Food glorious food

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Oooh,以及项目在我们的城市中产生了积极影响，共有300多户家庭受益。我们与许多不同类型的组织合作，包括慈善机构、非政府组织和企业，以确保我们能够继续为我们的客户和社区提供食品。我们感谢所有的捐赠者，他们使我们能够继续支持我们的使命。

The concern over the COVID-19 infection has caused some of our volunteers to step back temporarily, as they look after their own health. But it has also brought new volunteers to the forefront to fill these gaps.

Did you know that the average number of food pantry distributions in Massachusetts, is over 100,000 a week? And while much of this food comes from the Greater Boston Food Bank and donations from local grocers, a critical portion comes from people like you through food drives like these: Concord Recreation, Deerfield Selectmen, Drake's 2020 auction, Friends of the Meadowbrook School in Weston, Hudson Health & Wellness, Hudson Housing Authority, Massachusetts Food Depository, Maynard Municipal Pantry and Park, and Nashoba Valley Moscow.

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Volunteers stepping up

In an effort to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are making sure that those who are home all day are not alone and are receiving the support and resources they need. We have partnered with the Neighbor Brigade and have mobilized these intrepid souls to fill our pantry. This new set-up helps us to distribute food in a timely manner while reducing the risk of spreading the virus.

We have also partnered with the Fit Body Boot Camp in Acton and Concord Recreation to provide food for around 100 households & Girls Club of Hudson & Boys & Girls Club of Hudson Housing Authority complexes for seniors operated by the Bedford Veterans Affairs Department.

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A new normal

In this new world, we have also expanded Community Dinner service to accommodate social-distancing requirements and order-picking in bulk: The Community Dinner served for 150 families, including 100 children and 25 seniors, and there was an uptake to take away orders.

Created in the Covid 19 Pandemic, our Community Dinner service has been able to pivot to meet new needs, such as social distancing and distributing to many seniors and individuals who are home all day as a result of the pandemic. This new set-up helps us to distribute food in a timely manner while reducing the risk of spreading the virus.

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Taking the show on the road

We have moved our Community Dinner from the building to the parking lot where we have volunteers to pack meals to go. And while this creates a disruption to our normal service, it does allow for more families to be served, especially those who are home all day and are requesting meals. These intrepid souls are filling grocery bags so fast as to not be able to keep up.

For those who don’t know, we have suspended our Community Dinners for the foreseeable future and changed our approach to meeting these needs. So here, then, are some of the positive stories of the past few weeks.

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