

GUILFORD INTERFAITH VOLUNTEERS YEAR-END REPORT

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2022– JUNE 30, 2023

MEALS ON WHEELS

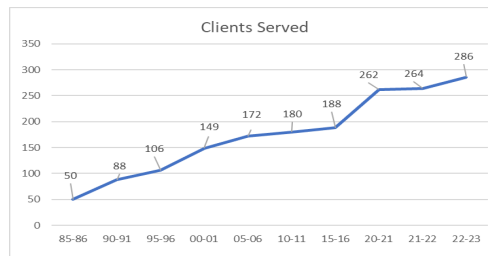
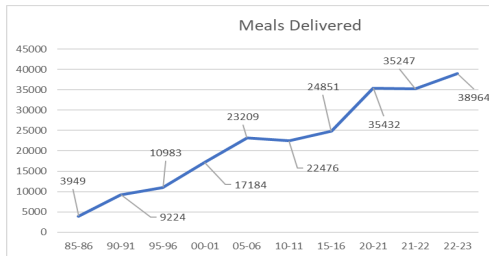
# Clients	# Volunteers	Meals Delivered
286	99	38,964

Demand remained extremely high this past year, we served almost 39,000 meals vs. 35,250 the year prior (11% increase). We served 286 Guilford residents vs. 264 last year (8% increase). Meals are available 7 days/week and delivered Mon-Fri by our 100 dedicated & invaluable drivers who deliver in all weather conditions.

The noteworthy highlights for our MOW Program were:

- * 100 complimentary meals each -Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter & Veteran's Day.
- * Celebrated numerous birthdays & special occasions with flowers, cake & treats..
- * Introduced a gluten free menu option.
- * Our service provides an important wellness check for our recipients.

Inflation continues to be a significant issue this year. The cost of meals went up by 50 cents as well as packaging costs. We did not pass these increases on to our clients as we already subsidize over 50% of the meals served. This gap is covered by the very generous Guilford community and our fund raising efforts.



FOOD BANK

*The Guilford Food Bank continues to run smoothly, thanks to our exceptional volunteers. This year we welcomed 7 new volunteers. Currently, an average of 50 families utilized GFB monthly for food assistance, (averaging 60 individual recipients, 28 adults, 18 children and 17 seniors. Overall the GFB serviced 364 individuals (including those who received Holiday Baskets and Blizzard Boxes). Intake and Distribution hours returned to pre-COVID levels,

* .The Guilford Community continues to assist GFB with non- perishable food items and monetary donations. The Guilford Big Y, via a corporate decision, removed the donation box, resulting in a substantial decrease in donations. The Hubbard Community Garden volunteers donate fresh produce throughout the summer. Big Y, weekly donates produce, near to the expiration date and Panera Bread gives us end-of-day baked goods

# Visits	# Volunteers	Meals Provided
577	30	24,339

FRIENDLY VISITING

The Friendly Visiting Program welcomed 10 new clients and trained 9 new volunteers. In total, we made 10 new matches and terminated 5 (3 clients passed away, 2 moved to nursing facilities). Several volunteers visit more than one client, and a few clients have more than one visitor. The program provided over 2,300 hours of social connection to 33 Guilford residents. Most matches are now in-person which are encouraged by family members, with all parties vaccinated. We maintain regular contact with our volunteers as a source of support and feedback.

# Clients	# Volunteers	Total Matches
33	30	38, plus 1 group of 10-12

CHARLIE'S CLOSET

The mission for Charlie's Closet remains the same as in all its previous year, which is "Neighbor helping neighbor". The desire for used durable medical equipment continues to rise. Charlie's Closet served 5,885 clients this fiscal year, with 6,849 pieces of equipment distributed. Of those serviced, 1,275 visits were made by 885 Guilford residents who received 1,371 pieces of equipment and came 335 times to donate pieces. Guilford residents received 20% of our equipment and donated 21% of our equipment. Our inventory of equipment is much larger than other Connecticut non-profit durable medical equipment centers all while serving a broader geographic area. Charlie's Closet provided equipment to the residents of over 100 Connecticut towns. Some of our clientele drives over an hour to come to us. The value of all the equipment issued this past year, if bought new, would be in excess of \$880,000. Charlie's Closet also donated equipment to St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church. We continue to support Wheels for the World.

# Pieces	# Volunteers	Clients receiving equipment
6,849	15	3,293

Pieces Of Equipment

