



GUILFORD INTERFAITH VOLUNTEERS YEAR-END REPORT

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023– JUNE 30, 2024

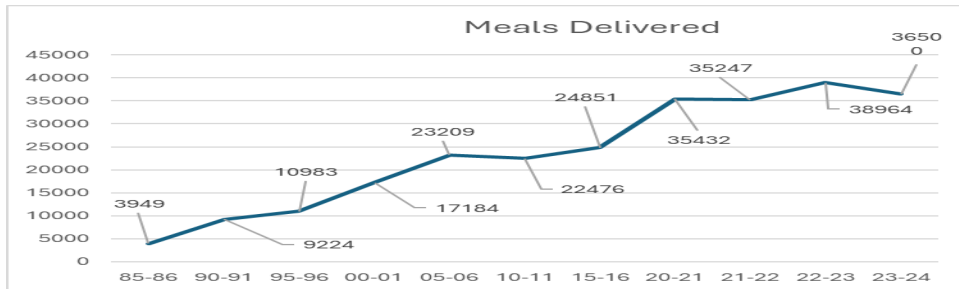
MEALS ON WHEELS

# Clients	# Volunteers	Meals Delivered
266	87	36,500

* Demand decreased slightly this year. We served 36,500 meals, a drop of 2,500 meals vs. the previous year. The decrease is primary due to 40 long time clients leaving the program during the year for various reasons. We served 266 Guilford residents vs. 286 last year (7% decrease). Meals are available 7 days/week and delivered Mon-Fri by our dedicated & invaluable drivers who deliver in all weather conditions.

* Inflation again continues to be a significant issue. This fiscal year, each meals cost \$4.24, including packaging. The maximum price we charge is \$5.00. with 57% of the meals delivered this year at a subsidized rate. Next fiscal year, the meal cost will increase by 50 cents (the 2nd in two years), but thankfully packaging costs hold steady. Unfortunately we will need to pass half of that increase on to our clients and we'll be increasing our fundraising efforts next year to cover the rest (approx. \$9,000).

* In April, 2024, we reached a major milestone as we delivered our 750,000 meal. Quite an achievement from our beginnings in July, 1985 when the program first began.



FOOD BANK

*The Guilford Food Bank continues to run smoothly, thanks to our remarkable volunteers. This year we welcomed 6 new volunteers. An average of 76 families utilized GFB monthly for food assistance, (averaging 71 individual recipients, 32 adults, 19 children and 20 seniors. Overall the GFB serviced 655 individuals (including those who received Holiday Baskets and Blizzard Boxes). **This is double the volume of individuals using the GFB over the last fiscal year.**

* The Guilford Community continues to assist GFB with non- perishable food items and monetary donations. The Hubbard Community Garden volunteers continue to donate fresh produce throughout the summer. Weekly, Big Y donates produce, near to the expiration date and Panera Bread gives us end-of-day baked goods twice each week.

# Visits	# Volunteers	Meals Provided
700	29	27,998

FRIENDLY VISITING

The Friendly Visiting Program welcomed 9 new clients and trained 8 new volunteers. In total, we made 9 new matches and terminated 4 (2 clients passed away, 2 moved to nursing facilities). Several volunteers visit more than one client, and a few clients have more than one visitor. Our Zoom program continues to be well received. Overall, the FV program provided over 2,250 hours of social connection to 35 Guilford residents. The majority of matches are now in-person which are encouraged by family members. We maintain regular contact with our volunteers as a source of support and feedback.

# Clients	# Volunteers	Total Matches
35	28	36, plus 1 group of 10-12

CHARLIE'S CLOSET

The desire for used durable medical equipment remains steady. Charlie's Closet served 5611 clients this fiscal year, with 6745 pieces of equipment distributed and 1497 donations received. Guilford residents visited Charlie's Closet 927 times and received 1392 pieces of equipment. There were 334 times Guilford clients donated equipment and/or dollars. Guilford residents received 19% of our equipment and donated 23% of our equipment and/or dollars. Charlie's Closet is one of the largest durable medical equipment centers providing services to not only those along the Shoreline Community but to all residents in our state. Charlie's Closet provided equipment to residents in over 95 Connecticut cities/towns and 5 out-of-state residents. The value of this equipment if purchased new would exceed \$770,00.00. Charlie's Closet continues to provide donations of durable medical equipment to St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church of New Haven and Wheels for the World of the USA.

# Pieces	# Volunteers	Clients receiving equipment
6,745	15	3,131

