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Dear Village of Rhinebeck,

Thank you very much for your recent donation of \$75.00 to the Jayne Brooks Food Pantry at The Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Rhinebeck in memory of Julia H. Kane. Your gift will help ensure that we are able to provide nutritious food for the many people who come to us for assistance.

Over a decade ago the late Jayne Brooks, a parishioner at the church, founded the Pantry. Her goal was to serve a handful of Rhinebeck neighbors whose pressing food needs might otherwise have remained unnoticed in the midst of our prosperous community. Since then the number of people needing such help has grown dramatically, both in Rhinebeck and in surrounding areas. For 2018 our annual registry of current client households contained over 235 families, with a total of 1,830 household visits. On average, we served 35 - 40 households a week; during the year we provided food for over 38,000 meals-- including over 7,500 meals for children and 6,640 for seniors. As based on delivery numbers, we can reasonably estimate that we gave out over 90,000 pounds of food.

With the help of book grants and special donations we are able to offer children's books and school supplies for families, along with grocery gift cards and other special gifts for the holidays; and we serve as the local distribution point for the Dutchess Outreach Coat Drive, for which we gave out over 150 coats and jackets provided by Dutchess Outreach and over 100 that were donated directly to our pantry in 2018.

The need for our work keeps growing! For example, by developing a relationship with Hyde Park's Violet Ave. Elementary School we are able to help provide needed school supplies, warm clothes and healthy weekend "backpack snacks" for district children whose families may be unable to visit our pantry. As we reach out to meet such needs, we remain ever mindful of the fact that our efforts depend upon the generosity of donors like you. We are grateful for your support.

Please retain this letter for your tax records. For the purposes of income tax information the Federal Tax ID number of the parish is 14-1490103. It certifies that no goods or services were exchanged in return for your donation, which is deductible to the full extent allowed by law. See Code Sec. 170 (f)(8).

In addition to this grateful acknowledgement, we have informed John and Jill Kane of your gift.

Sincerely,

Nicole A. Close

Nicole Close, Parish Administrator

Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation!