A new online ordering system, SmartChoice™ at The Open Door, is giving client shoppers the power to select their own groceries, with more options available than ever.

Expanded choice ensures people get the food they need for their families while reducing food waste. People with special dietary needs can also get the targeted nutrition they need more easily.

“It’s a godsend.”

Each week, Ann uses fresh vegetables from her grocery order to make meals that work for both of their diets.

At the height of the pandemic, The Open Door met a 40% increase in need for food resources and continues to meet ongoing need. While in-person shopping has not yet resumed for clients amid the pandemic, the new ordering system brings a higher level of choice to the table.
New, biodegradable meal containers have arrived at The Open Door!

The new containers, distributed by Good Start Packaging in Bedford, NH have a fiber base with a polylactic acid (PLA) lining, and a clear PLA lid. PLA is made from fermentable sugars, often from corn.

The new green containers will cost an additional $7,500 annually to replace the previous plastic ones for a total cost of $24,000. Last year more than 68,000 meals were made and distributed from The Open Door kitchen.

“Our team researched alternatives, and we firmly believe this is a worthwhile investment in our environmental practices,” President and CEO Julie LaFontaine said.

The new containers will debut in the coming weeks.

Summer Meals for Kids 2021

For 21 years, The Open Door Summer Meals for Kids program has ensured that after the school year ends, local children have access to nutritious meals. As families continue to navigate hardship brought on and worsened by the pandemic, the program has become even more critical.

Feeding America estimates the pandemic has resulted in a 117% increase in childhood food insecurity in Eastern Massachusetts.

Brothers Tim, left, and Garry smile after a visit from The Open Door Summer Meals for Kids program brings breakfast and lunch. Summer Meals Coordinator Kayla Mayo delivers pizzas for a pizza party at West Parish Elementary School.

Donate & Shop

Schedule an appointment to donate below.

All proceeds help feed local families!

Coming Soon!

The Open Door Mobile Market Farmers Truck

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