GLOUCESTER— As inflation rises and food and fuel costs continue to climb, The Open Door is stepping up with increased food resources through its two food pantries and food programs.

“As basic costs of living continue to rise, compounded by world conflict and the end of COVID related benefits and supports, it is essential our community members know that free groceries are readily available from The Open Door,” President and CEO Julie LaFontaine said. “All it takes is a quick call, a visit to our website, or trip to our pantries in-person to get the food you need.”

Below are programs and services available through The Open Door:

**Gloucester Food Pantry**

28 Emerson Ave., Gloucester

M-W 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. TH-F 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Ipswich Community Food Pantry**

00 Southern Heights, Ipswich
W-TH 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

New clients and those returning after more than 2 years can create an online shopping profile by visiting https://www.foodpantry.org/newshopper or call 978-283-6776. The Open Door aims to process new profiles within one business day.

Active clients can place orders by visiting https://www.foodpantry.org/order-now/ or call 978-283-6776. Translation services are available in many languages.

Groceries available for pick-up at either pantry. Limited delivery available.

If you need food TODAY, visit either pantry during business hours for basic groceries. Ordering online or by phone for pick-up or delivery within 3-4 business days allows you more choice and access to our full inventory.

The Open Door Food Pantries serve Gloucester, Rockport, Manchester, Essex, Ipswich, Hamilton, Wenham, Topsfield, Rowley, and Boxford.

**SNAP (Food Stamps) Assistance**

One-on-one, confidential pre-screening for SNAP eligibility, application, recertification, & interim report assistance. Department of Transitional Assistance advocacy support.

Contact The Open Door SNAP office at 978-283-6776 ext. 201 or email snap@foodpantry.org. For information about additional programs and resources available visit https://www.foodpantry.org

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.

Founded in 1978, The Open Door is a 501 (c)(3) tax exempt nonprofit and community food resource center for low-income residents of Gloucester, Rockport, Manchester, Essex, Ipswich, Hamilton, Boxford, Rowley, Topsfield, and Wenham. In 2021, The Open Door helped stabilize the lives and health of 8,516 people from 4,176 households through the distribution of 1.83 million pounds of food.
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