



# OPEN TABLE

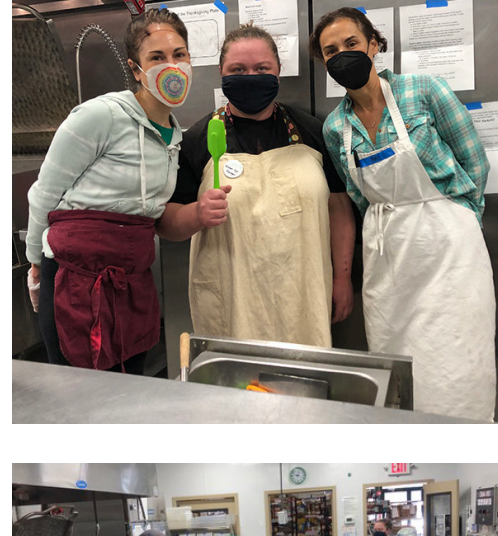
MORE LOVE – LESS HUNGER

## News from Around the Table

### Our Amazing Cooking Talent!

Who creates 800 meals a week, using mostly donated food and volunteer cooks? The incredible Open Table kitchen crew, led by an amazing team of three: Ellen Green, Amy Simon and Beth DeGarabedian! Formerly volunteers at OT, these women stepped up to cover an immediate need to staff the kitchen and continue our prepared meals program, along with preparing an additional 600 Thanksgiving meals. Their **collaboration, innovation and pure grit** has really made this program a huge success.

We are extremely fortunate to have past volunteer cooks return to the kitchen as well as an entirely new pool of cooking recruits. A very special thanks goes out to Karen Young who has coordinated all the volunteers including identifying cooking talent to lead future cooking teams.



[Learn More](#)

### Concord Community Donation Center

We are thrilled to welcome Polly Meyer and Rebecca Snyder as the Coordinators of our Community Donations program, based at our new 40 Beharrell Street, Concord location. Polly and Rebecca will be working with group food drives, scheduling larger deliveries, and organizing other community activities. Contact Polly and Rebecca to learn more about organizing a food drive at [fooddonations@opentable.org](mailto:fooddonations@opentable.org).

We hope that the Beharrell Street Center can become the heart of a Community effort to end hunger. To that end, we will be hosting Saturday Drop-in sessions from 11 to 1. Join us in creating Kids Bags, sorting food, and other fun ways to help - a great way to get kids involved in giving back! [Learn More>>](#)

If you want to **become more involved**, we are looking for volunteer Community Center Hosts on Wednesdays (4-5:30) and Saturdays (11-1). Contact us at [volunteer@opentable.org](mailto:volunteer@opentable.org) to learn more.

### Sylvia Cullington

On Friday, November 5th, cherished past board member and treasurer Sylvia Cullington passed away. She was a major contributor both with time and treasure, particularly during our capital campaign to purchase Open Table's 33 Main Street permanent location. Sylvia was on top of every penny, managing two budgets (operations and buildout), paying all contractors on time, setting up our first payroll, and preparing us for the first ever OT audit. She expertly managed these many responsibilities as a volunteer while celebrating with the team all the wonderful work the organization accomplished.

After stepping off the board, Sylvia battled with a rare brain disease that made communicating particularly challenging. Despite this, she continued to send jokes and images every week to boost our spirits. We felt it only fitting that we commemorate Sylvia's work with the naming of our new Open Table freezer: Sylvia COOLington. The freezer will be placed at our 40 Beharrell Street Community Donations Drop off location. We salute you, Sylvia, and all that you have made possible in the effort to end hunger.



Sylvia Cullington's [Obituary](#)



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### Giving and Sharing This Season

Black Friday, Cyber Monday, frantic shopping - it can all be overwhelming. That's why Giving Tuesday was created; it "reimagines a world built upon shared humanity and generosity."

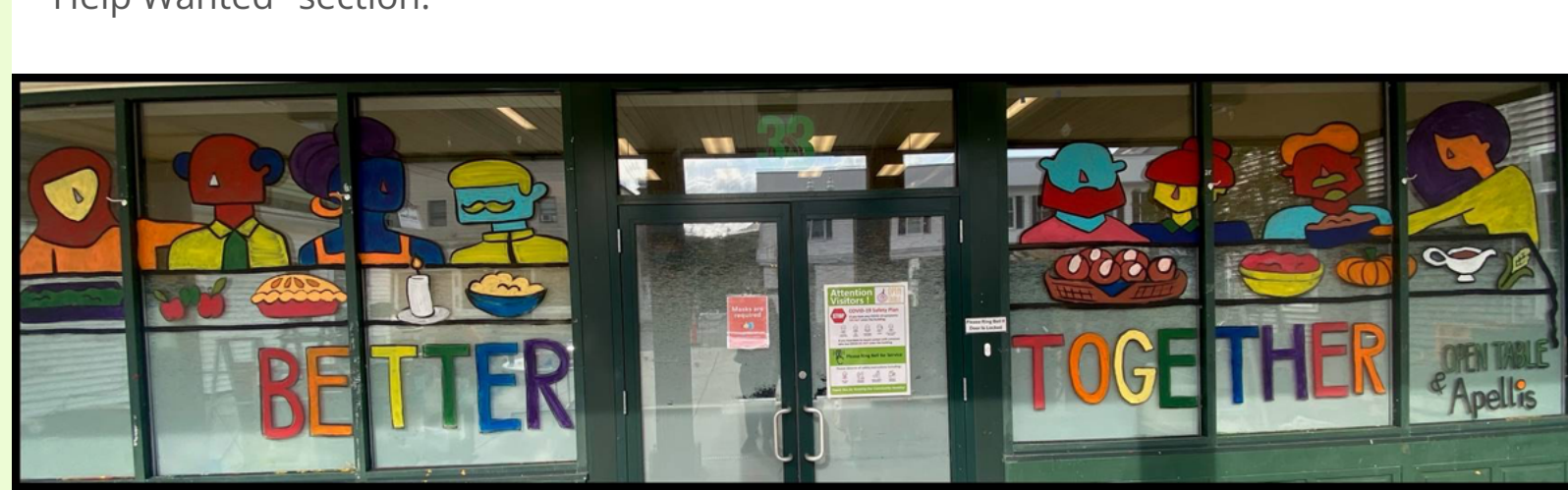
On **Giving Tuesday, November 30th**, Open Table will be running a special fundraiser in the hope of raising much needed funds to help expand our pantry and meals programs to fill the unmet needs in our community. Watch your inbox or our social media for details.

But Giving isn't just about funds. This December, we'll be hosting our popular **Family-to-Family Holiday Drive** - help a local family or senior have a brighter holiday season with simple but greatly appreciated items. Register to create gift bags [HERE](#).



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Looking for another way to do good? Check out our current volunteer opportunities. Descriptions of volunteer service areas and shift schedules can be found at [opentable.org/volunteer](http://opentable.org/volunteer) as well as openings in volunteer leadership, administrative and "behind-the-scenes" in our "Help Wanted" section.



### Thanksgiving is Better Together at the Table

Open Table is fortunate to have strong partnerships with local businesses and organizations, such as **Apellis Pharmaceuticals**. This company, along with many of its employees, support our mission to end hunger in our community. For the third straight year, Apellis and Open Table have teamed up to provide our clients with festive foods to celebrate the holidays. Additionally, a team of talented artists from Apellis recently painted a lovely expression of holiday togetherness on our 33 Main Street windows. Open Table extends a special thanks to the program coordinators, Darcy DeLosa, Ryan Wade, Kathy Fenn, CEO Cedric Francois, and all the employees who have made a difference this holiday season.



### Maynard Holiday Passport

Open Table is at the heart of the Maynard business district, and we hope our volunteers, staff, and visitors will support this community with some of their holiday purchases. Volunteer or bring a food donation to receive a stamp for your **Maynard Business Alliance** Holiday Passport. Win a Passport for 4 prepared by one of our wonderful chefs! Learn more about the passports [HERE](#).

### Giving Thanks this Month

Each month we like to recognize some of the many organizations who gave time, treasure, dry goods, produce and more to Open Table. Here are some whom we have to thank:



- [Blossom Metro Child Care Center](#)
- [Boston MetroWest Bible Church](#)
- Bud Ackerman Fund
- [CCHS Rotary Interact Club](#)
- [The Community School](#)
- Concord Girl Scout Daisy Troop #82817
- [Concord Lions Club](#)
- Concord Cub Scout Pack #133
- [Design 1 Kitchens & Baths](#)
- Hanscom AFB Commissary
- [Honey Pot Hill Orchards](#)
- Lincoln Sudbury Boys Volleyball
- [Nashawtuc Country Club](#)
- [National Charity League](#)
- Red Wagon Food Drive
- [Stow Family Chiropractic](#)
- [Trinitarian Congregational Church](#)
- [Welch's](#)



### Festival of Sharing

**St. Matthew's United Methodist Church** in Acton is hosting its annual Festival of Sharing on Saturday, December 4th, 10am to 2pm. Find unique, thoughtful, and meaningful gifts, while supporting local organizations including Open Table. A great way to do good this holiday season!

### Fun Food Facts: Kale



Kale, a member of the Brassicaceae family (along with cabbage, collard greens and Brussels sprouts), was the staple of the Scottish diet that the term "kail" is synonymous with "food" in some dialects and "come to kail" is an invitation to dinner, while "off one's kail" implies illness. Germans gather annually for Grünkohlfahrt (Curly Kale Hike), which involves hiking, beer, eating lots of kale, more beer, and crowning a Kohlkönig (Kale King).

Open Table receives fresh kale from several local farms. We value kale's nutritional qualities and health benefits and that it can be served in a wide range of dishes from smoothies to soups to snacks (kale chips, anyone?). Try out Jeanine's recipe for Ribolitta for a hearty and healthy meal!

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