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Time for Sharing 2024

Dear Friend,

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As we reflect on the past year, we at the Gardner CAC are humbled by the stories of resilience and gratitude shared by the families we've served. Typically, each year, a single story leaves a lasting impression on each of our team members. However, this year, the sheer volume of people facing diverse challenges, each unique and heartbreaking, has left a mark on all of us. The stories we've heard encompass a wide range of hardships, including job loss, skyrocketing costs of living, medical emergencies, relocation, and personal tragedies.

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The continued support of the community has been instrumental in our ability to provide essential services to those in need, making a real difference in the lives of countless individuals in our community. **Here's a glimpse of our key accomplishments in one year:**

- **Reaching Out:** We've impacted **over 13,000** lives through our various programs.
- **Equipping Students:** Distributed **360** brand-new backpacks filled with school supplies.
- **Supporting Seniors:** Provided **763** medical rides to senior citizens.
- **Celebrating Holidays:** Brought joy to **629** children with Christmas gifts.
- **Nourishing Our Community:** Served **7,825** prepared meals and **8,587** people through food pantry.
- **Providing Comfort:** Distributed **287** holiday food baskets to families in need.

Together, we've built a strong and reliable organization dedicated to helping others. While we humbly ask for your support, we understand the increasing cost of living has created hardship for many. We ourselves experience the impact that high food prices, supplies, and fuel have, reducing the purchasing power of our dollars.

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With the heating season looming, we expect another significant increase in the need for our services. We urge you to join us in continuing this legacy of compassion and support. Your generosity will enable us to reach even more people in need. From all of us at the Gardner CAC, we wish you a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season.

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Sincerely,

Ruben Cabrera
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