



Capital Campaign and Waitlist FAQ

Q: When will TABLE move into the new space?

A: Our goal is to move in by December 2023. This is dependent on other factors such as county permits, construction delays and/or material availability (i.e. furniture, etc). With that said, we will be doing everything we can to ensure we can move as soon as possible. Trust us, we want to be in there as quickly as possible, too!

Q: Where is TABLE's new home?

A: TABLE's new home is at 311 E. Main Street, where Main Street forks and turns into Franklin Street and Rosemary Street. We are so happy to be moving just a couple blocks from where we are currently located making this an easy transition for our staff, volunteers, and families.

Q: Will this be TABLE's forever home?

A: Yes! We are so excited to finally have our permanent home in Carrboro after 15 years!

Q: How big is the new space?

A: The new space is 8,000 square feet, which is 4x the size of our current facility. It will have many of the features we are currently lacking including...

- Larger Warehouse Space - increased storage space for dry food and grocery products
- Walk-in Refrigeration - receive & efficiently distribute more fresh food to our kids
- Loading Dock - improvised efficiency & allow volunteer time to be used for other tasks
- Meeting Space - for staff, partners, and families to meet in quieter space for greater collaboration
- Commercial Grade Kitchen - to properly conduct nutrition education classes
- Increased Volunteer Capacity - ability to host more volunteers at a single shift

Q: How can I get involved in the new space? How can I see the new space?

A: If you are interested in touring the new space or want to know about other opportunities to become involved, email info@tablenc.org.

Q: Why does TABLE have a waitlist?

A: Since the beginning of 2023, there have been several reductions of emergency COVID allotments for families and individuals. This, combined with high prices of groceries, gas, and housing, have resulted in a growing need in our community for additional food support. Our current space being just under 2,000 square feet does not allow us to serve more than 850 kids. And, even at this number we are bursting at the seams.

Q: How many children are on the waitlist and how are you addressing reducing the waitlist?

A: We currently have 187 children on our waitlist (as of August 23rd).

TABLE has had a waitlist for our services since Spring of this year. TABLE's staff has worked hard to implement new procedures and processes and even moved shelves and furniture around to try and accommodate serving more children. We are happy to report that as of August 23rd

we are starting to remove children from the waitlist due to operational changes and the fact some families no longer require food support.

Until we move into our new space, we can only reduce our waitlist when families let us know they no longer require our services. Only until we move into our home will we be able to increase the number of children we serve to over 850.

Q: What is being done to support families while TABLE has a waitlist?

A: Through collaboration with community partners and our families, we have been looking at different options to most effectively, and ultimately, sustainably provide families with food while we have a waitlist.

Farmer Foodshare announced May 2nd their new CSA For All program that we have been collaborating on together all summer long. This program provided temporary relief to some of the families on TABLE's waitlist through August.

We are also engaging in discussions with parents who participate in our programs through our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) . Their ideas and feedback will ultimately help drive some of our decisions on how we can sustainably remove children from our waitlist and increase the number of children and families we provide food to once we move into our new space.

Q: How many children do you anticipate being able to serve in the new space?

A: Our goal is to immediately serve 1000 children out of our new space. We anticipate being able to further grow our food access and nutrition education programming over time in order to meet the growing need in Orange County. Our new home will give us room to grow!

Q: What are TABLE's financial needs going forward?

A: Because we were able to raise all of the funds to meet our goal, we are in the fortunate position of moving into our new space debt-free! This is an incredible position for TABLE to be in allowing us to allocate the funds we raise in 2023/24 directly to our food access and nutrition education programs.

As we move into the last months of 2023 and transition into our new space, operational gifts to help us purchase food, pay dedicated staff, and execute our programming will be our priority.

Q: Will anything change about TABLE's programming?

A: TABLE pursued this new space in order to do the same thing we've been doing since we started with 12 kids in 2008: provide healthy food and nutrition education to children. While we may now have more room to test out new pilot programs, try out family cooking classes, or maybe even grow a garden, it will all come back to our heart and our mission of feeding kids throughout Orange County.