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Clara Martin Center provides a Holiday Meal to 150 Families

The 6th annual Clara Martin Center Holiday Basket program was successfully able to provide a holiday meal to 150 families across Orange county and surrounding areas this past December. Food insecurities have remained a real concern for many families this past year with the ongoing economic challenges created by the COVID-19 pandemic, and programs such as these help to provide support and resources at times of heightened need.

This year, 435 individuals were able to be helped through the 150 families served. Those that received a basket were not only clients of Clara Martin Center but were also members of communities in and surrounding the Greater Orange County Vermont, and in parts of the Upper Valley area of Vermont and New Hampshire. Each basket provided enough food for a holiday meal for a family of up to 4 people.

The Holiday Basket program was made possible through the support of many generous donors including Fat Hat Clothing Company, Hannaford Supermarket in Bradford, Housewright Construction, Hunger Mountain Coop, Newbury Woman's Club, St. Jacob of Alaska Orthodox Church, Strafford Lions Club, Valley Floors, Valley Vista staff, and Wells River Savings Bank.

A huge thank you also goes out to the many CMC staff who were involved with securing donation of food items, registering families, assembling and distributing baskets, and all around making this project possible and successful. "Our power is in each of us and our power is stronger together", Melanie Gidney, Executive Director, Clara Martin Center.



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