



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.

Last year, our programs provided **1,837,094 pounds** of food to **7,747 people** representing **3,487 unique households**.

Gloucester Food Pantry provided **1,228,046 pounds** of canned goods, fresh produce, meats, bread, dairy products, and eggs to **2,192 households** during **27,530 visits** representing **5,216 people**.

Ipswich Community Food Pantry provided **125,742 pounds** of canned goods, fresh produce, meats, bread, dairy products, and eggs to households during **5,723 visits** representing **683 people from 347 households**.

Community Nutrition served **34,134 prepared meals** through Community Meals, Family Supper, North Shore Health Project, Grace Center, Our Place program, and our Sample Center.

Mobile Market provided **127,463 pounds** of fresh produce and groceries to **1,225 households** during with **8,878 visits** representing **2,509 people** in public housing neighborhoods, schools, and senior centers.

Summer Meals served **3,303 lunches and suppers** to children ages 18 and under at 10 sites during a ten-week summer lunch program.

Holiday Meals distributed **67,110 pounds** of food in November and December to make **2,237 baskets** to make **13,422 meals**.

Collaborative Meals supplied **47,076 pounds** of food and fresh produce to clients of the North Shore Health Project, Action Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul, Harvest Meals, American Legion, Wellspring, Grace Center, and various community partners.

Senior Soup & Salad provided **9,479 soup and salad** meals in partnership with **SeniorCare**.

Volunteer Service totaled **26,494 hours** of time, talent, and engagement.

Farm to School built community collaboration between The Open Door, Backyard Growers and Gloucester School District to increase student access to local produce and seafood.

PowerSnack provided **1,749 after-school suppers and snacks** in partnership with Gloucester and Ipswich Public Schools.

Garden Project offered a curriculum-based garden program with Backyard Growers, to highlight Mass Harvest of the Month and provide Farm to School activities. Theme beds included edible flowers, a pizza garden, pickling bed, plant parts, and popcorn. Produce was incorporated into menus throughout our programs.

On Your Mark launched as a workforce development program for youth ages 16-21 with experiential and classroom learning with both a culinary and a retail track.

Client Advocates handled **1,342 appointments to help households** with their SNAP (Food Stamp) applications or recertifications. Achieved 93% approval rating—the highest in Massachusetts.

Second Glance Thrift Store served the community with the collection and sale of donated clothing, furniture and household items at affordable prices, fulfilled **436 referral requests**, **recycled** textiles, appliances and metals, hosted North Shore Education Consortium and STEP program participants for **job training**, and **raised revenues** to support our hunger-relief programs.