New Year, GREAT Start!

Happy New Year! We are grateful for the support you have given us in 2021 and take this opportunity to express how much we appreciate you and your support. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

We are excited to begin 2022 with a new Board President, Jill Block. Jill has been an active supporter of Open Table and we are so glad to have her lead our Board of Directors.

Mission, Updated

Open Table’s mission to address hunger in our local communities has been updated to better reflect the way we work to support the people who depend on food assistance.

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

- Providing healthy food in a welcoming environment
- Recognizing the dignity of all individuals
- Being inclusive and welcoming

Additionally, we have updated it to include a commitment to serving diverse people:

- Engaging a diverse, committed and passionate staff and volunteers
- Providing a wide variety of healthy and culturally appropriate food choices
- Partnering with other organizations to address the root causes of hunger
- Building a community that supports all

Now Hiring: Volunteer Manager

Do you have the desire to help others in your community? Do you have an affinity for food, and a passion for helping those in need? Are you looking to be part of a mission-driven organization that provides healthy food to all?

We have an exciting opportunity for a Volunteer Manager to join our team. This position is responsible for placing 400 volunteers into multiple daily shifts. This is a PAID position. For more information, and a complete description of requirements, please visit open-table.org/volunteer-manager.

New Board Members

Welcome Dan Peirce!

Open Table has a new board member: Dan 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.

Welcome Eliza Cohen

Eliza Cohen joins our board in January! Eliza is a passionate, people who enjoy working together to guide Open Table in its mission to address hunger in our local communities.

Gail DePaul

A teacher, Gail DePaul brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our board. She is committed to helping others and is a great addition to our team.

Sasha Meritashi Shanley

A volunteer manager for Acton-Boxborough United Way, Sasha brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our board. She is committed to helping others and is a great addition to our team.

Kerry Anne Stone

Kerry has been a loyal supporter of Open Table for many years. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our board and is committed to helping others.

Eliot Community Human Services: "When people sing together, it brings them together. When people work together, it brings them together. When people serve together, it brings them together. If you want to see people serve each other, come to Open Table."

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Food Drives

Every week we get groups of neighbors, friends and family, who are passionate about food insecurity and food assistance. This week, we had over 30 groups with a total of 255 people. For more information, including how to apply for our Volunteer Manager, please visit open-table.org/volunteer-manager.

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We thank each and every one of these groups, as well as dedication.

For Open Table. This takes time, energy and effort to collect food and other items (or funds). For most of us, this is a once-yearly event, led and organized by volunteers. But for these groups, this is an ongoing endeavor.

Every week we get groups of neighbors, friends and others who get together and bring us food. And that’s why we’re so grateful for the volunteers who bring us food and other items regularly. We couldn’t do this without you.

We want to say thank you for your help.

We can’t do this alone, so we are seeking new board members. Our board 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.

News from Around the Table

We are very excited to announce that we are now accepting applications for our new board members. 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.

Recently, we received a huge boost from our friends at the Maynard Anti-Racism Alliance (MARA), Maggie Day (MARA and OT), Karen Ross (MARA and NB), Leslie Knight (MARA and NB), Jennifer Kuhn (MARA), Elizabeth Albota Slowick (Local artist leading a session tomorrow on Jan, 18), Polly Mendoza (MARA and NB), 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), Maynard’s Neighbor Brigade, Maynard Public Schools and Girl Scout Troop 78055.

Open Table was ready to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr Day on January 18 with a mobile pantry efforts. Here are those organizations who gave us a huge boost this month:

- Commonwealth Elder Services
- Maynard Public Schools
- Girl Scouts of MA, Troop 78055
- Maynard Anti-Racism Alliance (MARA), Maggie Day (MARA and OT), Karen Ross (MARA and NB), Leslie Knight (MARA and NB), Jennifer Kuhn (MARA), Elizabeth Albota Slowick (Local artist leading a session tomorrow on Jan, 18), Polly Mendoza (MARA and NB), Maynard’s Neighbor Brigade, Maynard Public Schools and Girl Scout Troop 78055.

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