



News from around the table

How YOU Can Help Edition

Our numbers continue to grow each week, with more and more people turning to us to fill in their food gaps. The outpouring of support from our community has been heartwarming and essential to keeping us going. We're sharing some ways you can continue to help us fulfill our mission.

Drive-Thru Food Drive - Friday, June 12



We're hosting a Drive-Thru Food Drive, and the good news is, you don't even need to get out of your car! This **Friday, June 12th**, you'll not only have an opportunity to donate food but to experience a typical day at the drive-thru pantry. Simply put the bags of food you want to donate into the trunk of your car, and masked volunteers will take the food out of your trunk. No touching, all socially distant.

Needed items include cereal; canned vegetables, fruit, tomato sauce, tuna and chicken; nut butters; jams and jellies; soup, stews and chili; and canned legumes. We can take eggs at this event only, since we have on-site refrigeration. Monetary donations are also always welcome.

To make your donation, enter the **Maynard Municipal parking lot** from the Summer Street entrance, across from the Maynard Fine Arts Theater. Signs will guide you through the process. Hope to see you Friday!



All drive-thru donors will receive a car magnet to proudly announce your support and to help spread the word: More Love, Less Hunger.

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TriCon Food Drive

Longtime Open Table supporter [TriCon Church in Concord](#) is also hosting a food drive, **through this Wednesday, June 10**. They have a bin outside their Walden Street door where you can drop your items. In addition to food, they are collecting toothpaste and bar soap because yes, our guests need those items as well. To make it even easier,

both [Crosby's Market](#) and [Concord Provisions](#) are offering curbside pick up, and will waive the pick-up fee if you mention it's for Open Table. Anyone with questions should contact Demi Ayres at dem.ayres@gmail.com.

Organizing a food drive with your faith group, office, scout troop, or neighborhood friends is easy and can be done safely. Several neighborhoods have organized drives where donors leave items on their doorsteps or at mailboxes for collection by one or two members. A great way to come together while safely apart.

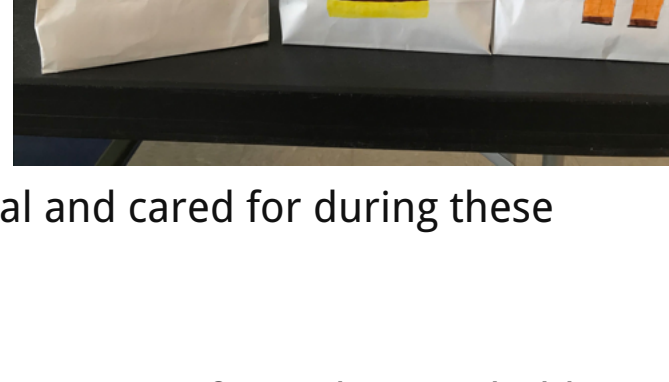
[Learn More About Food Drives](#)



The Kids Are All Right

When it comes to people supporting Open Table, age has no bounds, as several youngsters have proven recently.

The Fowler School in Maynard delivered 92 hand-decorated kids' bags plus an additional 200 pounds of kids' bag supplies, meaning more kids will feel normal and cared for during these stressful times.



And an eight-year-old Concord kid turned his passion for making potholders into a fundraising opportunity, making and selling them locally. All proceeds go to Open Table and the Blackbird Café in Acton, which is providing meals to frontline workers at Emerson Hospital. Potholders and food – they go hand-in-hand.

Making Kids bags is a great activity for families to work on together, or for groups to coordinate while remaining socially distant (Zoom while creating bag art to share ideas?).

[Learn More About Kids Bags](#)



Volunteer to Make a Difference

We can only fulfill our mission with the help of you, our friends and neighbors. Help pack and distribute grocery bags, prepare meals, organize food donations, plan events, raise funds, and so much more. Many jobs can be done while remaining safe and socially distant and Open Table has protocols in place to keep those volunteering at our facility as safe as possible. And families can volunteer together. Help is especially

needed mid-Day on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Open Table firmly believes everyone has something to contribute to our community and we look forward to having you join us!

[Learn More About Volunteering](#)



Internships Available

Or join our team as a Commonwealth Corp intern for the coming year (August 2020 - June 2021)! The newly created service internship positions of [Mobile Programs Operations](#)

[Assistant](#) and [Programming Assistant](#) will help Open Table fulfill our mission and allow us to bring our services to people unable to come to us.

The positions are a great opportunity for new college graduates or for those whose employment situation has recently changed and are looking to develop their skillset.

To learn more about these opportunities and to apply, visit our Commonwealth Corp page [HERE](#).

Culinary Team Delivers

Week after week our talented culinary team takes overstocked and random food items and creates healthy and delicious take-home meals. Whether a dinner of rosemary crusted chicken or a lunch of Carrot Tuna Delight for our senior guests, our chefs never fail to deliver, and our guests are happier for their efforts. Shown here: Tom Marshall and Julie Klinger showcasing their lunch boxes, made in our kitchen at 33 Main Street.



While much of the food is donated or obtained free from the Greater Boston Food Bank and local grocery stores and farms, we still have to pay the costs of running the kitchen, packaging, cleaning supplies, and other expenses involved in getting the food from our kitchen to guests tables. Your financial support is needed (and appreciated) now more than ever.

[Donate Now](#)

Reminder: Closed June 29 - July 3

Open Table will be closed the week prior to the Fourth of July: June 29th through July 3rd. There will be no pantry service. Volunteers are not expected to attend. We are sorry for any inconvenience, and look forward to seeing you again starting July 6th!



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