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Table of Plenty in Chelmsford Newsletter

“Behind the Scenes” with Table of Plenty

Guests who dine at Table of Plenty get to know many of our volunteers well— those who greet them when they arrive, and those who serve the meal. But there are many hard working volunteers behind the scenes. Here are *just a few* of those unsung heroes who deserve a shout out.



Laura Wilkinson recently joined us to help with Communications, responding to voicemails, emails, and updating our Facebook page. She and her family first became involved by donating to Table of Plenty during the pandemic. Laura also rallied the school PTOs to support us.



Our teams of dishwashers make quick work of the piles of bowls, dishes, silverware, mugs, trays, and pans that come their way. And, according to this picture, still have fun in the process!

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Mary Fedele is often seen greeting our guests when they arrive, but as the Volunteer Coordinator, she also spends countless hours onboarding new volunteers, creating schedules, and filling in the holes when we have people who can't make it at the last minute. But her superpower is her thoughtfulness and ability to get to know our guests and teams and respond to their needs.



You probably won't see him during the meal as Liam usually arrives when everyone else is leaving. A student at Chelmsford High School, Liam has been coming to do clean up for the past semester. What a relief at the end of the night it is to our teams to have this help with cleaning and putting away tables, sweeping the floor, and taking out the trash!



And of course, our amazing chefs and kitchen crew, led by Kirk (pictured here with two of his team), Barbara, and Tony who come up with delicious and creative meals.

Milltown Donation



MillTown Helping Hands is a community give-back program. Their goal is to find well-deserving local charities that could use a little help. Each month, MillTown selects 3 – 4 nominees from all submissions received. Voting takes place throughout the month, and the nominee with the most votes receives a \$1,000 donation. TOPIC was the recipient of the September donation. Thank you MillTown and thank you to all who voted!

Welcome New Board Members



Andrew Dolan is a licensed funeral director and works with his father at Dolan Funeral Home in North Chelmsford. Andrew and his dad volunteered with us years ago when he was in high school. He is excited to be back serving once again.



Steve Gregorio retired a few years back from Market Basket, and was instrumental during the pandemic in supervising the flow of traffic in the parking lot for the Grab N Go meals. Now he's indispensable setting up the tables, condiment trays, and drinks at each meal, as well as keeping supplies stocked.



Jessica Lord was born and raised in Lowell, and has always had a real passion for helping people. She's been with Enterprise Bank for about 14 years and plans to be there another 30 or so more! She currently lives in Merrimack, NH with her partner, Tim, and their two kids, Madison who is 2 ½ and Gage who is 7 months old.



Amanda L'Hussier (second from right) is a licensed insurance agent, born and raised in Chelmsford and working at L'Hussier Insurance in the center of town. She loves getting involved in the community, so she can't wait to get started with Table of Plenty!

Thank You to Our Meal Sponsors and Donors

The following donors either sponsored a meal, or contributed an amount equal or greater than a meal sponsorship:

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- ♦ Aggregate Industries and Partners
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...and many more businesses and friends who wish to remain anonymous.

Many thanks to all for your generosity!



If you or your business are interested in sponsoring a meal, contact Table of Plenty at 978-710-8EAT(8328) or tableofplentyinchelmsford@gmail.com.

Third Annual Aggregate Industries Donation

For the past three years Aggregate Industries and its employees have quarterbacked a huge effort to raise money to support Chelmsford's Table of Plenty and The Chelmsford Food Pantry. In addition to hosting a food drive at their Chelmsford plant, the company, which is a local Asphalt, Paving and Crushed stone supplier, made a very generous donation and also reached out to their many business partners and other Chelmsford businesses to involve them. This fall, Vice President and General Manager, Bob Andersson and his team, donated a truck full of groceries to the Chelmsford Food Pantry and then presented Table of Plenty with a check from Aggregate and its partners for \$51,950! This donation, which we split with The Chelmsford Food Pantry, will go a long way to alleviate hunger in our community.



President's Message

I'm glad to take this opportunity to mention a few more folks in the community who do so much to support Table of Plenty "behind the scenes"! Chelmsford Grow a Row provided a bountiful harvest of produce each week during the growing season, and Bitz N Peace Farm donated fresh eggs. We are grateful for the generosity of so many local gardeners! KJs Caffe donates bagels to us each week, and more volunteers pick them up every Tuesday in time for our meal. Talented musicians play the guitar and piano for us—Katie, Matt, John, Bob, and Brian! Their music brightens our day.

Town groups such as Chelmsford Women of Today, Chelmsford Business Association, and many Houses of Worship have made generous donations and sponsored meals. We enjoy our partnership with the Chelmsford Public Schools and appreciate the food drives and fundraisers that students and staff have held on our behalf. We are also grateful for the support from the Senior Center and the Town of Chelmsford. Lastly, we are beyond thrilled to have several young business members join our Board. Amanda, Andrew, and Jessica work in the community and play an active role in the town. We're so grateful that our community is filled with generous, thoughtful, and vibrant members who know the value of giving back!

Thank you all, and on behalf of Table of Plenty, I wish you and your families a very happy holiday season and all the best for the New Year!



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