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"I can't say enough of the effort put forth by all of our volunteers. 502 families in 210 minutes is pretty amazing."

– the SSKP Clinton Pantry Manager in April 2023

Dear Neighbor,

This was the year when the pandemic officially ended. People began to find their way to a new normal. The feeling of crisis lifted like a fog, and the simple pleasure of gathering with friends and family around a dinner table became possible again.

But for many of our neighbors the end of the pandemic created a new emergency. Assistance programs that had been expanded were abruptly cancelled. Families then faced a "hunger cliff," just as rising inflation and higher utility costs hit them hard.

At our five food pantries and eight meal sites SSKP's dedicated volunteers and staff were there with bags of food and caring smiles, even as the numbers continued to climb. By the end of June, we had already distributed 1 million pounds of food. Even though the Covid crisis ended, attendance at our pantries was greater than at the height of the pandemic. These numbers are our neighbors, each with unique hardships and challenges, and each deserving dignity, respect, and compassion.

Please give to our Annual Appeal as much as you are able. Your support will help your neighbor, keeping them safe from hunger as they find their footing again. Serving the towns of Clinton, Madison, Killingworth, Westbrook, Essex, Chester, Deep River, Old Saybrook, Old Lyme, Lyme, and East Lyme, SSKP will continue to provide food and fellowship to the very best of our ability. Your donation will help us ensure that all our neighbors continue to have access to the food their family needs.

Together we can support and strengthen our community.

With gratitude,

Amy Hollis

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