



Because you support Toco Hills Community Alliance, we want to share with you as we close out 2022...



In the long, cold, dark nights of winter, we have taken time to celebrate with Christmas lights and Yule logs, with menorahs and kinaras shining brightly through shadows and dimness. Author Matshona Dhlwayo says:



With your support and your help, Toco Hills Community Alliance has been that candlelight shining brightly this year. As the shadows of the COVID crisis slid into supply chain issues and rolled up into economic woes, *THCA has been shining forth hope and compassion, sharing food with almost 40,000 people in 2022, with hospitality and care.*

Your incredible generosity has made it possible for us to provide high quality services, healthy food, warm clothing, and some breathing room for vulnerable families stressed by the ongoing crises.

- Because you contributed financially, donating freely, above and beyond, supporting the Hunger Walk, giving to the Annual Campaign
- Because your faith communities, schools, Scout troops, neighborhood associations, and local businesses held food and diaper and hygiene supply drives
- Because you gave up your time to volunteer and share your skills
- Because of the dedication of all of our volunteers and staff and Board of Directors

Because of all of this support and more, THCA has been able to overcome every challenge this year brought us, so that we never missed a day of service, even expanding capacity to serve as *usage of our services increased 80% from the first two months of the year to the last two.*

love, hope, and compassion for our neighbors and we will keep on.

Even now, as we face not only the continuing challenges, but new ones as the recent severe freezing weather, despite all of our preparations, caused a burst sprinkler system pipe, a breakdown of our freezer, and a malfunction in one of our heaters. While all is on the road to recovery, and we have been able to continue our services uninterrupted, time and energy - and money - are having to be spent to ensure full recovery now and prevention of problems in the future.

As this year gives way to the next, we once again invite you, our supportive community, to *help us keep our light shining brightly* -



- for parents with growing children
- for seniors who can't afford food AND medicine
- for unhoused neighbors in need of a hot meal and warm clothes

You and your generosity, you make it happen. *You make it possible for our light to shine brightly in the dark and dim, in the midst of the uncertainty we all live in right now.*

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 providing food and hope and a bit of breathing room.



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 2022 tax deduction and will be included in your annual giving statement for 2022.

As we let go of 2022, know that we, and all of the neighbors we help, appreciate every gift, all of your support, every bit of light you share through the year. *We look forward to 2023 with you, where,*

With Gratitude,



Rev. Dr. Lisa Heilig,
Executive Director

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