



Dec. 10, 2020

Thank you. Friendship Trays supporters have helped us help scores and scores of people during this pandemic year. You've purchased canned goods for our recipients and had the cans delivered to our door. You've kept the donations flowing so we could pay the light bill and buy the produce and protein that make for nutritious meals. Public safety officers have carried the meals the last mile to recipients during lockdown. We are mightily blessed. We could not have made good on the mission without your support. Thank you.

Is it over yet? I dearly wish it were. But the virus is not done with us. Please take care of yourselves and your family. And as you have opportunity, please remember Friendship Trays as it cooks for those who cannot, delivers for the homebound and ailing, and rebuilds a meals-on-wheels program that, just like you, has had to find new ways to do important things in service of our neighbors.

Candidly, I have no idea how long it will be before things are back to "normal." What I do know is that while this meals-on-wheels program is now in its fifth decade of service, it does not have a sustaining endowment, it does not operate on regular government stipends, and feeding hundreds of people is not cheap. The people who Friendship Trays serves depend on your generous support.

Above and below are current examples of ways you can support the work. For a \$10-per-card donation, we will send greetings to everyone on your holiday card list. The material from our

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mailed holiday appeal, below, details the work. South Boulevard Suburu is again this year donating to Friendship Trays each time a new vehicle is leased or sold. And California Closets in Dilworth is matching its customers' donations to Friendship Trays. Click on any item that interests you to learn more.

Again, thank you for your support, please stay safe and healthy, and let me hear from you if you have questions.

– Lucy Bush Carter, Executive Director 704-333-2112



The ongoing pandemic is keeping most of our recipients at home and, unfortunately, isolated. And to keep everyone safe, Friendship Trays is still making deliveries with no direct contact.

## However, we're still making connections . . .

Thanks to YOU, we are:

- Continuing to provide meals for those who might otherwise go hungry.
- $\bullet\,$  Calling all recipients on a regular basis to make sure they are safe and healthy.
- Providing coolers to all so that we safely leave food trays vs. personal contact.
- · Distributing canned goods and snacks for their home pantries.

Your donations have allowed us to continue our mission — to help feed our neighbors and to stay in touch. For some, we are the only contact with the outside world they have.

# But we can't do it without you!

Please help us continue to provide for those who need us now more than ever. And thank you for allowing us to continue this mission.

Please stay healthy and safe this Holiday Season!

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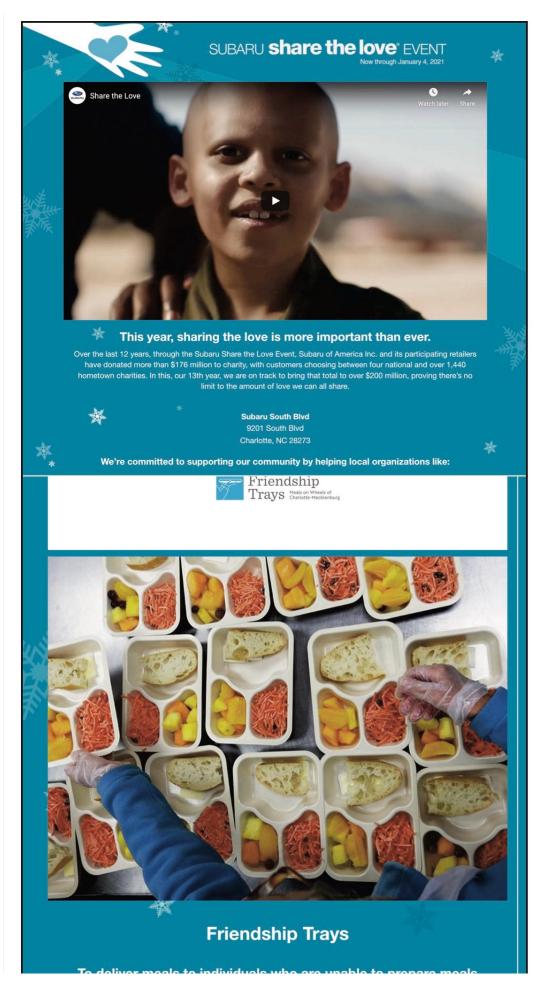
Please call our office to make a secure credit card donation.

MAIL

Please mail your check to the address shown below.

Excerpts from the Subaru Share the Love material on Subaru's website:

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# IMPACT TO DATE: 7,500+ meals Get a great vehicle and support a great cause. With every new Subaru purchased or leased, Subaru will donate \$250 to your choice of charities'. Subaru South Blvd will also donate a minimum of \$50 in total to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, NC Chapter - Charlotte and to Friendship Trays here in our community for each vehicle sold or leased. Additionally, for every routine Subaru vehicle service visit during the Subaru Share the Love Event, Subaru South Blvd will donate \$5 to our Hometown Charities. November 19 through January 4.

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# We love designing pantries but we LOVE filling them too!

We are grateful to have partnered with many of you on custom-designed organization solutions for your homes, and now we are hoping you'll partner with us to stock the food pantry at <a href="Friendship Trays">Friendship Trays</a>, <a href="Meals on Wheels of Charlotte-Mecklenburg">Meals on Wheels of Charlotte-Mecklenburg</a>.

As we approach the holiday and winter seasons, please remember your elderly or infirm neighbors who rely on nutritious meals prepared and delivered by Friendship Trays. Often, these are the only regular check-ins these neighbors receive and they're needed now more than ever.

California Closets Charlotte is honored to support Friendship Trays in their 44-year mission of serving our community. Along with your donation, California Closets will also match donations\* up to \$2,500. Just follow the directions below.

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- 1. Visit https://friendshiptrays.org/donor-portal/
- 2. Complete the donation form and indicate California Closets as the company that will match your gift
- 3. Click the PayPal link at the bottom and make your donation

We wish you a healthy holiday season and thank you for your support.



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