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 652,500 pounds of free canned goods, fresh produce, meats, bread, dairy products, and eggs to 1,740 households during 12,646 visits representing 4,071 people.

**Community Meals** prepared 17,441 hot meals for guests at The Open Door, Family Supper, North Shore Health Project lunches, and Cape Ann Families Nurturing Program.

**Mobile Market** provided 238,554 pounds of fresh produce and groceries to 1,361 households during 15,905 visits representing 3,312 people in four public housing neighborhoods, in two schools, in one hotel, and in four senior centers.

**Summer Meals** served 16,122 lunches and suppers to children ages 18 and under at 21 sites during a ten-week summer lunch program.

**Holiday Meals** distributed 57,360 pounds of food to make 1,912 baskets for 11,472 holiday meals.

**Collaborative Meals** supplied 87,339 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, and the Grace Center.

**Senior Soup & Salad** provided 4,305 soup and salad supplements in partnership with SeniorCare.

**Service Learning** hosted 7 students for internships and a FirstJobs placement.

**Volunteer Service** totaled 23,639 hours of time, talent and engagement.

**Good Food Project** worked with key partners to reach our most vulnerable populations with 12,166 pounds of targeted nutrition boxes and meals to help better manage health conditions and diet.

**PowerSnack** provided 6,257 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 1,519 appointments and helped 621 households with their SNAP application or recertification to bring more than $1,631,112 in federal SNAP benefits to our community.

**Second Glance** sold reduced-cost clothing, furniture and household items to the community, honored 423 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.