

Dear Friend of Care & Share,

Since Thanksgiving of 1989 when four local women created and delivered food baskets to four families, Care & Share has distributed thousands of holiday baskets and much, much more. Over the years our all-volunteer team has grown to more than 125 members. **Today, with the generous support of our community we are providing emergency food and financial assistance for rent, utilities, and fuel to more than 200 families in East Lyme, Niantic and Salem. Our educational scholarships and summer camperships assist many more. With your help and the help of others our programs will continue to help those in need.**

In this our 27th year we are grateful to our donors and dedicated volunteers for sustaining the worthwhile work that has helped so many. This year we continue strengthening the safety net that Care & Share provides; expanding our partnerships with local organizations to increase food and monetary donations; and broadening our programs wherever possible reflecting community needs.

As we look to the future there is a continuing and widening need for our mission. Your generosity has brought us this far... please continue to help Care & Share serve our neighbors in one of these ways:

- Monetary donations
- Become a volunteer
- Consider Care & Share when making a will or when requesting donations in lieu of flowers.
- Matching donations from an employer, credit union or bank

I encourage you to look at our website, www.careandshareofel.org for more information about our organization, the services and clients we serve, and to “friend” us on Facebook. After all, we all make this a caring community.

Sincerely,

Norman Bender, President

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