have community teams competing for glory

by trying to make a meal out of mystery ingredients. Come enjoy food and drink provided by local chefs and vendors while listening to live music by The Acton Music Project.

We'll also be honoring Senator Jaime Eldridge and Representative Kate Hogan for their unwavering support of Open Table.

Tickets are available [here](#); don't miss out on this fabulous opportunity to support Open Table while partying down.

[Get Tickets](#)

Support Open Table – buy an ad

Looking for an interesting way to support Open Table? Want to give a shout out to our honorees Senator Jamie Eldridge or Representative Kate Hogan?

Maybe you just like spreading congratulations to your favorite Open Table volunteer? If that sounds like a great idea, then an ad in our Chopped for Charity Event Program is just what you need! Get a quarter page for \$150, or save by bundling with 2 tickets to the event for \$300. A half page ad is \$300, or \$450 bundled with 2 tickets. Contact events@opentable.org for more info and to purchase.



Buy a Program Ad



Call for photos

As part of our 30th celebration, we're planning a slide show of photos through the years. But to do that, we need your photos! So look through your old albums (remember those?), search through your drawers, go in the back of your closet

and pull out the photos you have of the old days with Open Table. Scan and send them to us at events@opentable.org with any other info you have on them, and then come to see them at the event.

Oh, and if you know a talented photographer who'd like to record this event for future Open Table, send them our way as well.

Mobile Truck debuts at Hanscom AFB

On Saturday, Feb. 3, our dedicated volunteers stepped up and debuted our mobile pantry at Hanscom AFB in Bedford. In response to the recent government shutdown, which impacted local military families, we made good use of our new refrigerated truck and brought the pantry to the people.

A total of 56 family households showed up to choose fresh, frozen and shelf stable grocery items including dairy, eggs, meat and many choices of fresh produce. One person was overheard saying, "This looks just like a farmer's market!" Additional donations included diapers, toiletries and paper products from community partners including the Concord Recreation and Beede Center, the Concord Rotary, First Parish Church of Lincoln and Church of Good Shepherd in Acton which provided necessary items for these families at this time. Children took home decorated Kid's bags full of snacks and beanie babies, too!

We brought sandwiches for lunch so families wouldn't be hungry before or after shopping. None of this would have been possible without the help of the Hanscom Middle School staff who volunteered with our team for this effort – thanks to them, those military families felt seen, heard and cared for.





Trader Joe's steps up

On February 4 we received a record one day donation of 850 lbs of food from Trader Joe's in Acton. These boxes are full of produce, prepared foods, meats, fish, dairy, bread and desserts all of which will be available to seniors and families this week. We are so fortunate to have a local partner who is as committed to fresh food as we are!

Upcoming dinners

We've got some great things going on at our dinners; take a look:

Monday, Feb. 25: Tom Hanlon and Leslie Bryant will play live at our Maynard dinner. The title track from their new CD, *This Train*, was a finalist in the 2014 American Songwriting Awards. Check them out [here](#).



Thursday, Feb. 28: It's the Year of the Pig at our First Parish dinner in Concord. Join us for entertainment, games and prizes from 4:45 to 5:30, then stay for the authentic Chinese dinner from 5:30 to 6:15.

Monday, March 18: Guest chef Phan Nguyen, owner of Gigi's restaurant in Maynard, will bring his healthy Asian-style cooking to our Maynard meal.

All dinners are free and open to everyone.

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

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