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The **purpose** of the Gardner CAC is to provide services and resources to those in need.
Our core values...

Respect - We embrace diversity and treat everyone with kindness and compassion

Volunteers - We believe that they are our most valuable asset and that volunteerism is mutually beneficial

Relationships - Being responsible with funding, donations and resources helps us to maintain positive relationships in the community and with one another

Donate online via PayPal at www.gardner-cac.org, Venmo or by clicking "donate" on our facebook page (Gardner CAC)

Dear Friend,

For 53 years, the Gardner CAC has helped countless families in need, and we are committed to continuing our work. Taking a few minutes of our time to reflect on the last year, we've seen how deep the impact of our current economy and inflation has had on the people we serve.

In the last fiscal year, all of our programs have seen an increase in utilization – some experiencing a 60% increase! Here's a glimpse of what we accomplished in our community:

- 7,338 individuals were provided with food
- 213 brand new backpacks with school supplies were collected & distributed
- 965 medical rides were provided to senior citizens
- 557 children received Christmas gifts
- 5,024 meals were served at the Fellowship Table
- 252 families were provided with a Holiday food basket

For one single mother raising her two children, the impact of inflation has been devastating. Balancing a tight monthly budget was nearly impossible with the increases in food, oil and electricity. Just when she thought she was able to make ends meet, she was given a 30 days' notice that her rent was increasing by \$300.00. Thankfully, the Gardner CAC was there to assist her with food, Christmas gifts and heating. This is just one of the stories we hear each day.

The Gardner CAC is humbly asking for your help and support to serve the many families in need. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, will help us provide food, transportation, clothing, and other essential services. We know that times are tough, but we believe that together, we can make a difference. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ruben Cabrera
President, Board of Directors

Julie Meehan
Executive Director

53 years of serving the Greater Gardner community
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