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## **CARE & SHARE BEGINS YEAR WITH INCREASED NUMBERS, NEW OFFICERS**

Care & Share of East Lyme, Inc. began the new year at its annual January general membership meeting with reports of increased numbers – both in terms of clients served and contributions made, as well as with the election of new board members and slate of 2007 officers. As presented by Barbara Buzzelli, president, thanks to several successful fundraising events, donations received exceeded forecast, thereby enabling the volunteer organization to better serve an increased number of clients as well as to respond to emergency assistance requests by some 124 families (373 individuals).

The pattern of increased contributions by the public to serve an increased number of clients in need was reflected in all Care & Share programs. As summarized by Holiday Store co-chair Sally York, a total of 121 client families shopped at the store and/or received wrapped gifts. Additionally, as reported by Food Pantry co-chairs Jim and Carol Indorato, the Food Pantry was bare immediately following the holidays, having distributed a total of some 3,500 food items supplied by individuals, sponsors, churches and community organizations such as the East Lyme Lions and Scouts, but was filled within two weeks, again thanks to the generosity of the public.

In the annual election of board members and officers, Barbara Buzzelli and Kay Martin, both of East Lyme, and Mary O'Connor of Old Lyme were appointed for three year terms, Sally York of East Lyme for a two year term and Mimi Chayer of East Lyme for a one year term. Officers elected were: Barbara Buzzelli, president; Diane Zukowski, vice president; Donna Butler, treasurer and Sally York, secretary, all of East Lyme. Appreciation was noted for outgoing directors Jan Logozzo, following six years of Board service, and the late Hugh McIlhenny, who had resigned due to illness.

A volunteer membership organization, Care & Share turns now to the planning of programs that will be coming up during the spring and summer months, such as scholarships, camperships and food basket distributions. For further information regarding Care & Share, its services and its volunteer needs, please call 739-8502.