



Care & Share of East Lyme Inc.

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Dear Friends of Care & Share:

To all of you who have donated over the past year, a big thank you. You have made a huge impact on the way Care & Share has been able to help our neighbors.

It has been a year of challenges. In spite of that, we have been able to help over 360 families in Salem, East Lyme and Niantic. We have provided 140 to 160 families a month with food and have been able to provide healthier food and a larger quantity. Thanksgiving, Holiday, and Spring baskets were each provided to 160 families.

Other programs we provide include: emergency assistance, designated assistance, scholarships, camperships, backpacks, winter coats, holiday store/angel tree and childcare assistance.

Because of generous donations, we have been able to keep up with demands. Many, many thanks... However, we are getting many new families each month (46 new families since January) and more and more requests for assistance with fuel, gas, taxes, and housing.

It is imperative that we maintain our level of help through 2025 and at the same time plan on meeting this extraordinary need as we set a budget for 2026. Our annual appeal is the only direct request for donations that we make to the community during the year.

We are a group of about 100 volunteers and rely solely on donations. Every dollar raised is used to help those in need.

We need your **help**, and we are asking for your **support**. **Please Donate.**

Thank you,

Patricia Payne
President

Please donate at our website: www.careandshareofel.org or to Box 314, Niantic, CT 06357.

Matching funds are available from Charter Oak Credit Union (charteroak.org) until November 24th, and employers, such as Pfizer.