Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Across Woodbury, many of us are feeling the strain of rising costs. Groceries, utilities, fuel, housing, and other everyday necessities simply cost more, forcing families and individuals to stretch their household budgets further and further. For some of our neighbors, however, there is simply nothing left to stretch.

At Community Services Council of Woodbury, Inc., we see firsthand when rising expenses or an unexpected hardship threaten a household's ability to stay afloat. These are the moments when the strength of a community matters most; when neighbors come together to help neighbors.

That is why we are asking for your support of this year's Annual Appeal.

Throughout the past year, the demand has stayed steady and our Food Bank has consistently provided food to more than 300+ community members each week. This summer, we also piloted a new meal program to support families when school isn't in session; helping to provide breakfast and lunch to over 60 children weekly.

Now, with heating fuel costs drastically increasing since last year, another challenge is weighing heavily on our community and our ability to meet the needs of those that need our Fuel Bank assistance. While we all feel the impact, many seniors and neighbors living on very limited, fixed incomes face especially difficult choices between heating their homes, paying housing expenses, and meeting other basic needs.

Our goal is to help our neighbors weather these difficult times, remain independent, and continue to call Woodbury home.

As an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit, we are proud to work alongside the Town of Woodbury in serving our community. While we are not a town department and receive no municipal funding, our work is made possible through private donations, small grants, and the generosity of neighbors like you.

Your contribution to our Annual Appeal helps make that possible. Every gift provides food, assistance with essential expenses, and a helping hand when it is needed most. Your generosity makes a difference right here in Woodbury.

We recognize that we are asking for support at a time when many are facing financial pressures of their own. That makes your generosity all the more meaningful.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution by returning the enclosed envelope or making your gift securely online at **www.cscwct.com**. We're also excited to invite you to explore our newly launched website, where you can learn more about our mission, our work, and the difference your generosity makes.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and the neighbors we serve, we thank you for your kindness and continued support.

Together, we can help keep our neighbors nourished, supported, and at home in the community we all share.

With heartfelt gratitude,
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