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Box 114
East Lyme, CT06333
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Dear Friend of Care and Share,

As Care and Share approaches the conclusion of three decades of service in the communities of East Lyme and Salem, we offer our thanks for your support which has allowed us to serve our neighbors in need.

From our first year in 1989, when Thanksgiving baskets were given to a few families, your generosity has made it possible to expand the distribution of holiday food baskets to three times yearly and to maintain a food pantry where people in need may receive food on a monthly basis. Additionally, we are able to help with heating fuel, electricity, and rent. A holiday store is available for qualified clients to shop at no cost for toys and small gifts for immediate family. Warm coats in the winter, camperships in the summer, scholarship assistance for college students and for adults attending trade schools are all ways that Care and Share has applied your donations.

Additionally, Care and Share partners with local churches, service groups and many businesses. These groups provide vital funding, donate food, and render needed services. All of this is coordinated by a group of approximately 130 members of Care and Share who volunteer untold hours to maintain our programs. Care and Share is truly a community effort of neighbor helping neighbor.

Unfortunately, we are seeing diminished donations this year. This is in keeping with a recently published study by the Brookings Tax Policy Center which estimates that the new tax law will reduce charitable giving by \$15 billion in 2018. While donations decrease, the need does not; it grows.

We need your donation to ensure that we will be able to provide for those in need in the future. Please remember that 100 per cent of your donation helps the people we serve, and all of those we serve are people who live within the communities of East Lyme and Salem.

Your donation may be sent to Care and Share, Box 114, East Lyme, CT 06333, or use your credit card by going to our website at www.careandshareofel.org. Click on "donate" to give through Network for Good.

Thank you for considering Care and Share,

Gayle Booth,
President

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