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 580,289 pounds of free canned goods, fresh produce, meats, bread, dairy products, and eggs to 1,588 households during 12,405 visits representing 3,726 people.

**Community Meals** served 16,822 hot meals to guests needing food and companionship in a safe environment.

**Mobile Market** provided 263,219 pounds of fresh produce and groceries to 1,409 households representing 3,337 people in four neighborhoods, in two schools, in one hotel, and in three senior centers.

**Summer Meals** served 4,464 lunches and suppers to children ages 18 and under at 13 sites during a ten-week summer lunch program.

**Holiday Meals** distributed 55,110 pounds of food to make 1,837 baskets for 11,022 holiday meals.

**Collaborative Meals** supplied 40,254 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.

**Senior Soup & Salad** provided 1,032 soup and salad supplements in partnership with SeniorCare.

**Service Learning** hosted a part-time FoodCorps Massachusetts service member, a FirstJobs placements, and 3 internships.

**Volunteer Service** totaled 22,166 hours of time, talent and engagement.

**Good Food Project** worked with key partners to reach our most vulnerable populations with 13,834 pounds of targeted nutrition boxes and meals to help better manage health conditions and diet.

**PowerSnack** provided 4,649 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 fourteen raised beds at The Open Door.

**SNAP Advocates (Food Stamps)** handled 867 appointments and helped 421 households with their SNAP application or recertification to bring more than $800,000 in federal SNAP benefits to our community.

**Second Glance** sold 347,091 reduced-cost clothing, furniture and household items to the community, honored 402 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.