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Because you support Toco Hills Community Alliance, we want to share the latest news as we look to close out 2021...

Just recently, the world lost Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who changed the world with enormous amount of good he did. He once said:



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of this community continues to amaze me at its flowing abundance.

Every time we have a need, you are there for us.

- When we set a goal for the Hunger Walk that would go towards our food purchases at the Atlanta Community Food Bank, you all gave so much that we finished in the top five teams participating!
- When we no longer had National Guard support, you all stepped up to volunteer to ensure we could continue our work.



- When your church groups and garden clubs and civic associations and Scout troops and school classes came together, you
 - collected thousands of pounds of food and supplies,
 - outperformed even your own financial donation goals,
 - packed hundreds of bags for our unhoused friends,
 - made or purchased hundreds of hats and scarves and gloves for our Winter Holiday gift bags.
- When we set a goal of \$25,000 for only our second ever Annual Campaign, you all surpassed and have more than doubled it!

Overwhelming bits of good... And needed.



Though the financial difficulties brought about by COVID have eased a bit with increased benefits, the need is still great. We serve some of the most vulnerable populations, many of whom are working, but miss work if they or someone in the family becomes ill

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states devastated by natural disasters, domestic violence situations. And, we all know that price of food - especially healthy food - is going up.



Because we are able to provide food and clothing, as well as respect, hope, and compassion, those we serve can direct their precious resources towards other needs. Because we provide ample, nutritious food, including fresh produce, fresh dairy, and meat, those we serve are able to stay healthier. Because we provide extra food to families with kids and larger families, kids are able to go to school more ready to learn.

You and your generosity, your bits of good, you make that happen. You made it possible for us to be on track to serve about 13,000 families with about 35,000 people in them with about 750,000 pounds of groceries. That is an average of about 58 pounds per week per family! You made it possible for our unhoused friends to take over 2700 hot meals to-go, for many of them the only time in the week they have a hot meal. You made it possible for families to clothe their children for school, and for our unhoused friends to have warm coats and socks. You made it possible for us to supply hygiene items and diapers. You made it possible for our neighbors, real people, to be afforded help

and hope when they needed it.

You made it possible for us to be able to be a community of care.

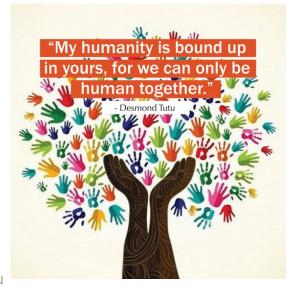
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There are really not enough words to thank you all for entrusting us with your resources so that we can share your generosity and kindness. Here at Toco Hills Community Alliance, we pledge to continue to be good stewards of all you share with us, to helping our neighbors even more and better, to strengthening and sustaining our entire neighborhood.

Though what you give is from the heart, know that any funds you donate online or is postmarked by December 31 will count for your 2021 tax deduction and will be included in your annual giving statement for 2021.

As we let go of 2021, know that we, and all of the neighbors we help, appreciate every gift, all of your support, every bit of good you



share through the year. We look forward to 2022 with you, where, together, we will overwhelm the world with the good we do right here.

With Gratitude,



Rev. Dr. Lisa Heilig, Executive Director

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