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Dear Friend of the Pantry –

In this season of joy and thankfulness, I am happy to update our friends of the Island Food Pantry with news of what we are thankful for this year.

As you know, in May I assumed the role of Coordinator, taking over from Armen Hanjian, who was the Island Food Pantry for 20 years. The transition has been very smooth, due to continued participation by Armen whenever the need has arisen.

As mentioned in my spring letter, we had inaugural spring and summer service this year. We were open one afternoon a week and met the needs of 204 individuals and families, representing 343 people including children and other dependents. We certainly filled a need that remained during the summer months. At the beginning of the season, I had many folks come up to me with tears in their eyes thanking us for remaining open.

We were able to provide folks with fresh island grown food throughout the summer and into the fall. We started with the great donation of six weeks of duck eggs from Jefferson Munroe at the Good Farm (107 dozen in all) and continued with fresh local produce each week from the Gleaners of Island Grown Initiative. It is wonderful to be in a place where so many groups come together to meet the needs of our community.

Summer is a busy time for all, so we were most fortunate to be staffed mostly by seasonal residents who were happy for the opportunity to contribute. We look forward to seeing all of you return this summer. We had a strong show of support from a number of realty firms in urging their clients to drop off unused food that would otherwise have been thrown away. And we had many seasonal businesses that generously delivered large amounts of remaining food. The list is too long to include here, but will be available when our website has been updated in the New Year.

The Island Food Pantry is 100% volunteer staffed, as well as 100% privately funded by Island residents and friends. We would not exist without the care and concern from all of you. From Food Drives, to our Purple collection boxes, to monetary donations small and large, you enable us to open our door every week. We greatly appreciate all donations. Monthly donations, however small, help us to predict what we can provide for those who would otherwise go without. Please feel free to give online at islandfoodpantry.org.

Thank you so much for your help throughout the year. And thank you, especially at this time of giving, for remembering us if you are able. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Hannemann".

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