Our mission is to alleviate hunger in the communities of Cape Ann. We accomplish this by providing free meals and food in a hospitable environment, providing advocacy on behalf of the disadvantaged whenever possible, and providing job skills training and job placement through our programs.

“One in three children lives in a food insecure household in Gloucester.”

“People choose between paying rent and utilities or buying food... who would have ever thought that food was a choice?”
Providing Direct Services

The Cape Ann Food Pantry provided free emergency groceries for 240,770 meals to more than 1,300 households and more than 3,500 people.

The Open Door served 15,358 dinners to a client base of more than 300 people, with an average of 75 guests dining four evenings a week.

The Buck-A-Bag grocery program distributed produce and bread for 45,130 meals.

Collaborative Meals worked with Action Shelter, North Shore AIDS Health Project and Harvest Meals to provide food for more than 5,805 meals to a shared population.

Snack Program gave out 5,323 snacks in an after-school program with Gloucester Housing Authority.

Holiday Meals Program distributed 2,340 meals for Thanksgiving and the Holidays.

Food Stamps Outreach assisted more than 67 households with Food Stamps applications.

Community Collections brought in 94,558 pounds of canned food and shelf staples.

Food Rescue Program captured 144,657 pounds of prepared and perishable food including produce, bread, seafood and dairy products.

How Your Support Helps the Community

Because of the committed support that The Open Door/Cape Ann Food Pantry receives from the community through generous donations of time, goods, and services, we are able to keep our overhead expenses at a minimum.

Using your financial contributions in 2003, The Open Door/Cape Ann Food Pantry leveraged the collection and purchase of more than 495,000 pounds of nutritious food for distribution through its programs. This adds an inventory value of more than $836,550 to our services.

Each dollar you contribute goes to those who need it most...the hungry.

Providing Job Training & Advocacy

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Summer Food Service Program served 2,641 lunches to children ages 1-18 at two Gloucester Housing sites during a ten-week summer lunch program.

Second Glance Resale Shop offered low-cost clothing and household goods to the community, recycling and a pilot job training position with computer skills and retail management focus. All proceeds benefited the hunger-relief programs of the organization. Store relocated to 2 Pond Road.

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Grants 19%
Fundraising 19%
Second Glance 45%
Other 3%

INCOME

Program Services 80%
Fundraising 2%
Management & General 18%

EXPENSE

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