



Care & Share of East Lyme, Inc.

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“Providing food, financial and emergency support to individuals and families of East Lyme, Niantic and Salem, Connecticut”

They are our Neighbors, our Community, our Future

We received an emotional call from a **single mom**. She had just learned about **Care & Share**. She told us she had no trouble living in her car if it was just her, but she couldn't do that to her **children**. Her **shut off notice** was effective in two days and life lately has been tough. **Could Care & Share help? We said YES**. Our volunteers worked together to gather information from her, from the utility company, and then processed the payment to the utility company to **stop the shut off**. We also **provided food**—non perishables, meats, frozen vegetables, bread, dessert, hygiene and household products and a food card to help them through the next weeks. Now that this mom has found **Care & Share**, she can visit the pantry and receive cart loads of food and a food card from us once a month and shop at our free self-service room, plus is eligible to request **emergency assistance**, monthly **designated assistance, and camperships** to ease her stress. She can pick up **backpacks** and **school supplies, winter coats, birthday kits, summer fun buckets** and even **pet food** if it's available!

We imagine the children sitting on the couch, criss-cross-applesauce, watching cartoons and eating cereal, just like they'd done every other Saturday morning. Mom is looking on, knowing what this morning could have been like. They are comfortable. For now.

If you've donated before, YOU are why **Care & Share** was able to provide food, food cards, Thanksgiving Baskets, Winter Holiday Baskets and Toy Shopping, Spring Baskets, rent, utility, campership, daycare, and other assistance to those in need this year. Our neighbors called and **asked for help. We were able to say YES** and provide some **food and hope. You made a difference in their lives**, and we are **grateful**.

This is our annual appeal, our largest fundraiser. To date in 2024, we have provided over **\$228,000** in community assistance, have seen **74 new families** call for help, and have just mailed over **300** applications for Thanksgiving Basket distribution on November 23. You not only have a human impact, but an economic impact, too. Now is a great time to **say YES and send a tax deductible* donation today, so that we can continue to say YES to those in need**.

With Gratitude,

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President, Care & Share of East Lyme

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