

# FACT SHEET 2009



Feeding people. Changing lives.

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.

## What we do:

**Food Pantry** provided **441,387 pounds** of free canned goods, fresh produce, meats, bread, dairy products, and eggs to **1,466 households** representing **3,670 people**.

**Community Meals** served **17,298 hot meals** to guests needing food and companionship.

**Mobile Market**, a free farmers' market, provided **122,723 pounds** of fresh produce and groceries to **506 households** representing **1,456 people** at **five locations** in Gloucester, Rockport and Ipswich. The Mobile Market at Pathways is open year-round.

**Senior Market** provided **27,952 pounds** of groceries and fresh produce to **235 households** representing **289 seniors** in Gloucester and Rockport.

**Emerson Market**, a weekly surplus food market, provided access to **19,598 pounds** of fresh (and locally grown) produce and wholesome breads.

**Summer Lunch** served **4,755 lunches** to children ages 1-18 at five sites on Cape Ann during a ten-week summer lunch program.

**Holiday Meals** distributed **1,274 turkey baskets** to provide **7,644 holiday meals**.

**Collaborative Meals** supplied **28,358 pounds** of groceries and fresh produce to clients of the North Shore Health Project, Wellspring House, Action Shelter, Harvest Meals, the North Shore Hunger Network, and the Chill Zone youth program.

**SNAP (Food Stamps Outreach)** handled **322 appointments**.

**Second Glance, The Thrift Store of The Open Door**, sold **203,806 low-cost clothing and household items** to the community, honored **192 referral requests** from other agencies, recycled **8,506 bags of clothing** through Salvation Army, hosted Community Enterprise and STEP program participants for job training, and raised revenues to support our hunger-relief programs.

