



Dear GBCI Members and Friends,

December 2023

In these days with many uncertainties there is much to be grateful for as GBCI finishes a very good year thanks to the generous support from many of you who have shared your time and financial resources. Here are some highlights:

- **English Conversation program** celebrates 12 years, grows with 43 regular students, 17 volunteers, two levels—beginner and intermediate, and Early Steps for parent's toddlers.
- The **food distribution group continues to meet lingering hunger needs** with Sunday afternoon runs from Epworth Church to Cider Mill Apartments. This involves 15 AMV volunteer drivers.
- **A Kindly Summer Program** brought 15 middle and high school youth on five Saturdays for intergenerational activities with Kindly residents.
- 200 children, youth, and adults from the neighborhood and AMV residents and associates gathered for the **second annual GBCI Community Day** on a beautiful September Saturday.
- The Refugee task group is **helping New Neighbor Interfaith Alliance settle 37 Refugee families** here in our county.
- The Gaithersburg Germantown Chamber of Commerce named GBCI the **Small Non-Profit of the Year**.
- GBCI had the honor of being **invited by Generations United** to present a workshop on the Early Steps Program at their International Annual Meeting in Washington this summer. Early Steps helps parents and their preschoolers with vocabulary and literacy skills needed for school.
- We are grateful to **157 active volunteers serving in a dozen programs**; these fantastic people are the backbone of GBCI. Our profound gratitude goes out to them.

We invite you to share an end of the year gift for this vital work. A portion of your gift will be used to help Cider Mill and refugee families.

Checks can be made to GBCI and mailed to GBCI, 201 Russell Ave, Gaithersburg, MD 20877.

Thank You for helping GBCI make a difference.

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