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Mobile sites in Danvers and Lynn.

The Open Door expects the project will be completed in spring 2023, contingent on the supply chain or other delays.

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~VOLUNTEER AND FORMER MAYOR JOHN BELL

For John and Jan Bell, who volunteer weekly to deliver Community Meals, the capital campaign is a no-brainer, as it will expand The Open Door’s capacity to serve more people more food.

“We’ve delivered more than 1,300 meals and the folks that receive them are incredibly grateful,” John Bell said. “Anything we can do to support The Open Door as it goes forward with its capital campaign...we see the benefits in Gloucester over and over again.”

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Carolina, a food pantry assistant at The Open Door, knows first-hand how hard it can be for people learning English as a second language to navigate day-to-day life on Cape Ann.

Born in the Dominican Republic, Carolina was 31-years-old when she moved to the United States. She grew up speaking Spanish, but was determined to learn English. Today she uses her multi-lingual talents to help others.

“When clients find someone who can speak the same language, they feel more comfortable,” Carolina said. “And I know with a second language, it is sometimes hard and sometimes we are afraid to speak because we don’t know if we are saying the correct words or not.”

Language can be a serious barrier to access when it comes to food, but Carolina makes sure local people who speak Spanish and Portuguese get the food they need. The Open Door also offers translation services in more than 170 languages by phone.

Julie helps Spanish and Portuguese speaking clients place weekly grocery orders, and during pick-ups.

She remembers one client who was particularly relieved when she realized Carolina spoke Spanish and could help, saying, “Thank God for The Open Door, and that they found someone who speaks Spanish. Now I can get all the groceries I really need.”

Read more about Carolina and breaking down language barriers at The Open Door at FOODPANTRY.org/blog.

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“It’s our Friday night date night,” Jan Bell said of their weekly volunteer shifts. “We deliver meals and we discover parts of Gloucester we never knew existed. We have gone all over.”

The new building project will provide expanded offices for Client Services/SNAP (Food Stamps), and nutrition education for The Open Door Medically Tailored Groceries program. The project will offer space for private nutrition counseling, workshops, and training.

Additional dry food storage will allow The Open Door to accept more food rescue and further streamline operations.

The Open Door is actively seeking to close the gap for the remaining $1.6 million needed to complete the $4.4 million project.

Those who wish to donate in support of the campaign may email donate@foodpantry.org or call 978-283-6776.

More information about the project is available at FOODPANTRY.org/capitalcampaign.

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