



The Open Door
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The Open Door Empty Bowl *TO GO* 2.0 Fundraiser Returns



“Nest: a safe place shrouded in forged copper holds the next generation” by Chris Williams is available to be bid on through the Empty Bowl online auction at biddingowl.com/theopendoor. (Photo Courtesy of Ian Lindsay)

GLOUCESTER— The Open Door will hold its Empty Bowl *TO GO* 2.0 fundraiser this Saturday, raising funds to support its Mobile Market and Summer Meals for Kids programs.

WHEN

Saturday, May 7 from 4-6 p.m.

WHERE

The Open Door

28 Emerson Ave., Gloucester MA 01930

WHAT

A fun-filled drive-thru event, The Open Door Empty Bowl *TO GO 2.0* fundraiser returns this weekend.

Empty Bowl events are held nationwide, raising funds for hunger-relief programs. The bowl goes home with participants as a reminder: **somewhere, someone's bowl is empty.**

The Open Door has held an Empty Bowl fundraiser annually since 2001, except in 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic first hit.

“The reality is, somewhere, someone’s bowl is empty—including right here, on the North Shore. Empty Bowl *TO GO 2.0* is a reminder of that and an opportunity to collectively make an impact,” President and CEO Julie LaFontaine said. “Despite its sobering message, this event is a celebrated, joyous tradition in our community. It speaks to a longstanding culture of helping one another on Cape Ann—and having fun along the way.”

Pay-what-you-can tickets for the Empty Bowl *TO GO 2.0* event are available at FOODPANTRY.org/empty-bowl. Ticket holders at the event will receive a hand-painted bowl, soup, bread roll, cookie, and water. Participants will also receive fruit directly from The Open Door’s new Mobile Market Farmers Truck, and dog treats will be available for pets along for the drive-thru ride with their owners.

Soups offered at the event will include the popular clam, corn and fish chowders along with hearty tomato and white bean with quinoa (gluten free, vegan, and kosher [non-certified]), chicken and rice (gluten free and kosher [non-certified]), and mushroom soup (kosher [non-certified]).

Restaurants to prepare soup for the event include: Captain Hooks, Causeway Restaurant, Seaport Grille, J.T. Farnham’s, George’s Restaurant and Bar, Lobsta Land, Minglewood, Sugar Magnolias, Turner’s Seafood, Willow Rest, and The Open Door kitchen team, including locally renowned chef Ken Duckworth, who will be preparing Duckworth’s Bistrot mushroom soup for the event. Bread at the event is baked by Alexandra’s Bread and Virgilio’s Bakery. Cookies are being prepared in-house at The Open Door.

The Empty Bowl online auction is also live at biddingowl.com/theopendoor. Approximately 40 Cape Ann artists and local elected officials created bowls to be auctioned off in support of hunger-relief programs of The Open Door. The auction closes May 13.

Members of the media are asked to RSVP for the event by emailing kelsey.bode@foodpantry.org.

About The Open Door

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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“On Portuguese Hill” by Theresa Testaverde. (Photo Courtesy of Ian Lindsay)



“Redfish” by Jeff Weaver. (Photo Courtesy of Ian Lindsay)



“Pear Lady” by Shandy Shaw. (Photo Courtesy of Ian Lindsay)



“Lighthouse Bowl” by Captain Sam Nigro. (Photo Courtesy of Ian Lindsay)



“Vermont” by Ken Knowles. (Photo Courtesy of Ian Lindsay)



“Mahogany Charcuterie Board with Three Dogtown Bowls” by Nina and Steve Goodick. (Photo Courtesy of Ian Lindsay)