



News from around the table

With a Little Help from our Friends...

That's the only way we're getting through this unusual year. And with those words, we kick off our 2020 Annual Appeal.



More people need help this year than ever before. It could be your neighbor, your child's friend, your relative, or even you. And to continue to offer groceries, prepared meals, kids' bags and moral support, we need you. Our friends. You've done an amazing job lifting us up and helping aid our many guests this year. Please look for our Annual Appeal mailing or check it out online [HERE](#) and give what you can.

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Countdown to Christmas

Looking for a way to reflect on what's important this holiday season? You and your family can provide holiday cheer to a family in need with Open Table's

[Family-to-Family Holiday Food](#)

[Drive](#). You'll sponsor a family and build a gift kit over the first 12 days of December. Then we'll complete the kit with another 12 days of gifts, including tea and coffee, milk, lasagna, a grocery gift card, and more.

Once you have all your items, you can drop them in grocery bags in Maynard, 33 Main Street, on December 14 from 8 am to 4 pm; and in Concord at [Crosby's Market](#) on December 13 and 14 from 3-6 pm.

A list of suggested items for each of the 12 days can be found [HERE](#). And so we know how many kits to plan for, please email ecoffin@opentable.org if you want to sponsor a family. Thank you in advance for your generosity this holiday season!

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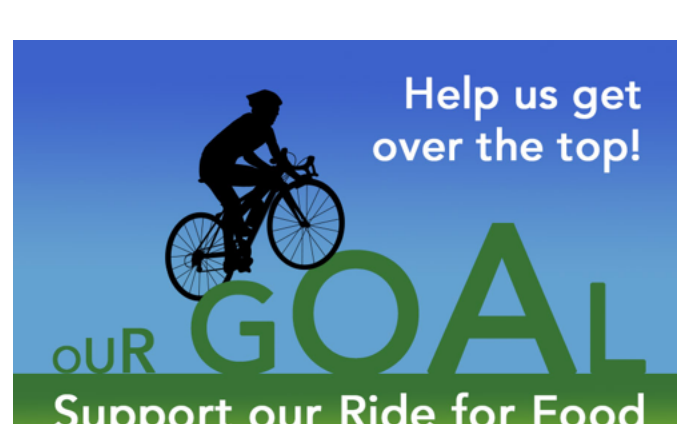
New Drive-Thru in Concord

Way back in March, Bryce McKnight, the director of food services for the Concord school district realized that with schools closed because of the pandemic, some people might need food assistance. So he organized a food distribution service out of the high school for anyone in Concord or Carlisle who needed it. A few months in, Open Table stepped up to supplement the fresh produce from local farms with homemade meals, meat & dairy, and shelf-stable items.



But with the growing season over and cold weather on the horizon, we wanted to find a way to continue this successful program. Now [First Parish in Concord](#) has opened their doors, giving us space to operate our mobile pantry for residents and town employees. Beginning December 9th and on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month after that, Open Table will distribute groceries from 1-2 pm from the side entrance at 20 Lexington Road.

Our mobile pantries help seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those with transportation issues have easier access to food in a convenient location. The Concord location joins our other successful mobile pantries in Hudson and other pop-up locations as needed. We're grateful to First Parish for generously offering space to continue this much-needed program.



A Successful Ride!

This year's [Ride for Food](#) may have been virtual, but the support was very real. Thanks to our 21 riders and hundreds of donors, we raised \$26,523, three quarters of the way to our goal of \$35k.

It was an impressive effort, and we applaud all who participated in any way.

If you still want to support a rider or Open Table in general, we're taking donations until December 1; you can donate [here](#).

December Hours

We want our volunteers to have some well-deserved time off to hopefully spend with their families over the holidays. With that in mind, our facility will be closed from **December 24th through January 3rd**, reopening **January 4th**. Our pantry will operate as scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays for grocery pick up through **December 22nd**; our last Concord drive-through and mobile deliveries will take place **December 23rd**.



Food Drive Thanks

Thank you to everyone who made magic happen in our GiveHealthy Virtual Food Drive. Together you donated over 1000 pounds of fresh, healthy food, which means more love, less hunger for many of our neighbors this holiday season.

And thanks to these wonderful groups who have recently organized their own food drives on our behalf:

Thoreau School

[Willard School](#)

[Fenn School](#)

[Tea Forte](#)

Blueberry Lane

Red Wagon

[Kerem Shalom](#)

[Barrett Sotheby's](#)

[Concord Carlisle Community Chest](#)

[Apellis](#)

Dover Street Neighborhood

NCL Class 2024

[Emerson Hospital](#)

[Nashoba Brooks School](#)

Assabet Heights Neighborhood

[Bromfield School](#)

Maynard Webelos 1 Cub Scouts

Winter pantry plans

Open Table will be taking grocery orders online starting December 1. This will allow us to offer more choice and better match the size of the family to the amount of food we supply. We plan to connect guests with this online ordering link at our Drive-Thru pantry line in December.



We continue to look at ways to keep our volunteers safe and warm while continuing to provide food in a welcoming environment while respecting the dignity of those served. We will let you know when those plans have firmed up.

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