



Wellesley
Food Pantry

Helping those in need.
Established 1989

We need your help/support for these summer events!

Summer is supposed to be a slow time but hunger never rests - or at least the part about raising funds to fight it never does! We have several important opportunities where we could use your help as either a volunteer or a supporter (or both). The short takes are summarized here at the top, with additional information provided further down in this message:

The 2nd Ultimate Food Rescue Challenge - Aug. 15: What do you get when you pair top Boston chefs with "rescued" food? One delicious evening! Join us for this important fundraiser - more information can be found at [this Three Squares New England page](#).

August Whole Foods fundraising: Whole Foods Markets have been kind enough to direct donations to our partner Three Squares New England throughout August (they have 25 stores participating, including Wellesley). We need staffing to volunteer to greet customers and explain how to donate at the register to benefit Wellesley Food Pantry. [A link to the sign-up sheet for shifts is available here.](#)

Ride for Food - Sept. 24: On the last Sunday in September riders will gather in Dedham to do rides of either 12, 25, or 50 miles to raise money and awareness about food security. This important fundraiser for Wellesley Food Pantry requires riders, volunteers, and supporters. To learn more, go to [TSNE's website](#) to see how you can help!

The 2nd Ultimate Food Rescue Challenge!



Aug. 15 at Capo Restaurant in South Boston.

Many foods that are fine to eat but are nearing their expiration date or have blemishes that make them less than ideal for a supermarket shelf go to waste every day in our country. To highlight the value of rescuing such food, a group of Boston chefs are donating their time to create special small plates from food salvaged just a few hours before the event and delivered to the kitchen for their own unique twist on presentations. (They won't know what they will be getting to work with, adding mystery and intrigue to the evening). Please sign up to join us and feel free to bring your friends as well to enjoy this special evening to benefit Three Squares New England (this event helps to pay for their overhead costs, ensuring the Ride for Food monies raised can go directly to Wellesley Food Pantry and other hunger organizations).



The Boston Globe wrote about this event - you can [see their story here](#).

Returning chefs include Mike McMann from Moona and Ismail Samad from The Daily Table with new celebrity faces - Kate Holowchik from Townshend, Mike Fucci from Chef Mike's Kitchen and Stephen Coe from The Industry. Thank you to Capo for hosting in their beautiful and open space!

Parking is no problem. We have arranged for \$5 parking vouchers at the Channel Center garage less than an half mile away with free shuttle service for those who aren't interested in a summer hike!

The event is a Tuesday night, but it starts at 6 pm and ends at 9 pm, so you'll have fantastic food, interact with awesome chefs, help out a worthy cause and will still be in bed by 10!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

The Team at Three Squares New England

Tickets at <https://ride.threesquaresne.org/events/-/e136366>

Capo Restaurant 443 West Broadway Boston, MA 02127

WHOLE FOODS FUNDRAISER - MONTH OF AUGUST!



Whole Foods has given us a tremendous opportunity to raise funds for Three Squares New England, a partner of Wellesley Food Pantry. During the month of August, Whole Foods will have our organization and the Ride For Food displayed at the register. Any donation that customers give at time of checkout will help offset our Ride expenses. Since cashiers cannot solicit donations, we need to be present in the stores to promote this opportunity.

Whole Foods cashiers cannot ask a customer if they'd like to

donate to a particular charity. As a result, there is very little opportunity for the customer to know to donate. The only way we can garner any success is to have volunteers staff a table at the stores to educate people on the Ride for Food and what it means to their organization. This is an opportunity for us to recruit riders for the Wellesley Food Pantry Ride for Food team, and hopefully when they go to the register they top off their change or add a dollar or two to the bill.

Wellesley Food Pantry needs volunteers to staff the local Whole Foods to ask for these donations and educate people about our work. You can find [the sign-up sheet here](#).

If TSNE does well, we will have gone a long way (in conjunction with our sponsors) towards covering expenses for this year....and being able to return 100% back to participating organizations (including Wellesley Food Pantry) once again.

RIDE FOR FOOD - SEPTEMBER 24

[This ride](#)--organized by Three Squares New England to benefit 18 food security agencies in Metrowest--is the most important fundraiser for Wellesley Food Pantry each year. We took in more that \$18,000 last year to assist in our purchase of healthy and fresh foods. It has been by far our largest intake for the past five years.



We need:

- **Riders:** volunteers to ride one of the courses on Sept. 24 (12, 25, or 50 miles) and solicit support
- **Volunteers:** to help with event activities, either in the lead up or on the day of the event - we need to fill a variety of roles so any help is appreciated
- **Donors:** people who will provide financial support to either a specific rider or to WFP in general through the Ride for Food website.

To register to help, please go to the [TSNE website](#) and sign up.

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