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To Our Wonderful Supporters,

As we begin the new year, we want to pause and express our gratitude. This year marks a significant milestone for Guilford Interfaith Volunteers (GIV), as 2025 represents the 40th anniversary of Meals on Wheels in Guilford. In 1985, the organization began at the hands of Dr. Elizabeth Adams, who noticed that some of the patients she treated were sometimes in need of a nutritious, hot meal. She forged a collaboration among town officials, faith groups and a board of volunteers and on the first day, July 15, 1985, 12 meals were delivered to those in need. Since then, other segments of the organization were established: Charlie's Closet, which distributes recycled medical equipment throughout the state; Friendly Visiting, which helps to combat isolation and loneliness; and the Guilford Food Bank (partnering with Social Services) helps those in need of basic food and household items. The entire organization was inspired by the mission of "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" and that continues today.

Our organization has grown. Last year we delivered over 36,500 meals to Guilford residents, we distributed over 6,700 pieces of medical equipment throughout the state and beyond, and we connected many within our community who would benefit from having a friendly visitor. We also help with intake and distribution at the Guilford Food Bank, help to celebrate all major holidays and are dedicated to honoring our local veterans on Veteran's Day.

We had the privilege of beginning the new year with being named the Non-Profit of the Year from the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce. Without the generosity of our financial supporters and the dedicated assistance of our 150+ volunteers, we could not have achieved our goals and win this esteemed honor.

So, we celebrate this success with you and thank you for being part of our continuous journey of "Neighbor Helping Neighbor."

Wishing you a year full of good health and happiness.

Sincerely,

Lisa Peterson, President of GIV Board of Directors

Christi Burton, Executive Director of GIV

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