

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 **652,500 pounds** of free canned goods, fresh produce, meats, bread, dairy products, and eggs to **1,740 households** during **12,646 visits** representing **4,071 people**.

Community Meals prepared **17,441 hot meals** for guests at The Open Door, Family Supper, North Shore Health Project lunches, and Cape Ann Families Nurturing Program.

Mobile Market provided **238,554 pounds** of fresh produce and groceries to **1,361 households** during **15,905 visits** representing **3,312 people** in four public housing neighborhoods, in two schools, in one hotel, and in four senior centers.

Summer Meals served **16,122 lunches and suppers** to children ages 18 and under at 21 sites during a ten-week summer lunch program.

Holiday Meals distributed **57,360 pounds** of food to make **1,912 baskets** for **11,472 holiday meals**.

Collaborative Meals supplied **87,339 pounds** of food and fresh produce to clients of the North Shore Health Project, Action Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul, Harvest Meals, American Legion, Wellspring, and the Grace Center.

Senior Soup & Salad provided **4,305 soup and salad** supplements in partnership with **SeniorCare**.

Service Learning hosted **7 students for internships** and a **FirstJobs placement**.

Volunteer Service totaled **23,639 hours** of time, talent and engagement.

Good Food Project worked with key partners to reach our most vulnerable populations with **12,166 pounds of targeted nutrition boxes** and meals to help better manage health conditions and diet.

PowerSnack provided **6,257 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 **1,519 appointments** and helped **621 households** with their SNAP application or recertification to bring more than **\$1,631,112 in federal SNAP benefits** to our community.

Second Glance sold **reduced-cost clothing, furniture and household items** to the community, honored **423 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.