



# GUILFORD INTERFAITH VOLUNTEERS YEAR-END REPORT

## FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024– JUNE 30, 2025

### MEALS ON WHEELS

# Clients	# Volunteers	Meals Delivered
259	73	31,862

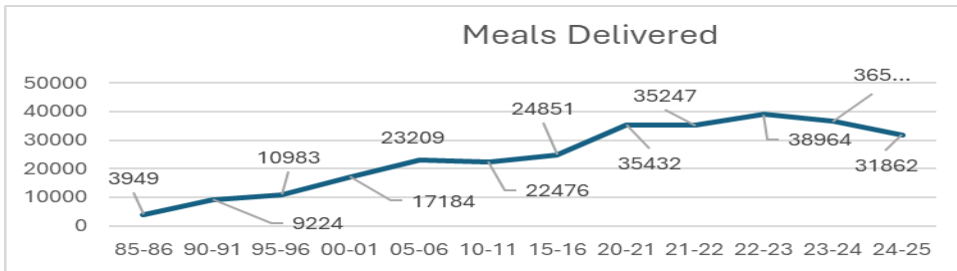
2025 was a good year for GIV. We started off the year being nominated by the Shoreline Chamber of commerce as the NON PROFIT OF THE YEAR. We were also chosen as the beneficiary of the St. George Men's Group Italian festival and North Guilford Country Fair. This along with our round-up partners who remain: Bishops and The Marketplace serve as validation of the importance of our work as each of these organizations voluntarily chose GIV to be beneficiary of their programs/events.

We introduced two new fund-raisers: Bingo and an extension of our High School concert as we created a silent auction component while providing a mentoring component to a high school senior.

Our Meals on Wheels program continues to get accolades from the people we serve. The total number of meals served was a little less than 32,000, compared to 36,000 last year. While the number of meals was lower than last year and below our budget, our mission always remains the same: "Neighbor Helping Neighbor." Whether it is a temporary need or a permanent need for meals we are always there to serve.

We helped 259 Guilford residents in 165 households, we served close to 100 complimentary meals on the respective holidays of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter and do it all with 73 wonderful and dedicated volunteers.

This was a celebratory year for us with it being our 40th anniversary. We were pleased with all we accomplished and look forward to more opportunities to be had.



### FOOD BANK

\*The Guilford Food Bank continues to operate efficiently, thanks to our extraordinary volunteers. This year we welcomed 6 new volunteers. An average of 72 families utilized GFB monthly for food assistance, (averaging 65 individual recipients, 28 adults, 14 children and 22 seniors) Overall the GFB serviced 686 individuals (including those who received Holiday Baskets and Blizzard Boxes). **The individuals using GFB over the last year has remained high.**

\* The Guilford Community continues to support GFB with non- perishable food items and monetary donations. The Hubbard Community Garden volunteers & Guilford residents 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
690	26	25,315

### FRIENDLY VISITING

Friendly Visiting welcomed 10 new clients and trained 7 new volunteers. In total, we made 9 new matches and 4 matches ended (4 clients passed away). Several volunteers visit more than one client, and a few clients have more than one visitor. Our Zoom program continues to be well liked! Overall, the FV program provided over 2,060 hours of social connection to 35 Guilford residents, plus our zoom group of 15 – 20 participants. The bulk of the matches are now in-person which are inspired by family members. We keep frequent contact with our volunteers as a source of support and feedback.

# Clients	# Volunteers	Total Matches Served
35	29	40, plus 1 group of 10-12

### CHARLIE'S CLOSET

The desire for used durable medical equipment continues to rise. Charlie's Closet served 5407 clients this fiscal year. 2980 persons came in 3947 times and received 6689 pieces of equipment. There were 1437 times that clients donated equipment and/or dollars.

Guilford residents visited Charlie's Closet 1177 times and received 1443 pieces of equipment. There were 296 times that Guilford clients donated equipment and or dollars. The residents of Guilford received 20% of our equipment and donated 22% 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 other residents of our state. Charlie's Closet provided equipment to residents in over 97 Connecticut cities/towns and 3 out-of-state residents. The value of this equipment if purchased new would be more than \$766,00.00. 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. Charlie's Closet also assisted with the North Carolina Hurricane Relief efforts.

# Pieces	# Volunteers	Clients receiving equipment
6,689	18	2,980

