



Hunger comes in many forms. Our Neighbors' Table is committed to establishing a community that provides for the whole person with nourishing food, kindness, and dignity.

November 27, 2013

Dear Friend,

Each week, Our Neighbors' Table serves 150 to 200 households in our Food Pantry, providing a wide array of fresh and non-perishable foods, including fresh produce, milk, eggs, meat, and bread, all at no-cost to our guests. Through partnerships with our local food banks, farms, and food donations, we are able to provide assistance at an exceptional bargain. The full cost of our Food Pantry averages \$2,300 per week, at a rate of **only \$12.62 per household!**

For more than 20 years, we have relied on the support and partnership of community donors and volunteers to keep our weekly Food Pantry opened and stocked. In recent years, we have seen need among our community more than double. We are proud that we have been able to respond to that need AND maintain the quality of service and product that distinguishes us from other resources. As we look toward the future, we want to ensure that we can continue to serve our neighbors in need with the same compassion and attention to nutrition as we have done for so many years. We are very excited to announce a new opportunity for our friends and neighbors to get further involved in supporting our weekly Food Pantry through our Pantry Sponsorship Program.

The Pantry Sponsorship Program includes a financial contribution to the Food Pantry and a commitment of service to volunteer in our weekly Pantry.

- ◆ *Financial Support:* Sponsors commit a minimum of \$800 cash donation (but are welcome and encouraged to fully fund a week's cost of \$2,300).
- ◆ *Service:* Sponsors may send a team of up to five volunteers to work the pantry shift of their choosing, assisting our guests as they "shop" in our pantry.
- ◆ *Fine print:*
 - ◇ There will be one Friday and one Saturday sponsorship opportunity offered each month. Sponsors may choose either a Friday, 10:00am—1:30pm or Saturday, 9:00am—12:30pm. To help us manage staffing for our weekly program, sponsors must book their shift by the 1st of the prior month. Sponsorships will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.
 - ◇ All pantry volunteers must be at least 16 years of age and feel comfortable working directly with our diverse guest population. Due to the small space, we cannot pair up young children with their parents.
 - ◇ Donations may be made to Our Neighbors' Table any time up to the date of sponsorship chosen. We encourage sponsors to submit their commitment form as soon as possible as these opportunities fill up quickly.
 - ◇ Kindness and compassion are at the core of our service. Volunteers should come with an open mind, a generous heart, and a warm smile!

For more information about this sponsorship opportunity, please call our office at 978-388-1907. Or, to secure your date today, submit your Pantry Sponsorship Commitment Form to the following:

Fax to—978.388.4972

Mail to – Our Neighbors' Table, PO Box 592, Amesbury, MA 01913, ATTN: Pantry Sponsorship

Email to— Office@ourneighborstable.org

The guests and staff of Our Neighbors' Table thank you for your generosity in helping us feed the hungry in our community and look forward to serving with you.

Sincerely,

Lyndsey Haight
Executive Director

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