



News from Around the Table



New Year, GREAT Start!

Every year we run our Annual Appeal, and every year you step up. But this year, amidst unprecedented need, you stepped up in droves. And because of that, we are far better equipped to serve

our mission of feeding people. This year, that need increased by 60%.

Your support is critical to our success. Even more so in this time of increasing need. So thank you, thank you, thank you! We really CAN only

#getbywithalittlehelpfromourfriends.

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Open Table was ready to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr Day on January 18 with a new artwork series created by members of the Maynard Anti-Racism Alliance (MARA), Maynard's Neighbor Brigade, Maynard Public Schools and Girl Scout Troop 78055. Pictured here (l-r) Holly Blumster (MARA), Linda Holt (NB and OT), Margot Slowick (Local artist leading a session tomorrow on Jan, 18), Polly Mendoza (MARA and NB), Leslie Knight (MARA and NB), Jennifer Kuhn (MARA), Elizabeth Albota (MARA), Maggie Day (MARA and OT), Karen Ross (MARA and NB).

Mission, Updated

While our mission has always been to address hunger in our local community, we have updated it to include a commitment to serving diverse people:



Open Table's mission is to address hunger in our local community by providing healthy food in a welcoming environment that respects the dignity and diversity of those served. We achieve our mission by:

- Offering a wide variety of healthy and culturally appropriate food choices in our pantry and meal programs.
- Engaging a team of diverse, committed and passionate staff and volunteers



Granted

Even with donations at an all-time high, Open Table needs the help of local organizations to grant us funding. These grants fund things like infrastructure, staffing, and elements critical to our

mobile pantry efforts. Here are those organizations who gave us a huge boost this month:

- [Acton-Boxborough United Way](#) -- Operating expenses
- [Foundation for MetroWest](#) -- Winterizing drive-thru pantry operation; launching online choice; and translation services
- Municipal funds courtesy of Kate Hogan -- Increased staffing to expand our Save Our Surplus program, which turns surplus food into prepared meals

Now Hiring: Volunteer Manager

Are you looking to be part of a mission-driven organization? We have a part-time position open for our Volunteer Manager. You'll be responsible for placing 400 volunteers into multiple daily shifts. This is a PAID position. For details, including how to apply, go [HERE](#).



Food Drives

Every week we get groups of neighbors, friends and others who get together and collect food and other items (or funds) for Open Table. This takes time, energy and organization, as well as dedication. We thank each and every one of these

people who do this for us -- they are our angels.

Alexia Hultin
[Acton-Boxborough Regional Schools](#)
CCHS Student Government
Cindy Dacey
[Eliot Community Human Services](#)
Eliza Coffin
Gail DePaul
Glenn Migliozi
Kerry Anne Stone

Lauren Ledger
Lily Fry
Lily Gage
Lissa Winstanley
Liza Carey
Max Johnson
[Milldam Nursery School](#)
[Olympia Fencing Center](#)
Sasha Meritashi Shanley
Sophia Tang

Welcome Dan Peirce!

Open Table has a new board member: Daniel Peirce. Currently VP of marketing at TJX Companies, Dan has an affinity for helping nonprofits and brings a personal perspective to Open Table. We're excited to have him join the team and look forward to hearing his ideas on how Open Table can best fulfill our mission.



Seeking New Board Members

Are you passionate about food insecurity? Do you have skills in leadership, governing, finance, public health, communications, or other areas

relevant to Open Table? Consider joining our board! We are currently recruiting for our 15-person Board of Directors. It is made up of talented, passionate people who enjoy working together to guide Open Table in its mission to address hunger in our local communities.

More information, and a complete description of requirements, can be found [here](#). You can also reach out directly to Board President Jill Block at jblock@opentable.org.

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