

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.