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Dear Neighbor,

This year brought new challenges to SSKP and those we serve. In the past, over half of the food we shared came from area food banks. Recently food sourcing has become more limited. With decreases in donated food and cuts to basic need support systems, we are anticipating higher need among our neighbors in 2026. SSKP receives no direct state or federal funding, and we need your help to keep our pantries stocked.

An SSKP Pantry Manager offered these insights from our guests:

"The past few weeks I have had the opportunity to have unsolicited conversations with several of our guests. They shared a variety of reasons for their need to visit the pantry - medical, housing, family issues, the cost of groceries, or just plain bad luck. There were tears. Most of them are just a small push away from becoming homeless. All of them are very thankful for the food and kindness. All of this highlights the precariousness of being human and the responsibility of us all to continue to help each other in any way that we can."

The spirit of helping makes our mission happen! Every day SSKP's dedicated volunteers and staff provide food and fellowship through our 5 pantries, 9 community meals, and backpack program. Last year we shared over 1.7 million pounds of food with households in Clinton, Madison, Killingworth, Westbrook, Essex, Chester, Deep River, Old Saybrook, Old Lyme, Lyme, and East Lyme.

We accomplish our mission with the support of 14 faith community hosts, 5 garden partners, 800 volunteers, and many caring donors. You can help! Please give to this year's Annual Appeal. Your donation will help us ensure that all our neighbors have access to the food their family needs.

Together we feed, support, and strengthen our community.

With gratitude,

Amy Hollis
Executive Director