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OUR MISSION

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WHAT WE DO

Food Pantry
Community Meals
Summer Meals
Mobile Market
Holiday Baskets
SNAP Assistance
Nutrition Education and Outreach
Second Glance
Thrift Store & Furniture Annex
PowerSnack
Advocacy
Community Service
Garden Project
Good Food Box
Cooking Classes
Job Training
Food Rescue

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The Open Door is Ready to Grow!

Launching the final phase of our Capital Campaign

From its humble beginnings in 1978, The Open Door has become a community food resource center for low-income residents and underserved populations of Gloucester, Rockport, Manchester, Essex, and Ipswich.

Using a prevention-based approach, grounded in nutrition education, public health, and community development, we provide those in-need with consistent, adequate access to nutrition in a socially acceptable environment.

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Our food distribution center tucked away at the end of Emerson Avenue is bursting at the seams. Last year, The Open Door helped improve the lives of 5,784 low-income people living on Cape Ann--including 1 in 6 Gloucester residents, by providing 933,762 pounds of good food and nutrition education. Since the economic downturn in 2008, we have seen a 96 percent increase in requests for food assistance.

After an extensive 2-year planning process that included input from staff, clients, volunteers, and board members, The Open Door is ready to grow! With architectural work by Treehouse Designs and the reputable commercial construction team of Joset Corporation, The Open Door is breaking ground this August to build a brand new 2,000 square foot addition at our 28 Emerson Avenue location.



These capital improvements will help us carry out our mission and better serve the community with dignity and respect:

- Double our existing dry storage space
- Add larger commercial walk-in cooler and freezer units
- Develop additional parking spaces in our overcrowded lot
- Address the drainage issues in our back parking lot
- Install a sprinkler system and safety upgrades for the entire building
- Build a level, covered loading dock for ease of delivery and distribution
- Upgrade handicapped accessibility at entrances and bathrooms
- Reconfigure our client pantry waiting and distribution areas
- Create a Volunteer Center and Service Learning space
- Incorporate green building principles wherever possible
- Expand edible landscape and garden areas
- Establish a maintenance fund for care of new facility
- Retire the remaining mortgage on the building

The project will be structured in phases to limit disruption to our program services. Construction is estimated to be complete by December 24, 2014.



With the help of some early, generous donors, we have raised 1.1 million dollars to get the project started. We are asking **YOU** to help us raise the last **\$150,000** to purchase equipment and complete the project.

www.gofundme.com/TheOpenDoorProject

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Second Glance

The Thrift Store of The Open Door

STORE and DONATION CENTER HOURS:
Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

We accept:

- Clothing (men, women, children, all types and sizes)
- Clothing accessories, shoes, and jewelry
- Books, games, puzzles, DVD's, and CD's
- Linens, draperies, and bedding items
- Housewares, artwork, and bric-a-brac
- Furniture (FREE furniture pickup is available)

Call 978-283-4298 for FREE furniture pickup

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JAMES MONTGOMERY BLUESBAND



A very special performance to benefit The Open Door!
 Friday, August 22, at 8 p.m.
 Waterfront Pavilion at Cape Ann Marina Resort
 75 Essex Avenue in Gloucester, MA
Tickets: \$25, \$35, \$55 VIP* (limited quantity)
 Order tickets online: www.gimmelive.tv

Special guests:

Danielle Miraglia
 Marissa Licata
 Willie Loco Alexander
 SAX ATTAX HORNS



Shopping Spree Raffle to benefit the FOOD PANTRY



Prizes: ONE winner: 3-Minute Grocery Shopping Spree*
 TEN winners: \$10 Gift Card to a Gloucester Grocery Store

Tickets: SIX tickets for \$5 or ONE ticket for \$1

Drawing: The Open Door Autumn Breakfast on Thursday, October 23
Cruiseport Gloucester, 6 Rowe Square, Gloucester

For your chance to win, fill out the ticket stubs and return them in the envelope provided along with your donation. (See tear-off BELOW.)

* Shopping Spree will be held at a designated Grocery Store on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at 6:30 a.m. Rules can be found at FOODPANTRY.org

Yes, I want to help The Open Door better serve the community!

\$ 25.00 \$ 50.00 \$ 75.00 \$ 100.00 \$ 250.00 Other: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

E-mail: _____ (To receive updates on events, programs and advocacy.)

Return your donation and raffle stubs to:
 28 Emerson Avenue
 Gloucester, MA 01930
 Phone: 978-283-6776 Fax: 978-282-9684

With your support, The Open Door improved the lives of 5,784 people last year. Your thoughtful donation helps connect people to good food.