



Care & Share of East Lyme, Inc.

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Dear Friend,

The words of this year's annual appeal are excerpted from thank you letters sent by five recipients of Care & Share of East Lyme, Inc. programs and services. We believe their expressions of relief and gratitude are far more eloquent than anything we could have written ourselves.

"Thank you all so much for the winter jacket and the wonderful Thanksgiving basket. I have never been in this situation where I have had to ask for help before. You all have a way of helping, while letting me and everyone else keep their dignity and self respect. Bless you all."

"Last week I was sitting on my couch praying for a way to pay my electric bill. My phone rang and it was Care & Share telling me they were giving me \$150.00 towards my rent...I have always believed in God but when that wonderful lady said \$150.00, that's when I knew this was a miracle. My electric bill was \$150.00 and I could not pay both my rent and that bill. Thank you so much."

"Thank you all so much for the Xmas basket. I was out of food. I thank you. I felt so proud to be able to give my grandkids one toy each thanks to your free [holiday] store. I had so much fun. A special thank you to my guardian angel for all of my Christmas presents...Blessings to you all."

"I just wanted to share with you how much I have appreciated the scholarship your organization awarded me this year. Many nights...I would think 'maybe I'll just skip the reading or put off starting a paper' but then I would think about how your organization and people who did not know me believed in me and my goal of becoming a teacher... From the bottom of my heart I truly thank you because your faith in me often gave me that little extra push. I will continue to do my best next semester and always will."

"Thank you so much for the help when I so desperately needed it. I hope these [grocery gift] cards will help someone just as I was helped. God Bless You All!"

Enough said? As always, whatever donation you feel you can make to help Care & Share continue its many programs and services will be most appreciated – both by Care & Share and by the more than 500 individuals who currently benefit from our community's generosity. A return card is enclosed for your convenience.

With heartfelt thanks,

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Celebrating Twenty Years of Service to our Community