CRS COMMUNITY RESOURCE SERVICES

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Dear Friends,

When life feels overwhelming, no one should have to face it alone. At Community Resource Services (CRS), we believe that compassion and community support can make all the difference.

As we write this letter, many of our families are preparing for disruptions in their SNAP benefits that may cause unexpected financial stress. While our pantry shelves are currently well stocked thanks to the incredible success of the SOUPer Bowl, we anticipate a significant strain on our resources as families turn to CRS for extra assistance during this challenging time.

Every day, your support helps neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet—parents skipping meals so their children can eat, seniors choosing between groceries and prescriptions, and families facing unexpected crises that threaten their stability. The need in our community continues to grow and so has the impact of your generosity. Through our food pantry, emergency financial assistance, development programs, and caring support, we help people weather life's hardest moments with dignity and hope.

In 2024, CRS provided:

- **525 households** with services through one or more of our assistance programs
- **Over 120,000 pounds of food** distributed from our food pantry
- **More than $84,000** in **housing assistance** to help prevent eviction and homelessness
- **37,000 in utility assistance**, keeping homes warm and lights on
- **48,000 in car repair assistance**, helping individuals maintain transportation to work and medical appointments
- **Back-to-school supplies for 297 local students**, ensuring every child starts the school year ready to learn
- **484 adults and children participated in Personal Development Programs**

These numbers reflect more than just statistics. They represent real people in our community who were able to find hope and stability because someone cared.

As we approach the end of the year, your support is needed now more than ever. Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to the **2025 Annual Fund** by visiting **www.aalcrs.org** or by mailing your donation to CRS in the enclosed envelope. Your donation will help CRS meet the needs of our neighbors so that no one in Avon or Avon Lake has to face hunger, hardship, or uncertainty alone.

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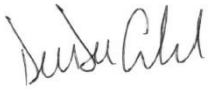

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