

Our Mission

The mission of The Open Door is to alleviate the impact of hunger in our community.

We use practical strategies to connect people to good food, to advocate on behalf of those in need, and to engage others in the work of building food security.

We serve residents of Gloucester, Rockport, Manchester, Essex and Ipswich.



Food Pantry provided **529,094 pounds** of free canned goods, fresh produce, meats, bread, dairy products, and eggs to **1,636 households** during **12,237 visits** representing **3,762 people**.

Community Meals served **16,239 hot meals** to guests needing food and companionship in a safe environment.

Mobile Market provided **205,280 pounds** of fresh produce and groceries to **1,146 households** representing **2,794 people** in four neighborhoods, in two schools, in one hotel, and in three senior centers.

Emerson Market, a free weekly surplus food market, provided **111 households** representing **242 people** with access to **19,518 pounds** of fresh (and locally grown) produce and wholesome breads.

Summer Meals served **6,641 lunches and suppers** to children ages 18 and under at 13 sites during a ten-week summer lunch program.

Holiday Meals distributed **1,773 baskets** with all the food to provide **10,638 holiday meals**.

Collaborative Meals supplied **34,487 pounds** of food and fresh produce to clients of the North Shore Health Project, Action Shelter, Harvest Meals, American Legion, Wellspring, and the Grace Center.

Service Learning hosted a full-time **FoodCorps Massachusetts service member**, **2 FirstJobs placements**, and **4 internships**.

Volunteer Service totaled **22,634 hours** of time, talent and engagement.

Good Food Project launched with key partners to reach our most vulnerable populations with **21,901 pounds of targeted nutrition boxes** to help better manage health conditions and diet.

PowerSnack provided **4,601 after-school suppers** in partnership with Gloucester Public School Food Service.

Garden Project partnered with Backyard Growers to work with families to plan, plant, and harvest gardens in twelve raised beds at The Open Door.

SNAP Advocates (Food Stamps) assisted **277 households** with SNAP applications to help bring more than **\$500,000 in federal SNAP benefits** into our community.

Second Glance sold **295,695 reduced-cost clothing, furniture and household items** to the community, honored **260 referral requests**, **recycled** textiles, appliances and metals, hosted North Shore Education Consortium, Community Enterprise and STEP program participants for **job training**, and **raised revenues** to support our hunger-relief programs.