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I am a volunteer co-director for the Friday community lunch offered by our church in Montpelier, Vermont. Ours is part of an interfaith food group offering daily midday and evening meals to our neighbors in need.

When the COVID pandemic struck, our places of worship closed to curtail the spread of the deadly virus. Restaurants and other outlets closed as well. Our weekly guests are among the most vulnerable in our population. They include the unhoused, elderly and other-abled who either have no income or a very limited one. We also serve families and friends bringing meals to folks unable to shop or cook for themselves.

This sudden closure, and loss of ability to serve our neighbors, left us searching for a way to move forward. We were greatly relieved to find we could be paired with an area restaurant through a FEMA program, Everyone Eats. That emergency program kept restaurants afloat and gave our nonprofits a no cost way to continue addressing the overwhelming needs in our midst.

Enter Jonathan and Lisa Burr and The Woods Lodge. As our Everyone Eats partner they delivered hot, nutritious, well balanced, individually packaged meals we could hand out at our doors. To say they were a godsend is an absolute understatement. Over these past four years, we have found them to be compassionate, kind and professional. They are deeply concerned with doing their absolute best to address the real food insecurity in our area.

In July of 2023, disaster struck again in the form of a devastating flood in central Vermont. Almost every house of worship in our area lost our kitchens, halls and accommodations. Jonathan, Lisa and Everyone Eats were there for all of us again. We served their hot prepackaged meals, from an outdoor courtyard, to both our neighbors and many of the workers arriving in our area to help us survive and recover from the horrific flood damage.

As of this writing, one of our churches has been able to provide an indoor space for all in our group to use. It allows people who are unhoused, or in congregate overnight accommodations, a place to gather in comfort from the elements. People who are lost or lonely can share a hot, satisfying meal with others who care about their well-being. Those on very fixed, or supplemented, incomes can eat nutritious food they couldn't afford otherwise.

Jonathan and Lisa's compassion, expertise and genuine kindness has evolved into Feed Every Need - their new nonprofit to address the very real food insecurity in our area and, someday hopefully, beyond. This iteration of their devotion to providing good food to everyone is keeping all of us afloat to this day. They provide hundreds of meals every week, meals none of us has the resources or ability to provide. We lack both the finances and manpower to prepare full meals ourselves.

Like every nonprofit, Feed Every Need is dependent on donations to continue their mission to help insure the nutritional wellbeing of our neighbors. They had the vision to see the need and the talent and absolute devotion to address it.

Please help them, to help all of us, by offering a generous, as you are able, donation to Feed Every Need. You will be glad, as will we, you did.

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