

CARE AND SHARE OF EAST LYME, INC.

Serving East Lyme, Niantic, and Salem

October 1, 2020

Dear Friends of Care and Share,

As we prepare Care and Share's Annual Appeal letter on a warm summer's day in 2020, we are mindful of the dire warnings that an already devastating situation may worsen in the fall of 2020. We all recognize that the coronavirus has left millions of people without jobs, closed businesses both temporarily and permanently, and left the economy in shambles. There are people who are too ill to work, whose jobs have disappeared, or others without the childcare needed to do their jobs.

What can we do? We can feed people. We can help with electric bills, heating bills, and rent. In short, we at Care and Share can do what we have done so well for the past 31 years, but now we need to give more help to more people.

Many of you have generously contributed to Care and Share this spring with substantial monetary donations and food collections. We thank you for your generosity. It has enabled us to increase the help we give out in excess of our previously budgeted amounts.

However, we must plan to maintain our level of help throughout 2020 and at the same time plan to meet this extraordinary need as we set a budget for 2021. Our Annual Appeal is the single request for donations that we make to the community during the year. It is more vital than ever this year because fund raisers to benefit Care and Share given by community groups and local businesses are limited due to social distancing and safety concerns.

We are a group of about 100 community members comprised solely of unpaid volunteers. Every dollar we raise is used to help those in need. In addition to financial support and food, we provide holiday food baskets, warm coats, summer camp (although sadly not this year), and a holiday store in December for clients to shop at no cost for small gifts for family.

We need your help and we are asking for your support. Please donate.

Thank you,

Gayle Booth
President

Please donate at our website: www.careandshareofel.org or to Box 114, E. Lyme, CT 06333
Matching funds are available from Pfizer and Charter Oak Credit Union (charteroak.org until Nov. 25)
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