

*News from around the table* 

Please note: our pantry pickup hours are Tuesdays 1-6:30 and Thursdays 1-4:30. New guests are welcome to come at any time during those hours to pick up their first groceries and to set up a regular appointment time.

# The dog days of August bring an

**Bumper crop!** 

abundance of fresh produce from area farms, large and small. For 30 years we have been fortunate to partner with Gaining Ground and Drumlin Farm, two local organic farms that have provided us with literally TONS of vegetables. This year Drumlin, which normally provides produce to restaurants that have now scaled back, has brought us even more fresh, local, organic produce.



address local food insecurity. They recently brought us their first food donation, grown in their Wayland garden. And we've been gifted with beautiful blueberries from <u>Blue Meadow Farm</u> in Sudbury; squash, zucchini and other veggies from the Massachusetts Correctional Institute; and a plethora of produce from local community gardens and private gardeners, as well as the overflow from CSA farm shares. These smaller contributors bring variety to the table so that we now offer a "Farmer's Market Table" at our drive-thru pantry, giving guests the opportunity

to "choose" more produce from what's available. And Open Table now has more produce to bring to our Mobile Pantry Partners (see article below), spreading fresh and healthy food far and wide.



### Yes, our Annual Meeting is happening, albeit virtually. We'll be presenting our

**Save the Date!** 

top priorities for the next year while honoring our volunteers who make it all look so easy. So put September 23 on your calendar and look for the link to join us live.

## Jill Tsakiris is stepping into the role of Program Manager! Earlier this year, Jill filled in for Executive Director Jeanine

**Program Manager** 

Calabria during her sabbatical. She brings deep experience working with nonprofits and will work to help improve our operational systems in order to better our guest experience. Jill is filling the vacancy left by previous Program Manager Samantha Hohl, who is leaving to pursue a new career. We wish Samantha luck as she moves on and look forward to having Jill onboard.



**Going Mobile** 

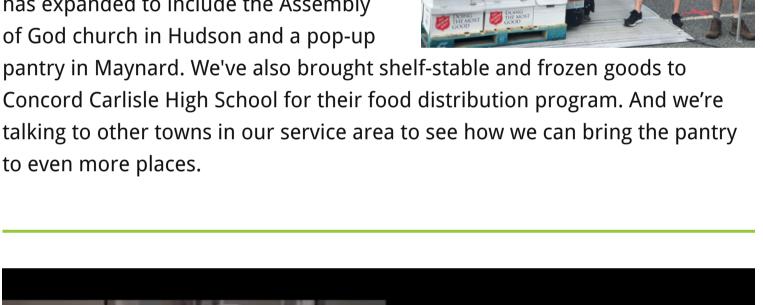
#### has expanded to include the Assembly of God church in Hudson and a pop-up

talking to other towns in our service area to see how we can bring the pantry to even more places.

Not everyone can come to us, so we're

Open Table to them. Our mobile pantry

using our refrigerated truck to bring





**Ride for Food** 

And if you want to know how to make some simple recipes yourself, we'll soon

be launching a new series of videos. They'll showcase ways to use the food

that comes in the bags each week, such as pizza with veggies. Look for the

for Food (see article below) at his fundraising page <u>here</u>.

notice on our website and social media.

This fundraising event, organized by

Three Squares New England, brings a

much-needed boost to the money we

need to keep feeding people. We need

more help! Please consider joining our team or supporting an existing member. You can see our donation page here. **Support the Team** 



village. These partners of Open Table have recently given generous grants because they, too, want to cure food insecurity. They also do a lot of other wonderful things for local communities.

Acton-Boxborough United Way This Old House/TZP Cares Foundation

Foundation for MetroWest

**Maynard Community Chest** 

Thank you











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