



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.

Last year, our programs provided **1,398,837 pounds** of food to **6,917 people** representing **2,977 unique households**.

Gloucester Food Pantry provided **980,370 pounds** of canned goods, fresh produce, meats, bread, dairy products, and eggs to **1,999 households** during **21,313 visits** representing **4,659 people**.

Ipswich Community Food Pantry provided **92,951 pounds** of canned goods, fresh produce, meats, bread, dairy products, and eggs to **348 households** during **3,856 visits** representing **672 people**.

Community Nutrition served **27,142 prepared meals** through Community Meals, Family Supper, North Shore Health Project, Grace Center, Recovery program, and Pathways Nurturing program.

Mobile Market provided **158,533 pounds** of fresh produce and groceries to **1,062 households** during **10,792 visits** representing **2,640 people** in public housing neighborhoods, schools, and senior centers.

Summer Meals served **11,090 lunches and suppers** to children ages 18 and under at 16 sites during a ten-week summer lunch program.

Holiday Meals distributed **62,970 pounds** of food in November and December to make **2,099 baskets** to make **12,594 meals**.

Collaborative Meals supplied **43,099 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, Grace Center, and various community partners.

Senior Soup & Salad provided **5,088 soup and salad** meals in partnership with **SeniorCare**.

Service Learning hosted **6 college students for paid internships** and **2 FirstJobs students** for summer learning.

Volunteer Service totaled **25,232 hours** of time, talent, and engagement.

Sample Center provided **12,530 recipe samples and meals** created in our kitchen by the Nutrition Team for clients of the Food Pantry to promote overall nutrition education and make the healthy choice the easy choice.

Farm to School built community collaboration between The Open Door, Backyard Growers and Gloucester School District to increase student access to local produce and seafood.

PowerSnack provided **2,636 after-school suppers and snacks** in partnership with Gloucester and Ipswich Public Schools.

Garden Project offered a curriculum-based garden program with Backyard Growers, to highlight Mass Harvest of the Month highlight and provide Farm to School activities. Theme beds included edible flowers, a pizza garden, pickling bed, plant parts, and popcorn. **157 pounds** of harvested produce was incorporated into menus throughout our programs.

Client Advocates handled **1,427 appointments to help households** with their SNAP (Food Stamp) applications or recertifications. Achieved 93% approval rating—the highest in Massachusetts.

Second Glance Thrift Store sold **reduced-cost clothing, furniture and household items** to the community, honored **451 referral requests**, **recycled** textiles, appliances and metals, hosted North Shore Education Consortium and STEP program participants for **job training**, and **raised revenues** to support our hunger-relief programs.