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Date: December 12, 2024 at 4:18:24 PM EST

To: carolwestlund@comcast.net, pastorchelsea@gslutheranchurch.org

Subject: Thank you from Safe + Sound Somerset

Dear Pastor Chelsea and Carol,

Thank you to the Quilters of the Good Shephard Lutheran Church for the gift of your lovely quilted throws for survivors of domestic, dating, and sexual violence and their children.

Receiving these items brings joy and feelings of being cared for to our clients. The value of this cannot be underestimated.

Again, thank you for your support, and please know that your gifts make a significant difference to survivors and their children by *Healing Hearts and Changing Lives*.

In gratitude,

Kristin Cantwell | Vice President of Development & Communications

Pronouns: she, her, hers



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Pastor Chelsea Scholl
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
300 Union Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08876

Dear Pastor Scholl,

On behalf of the members of the Somerville Civic League, I am writing to extend our warmest Christmas greetings and to offer a donation to support the wonderful work your church continues to do in the community.

This year, as part of our annual holiday tradition, we have come together to provide this gift in the spirit of love and giving. We know that your church plays a vital role in spreading joy, comfort, and support to those in need, especially during the Christmas season. It is our hope that this contribution will help further those efforts and bring some additional cheer to those you serve.

Please find enclosed our donation of \$350, and we trust that it will be put to good use. We are grateful for the opportunity to support your mission and to be part of the positive impact your church has on so many lives.

May this Christmas season bring you and your congregation peace, joy, and blessings. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in the coming year.

Warm regards,

Maureen Dwyer, President
Somerville Civic League

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December 18, 2024

Pastor Chelsea Scholl
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
300 Union Ave
Somerville, NJ 08876

Dear Pastor Scholl,

I am writing to extend my best wishes to you and the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church congregation during this holiday season. Christmas is a good time to reflect on the strength of the Seventh Congressional District's faith community, and I commend Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for demonstrating the values of faith which bring us all together.

Your efforts to provide spiritual support as well as outreach, resources, and services that ensure the physical wellbeing of your members and those in need in the greater community are deeply appreciated. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is a cornerstone of Somerville's faith community offering all a place to celebrate and deepen their beliefs.

I wish you, your loved ones, and your congregation a blessed Christmas season and a wonderful year ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. H. K. Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Tom Kean Jr.
Member of Congress

**Samaritan
Homeless
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Program**

“Safe Harbor – Port of Refuge”

“A private, not-for-profit corporation providing interim housing and associated services for the homeless and working poor of the Somerset County Region”

Thomas O’Leary, LCADC, CCJS
Chief Executive Officer

December 9, 2024

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
300 Union Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08876

LETTER OF APPRECIATION 2024

As you know, clients coming to SHIP are in desperate need of help. Many are the working poor. They include those that suffer from homelessness or being near homeless. Many are hungry or suffer from substance abuse dependency, HIV/AIDs, mental health issues, or neglect and isolation. Our services are tailored to each individual’s need and vary in duration according to each individual’s or family’s situation. SHIP provides this unique population with critically needed emergency interim services. These services may include advocacy, emergency interim housing, interim counseling, and support services that greatly enhance their chances or regaining their self-sufficiency again. SHIP is dedicated to improving the quality of life for the poor.

God brought you to us to help us navigate through the storms of every day. Through your assistance, we have served millions of meals and provided thousands of nights of shelter. He is, through your support, keeping the wind in our sails. Your assistance is helping us at SHIP engage the enemy in our battle against poverty.

As the Admiral of SHIP, I give all praise to God and thank you for your caring, faith, trust, generosity, and love at this time. Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$1,000.00 (Check #996356) made on 6/26/2024.

Know that the smiles we see on the faces of those we serve are meant for you.

God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Tom O’Leary

Tom O’Leary
CEO, Executive Director

No goods or services were exchanged in consideration of this donation.

87 East High Street, Somerville, New Jersey 08876

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December 9, 2024

Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
300 Union Ave
Somerville, NJ 08876

Dear Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church,

The Food Bank Network of Somerset County offers our sincere thanks for your extremely generous donation in the amount of \$1000. You can feel proud that you made a real and immediate impact on your neighbors' lives.

Thanksgiving was busier than ever, and we were thankful for our new walk-in freezer to help handle the load. For the winter holidays, we are distributing specially donated toys and clothes along with food and necessities, helping to make a more joyful season for our clients in need.

The Food Bank receives few public funds and is operated by a small professional staff and large group of committed volunteers. We provide free food to county residents in need directly from our warehouse in Bridgewater and from pantries in Bound Brook, Lyons, Manville, North Plainfield, Raritan, and Somerville. We also provide take-home meals for school children, food for at-risk veterans, mobile outreach to public housing, and support for various state and county social services initiatives.

For more information about our services and to find out about the different ways you can help, visit our website at www.somersetfoodbank.org or follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn.

Thank you again for providing essential food assistance to those facing hunger.

Sincerely,



Steven D. Katz
Executive Director

and the Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers

The Food Bank Network of Somerset County is a non-discriminatory, non-governmental, non-sectarian, 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Donations are federally tax-deductible as allowed by law.



*Hunger
doesn't
take a
vacation.*

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Good Sheperd Evangelical Lutheran
300 Union Avenue
Somerville, NJ 08876
Attn: Iolene Hadley

December 6, 2024,

Dear Donor,

The Borough of Somerville would like to thank you on behalf of the fire department for your donation of \$250.00. This donation has been placed into the fire departments equipment trust which is an audited account.

Our EIN# is 22-6002297 should you need it for tax purposes.

Thank you again for your donation.

Sincerely,

Paige Elster

Paige Elster, CMFO, CTC

cc: K.Sluka
Chief Stitley



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