

Subject: A letter from Fresh Food Generation

Dear Friends,

As many of you know, [Fresh Food Generation](#) serves the entire Greater Boston Area and are intentional about finding opportunities to make affordable, healthy food more readily available in low-income neighborhoods.

For the past two months, we have been participating in citywide efforts to address the need for emergency food relief during the COVID-19 pandemic. Both on our own and as part of a common effort facilitated by our partners and friends at CommonWealth Kitchen in Dorchester. We have been making meals and offering packaged bundles of grocery and produce items to vulnerable families throughout the Greater Boston area.

Beginning April 20th, we have been temporarily operating out of a new location - **the kitchen of Temple Israel**. Our relationship with the temple goes back several years, and we have been proud to call Temple Israel a great customer and friend. We have served every age group and cohort imaginable at the temple and have had the privilege to be part of numerous community celebrations including on Shabbat and on other holidays including Sukkot. In a word, we already really feel like family.

Now, thanks to that relationship and the unfortunate reality that the temple building has to be closed for the time being due to the virus, we were able to work out a great arrangement to keep cooking. We are meeting the needs of food insecure and vulnerable people, keeping our team together and our small business on track. We would certainly prefer the building to be filled with its usual life and sharing in that spirit with you, but this is an incredible opportunity to make good come from something really bad and we feel fortunate and motivated to make it meaningful.

At the moment, we are focusing our energy and resources on feeding those in great need. Through partnerships with [Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation](#), [CommonWealth Kitchen](#), and [Fair Foods](#) we have been able to prepare and deliver over 10,000 meals to low-income families, seniors and homeless individuals all economically impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. Our community sites have included Dimock Health Center in Roxbury, a Boston Public Health Commission emergency homeless shelter, [Dot House Health Center](#) in Dorchester and [Friends of Children](#) in Roxbury.

We plan to continue to serve these communities in the coming months. We will also be collaborating with [The Food Project](#) to serve communities in Chelsea and East Boston, the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak in Massachusetts. The Food Project will be donating farm fresh vegetables and Fresh Food Generation will be processing the vegetables into prepared meals and grocery bags and distributing the meals.

We are incredibly grateful to be doing emergency food work out of Temple Israel during such a challenging time. In fact, our team has found it to be a healing experience. In the coming weeks, we will be sharing details on how you can help us support the communities we are serving and expand our collective capacity to feed more people in need. Be well and we look forward to staying connected.

Sincerely,

Cassandra & Jackson,
Co-Founders of Fresh Food Generation