



*Helping the  
Homebound*

**Meals on Wheels of Greenville – Winter 2020**



# Delivering Hope Throughout the Year



As we close out 2020 and begin to anticipate the new year ahead, I wanted to offer my thanks for the many good things we did together as a team, committed to the homebound of Greenville County. THANK YOU to our volunteers for the countless routes driven, meals delivered, and meals packaged. THANK YOU to our donors for your monetary and in-kind gifts. Because of your time and donations, Meals on Wheels has weathered the COVID pandemic with little disruption to our clients. Our dedicated group of Young Professionals raised funds to provide emergency meal kits for our clients and distributed these kits along with other essentials including toilet paper and tissues. So many volunteers have picked up additional routes, delivered multiple days, and we've trained more than 250 new volunteers since we implemented our Virtual Orientation in May.

**Meals on Wheels is strong because of YOU, our volunteers and donors, and as we look ahead to 2021, we ask each of you to continue your support, ensuring our clients receive hot, nutritious meals and personal interaction.**

If 2020 has taught me but one lesson, it is that I need my friends and family. Meals on Wheels is a family and by supporting each other with our personal gifts and talents, we will continue to be the embracing arms of support for our homebound friends and neighbors.

*In gratitude for all you do,*

*Muriel Taylor*

**Muriel Taylor**, Director of Volunteer Services

**Purchase your Holiday Card today.**

This Holiday season, spread some cheer and warmth by sending your friends and family a Meals on Wheels Holiday Card. Featuring artwork of the Meals on Wheels of Greenville headquarters from local artist Lacey Hennessey, this card can be purchased for \$5. Each purchase of a card allows Meals on Wheels to provide a hot, nutritious meal and a volunteer visit for a homebound neighbor in our community. You can also purchase this holiday greeting as an E-Card. Head to [www.mealsonwheelsgreenville.org/ecards](http://www.mealsonwheelsgreenville.org/ecards) and send a personalized holiday greeting to a colleague this season.



## AN UNLIKELY CLIENT

During the hot month of July, Meals on Wheels of Greenville received a phone call from a concerned mother in North Carolina about her son, a Greenville County resident. He had tested positive for the coronavirus and with his wife and kids away from the house visiting family, he was alone in his home with no resources to get food or groceries. Randy, who works for D&D Ford in Greer, is not the person many people think of as a “typical” Meals on Wheels client. He is not elderly, nor does he suffer from chronic illness. Randy is in his late 50s and is normally a very healthy man, but when he contracted the coronavirus, he found himself barely able to get out of bed. “I’m not a guy that likes to lay out of work” Randy said. “I had to be out of work for 5 weeks, and I knew that I couldn’t be selfish and continue to go out and potentially spread it.”

Meals on Wheels of Greenville was able to step in and answer the call of Randy’s worried mother. We provided hot and frozen meals as well as continuous checkups to make sure that he was doing as well as possible while quarantined in his home. “I don’t know what I would’ve done without those meals,” Randy said. “For the first 2 weeks, it was all I could do to just get out of bed.”

However, Randy’s experience with Meals on Wheels of Greenville didn’t start when he began receiving meals, Randy had been a part of our corporate route partner program and delivered meals numerous times with Fairway Ford. Randy said, “I always felt so humbled after delivering those meals and helping those on the route. I was even more humbled when I began receiving the meals myself.”

Randy knew of the great work and the mission we strive for at Meals on Wheels of Greenville, and as both former volunteer and then client, Randy saw his experience come full circle. Stories like these are why we are so passionate about our mission and why we truly want to deliver #MoreThanMeals to those in our community. A simple phone call from a concerned mother led us to helping Randy recover from the coronavirus. This holiday season your gift will provide meals to homebound individuals like Randy. But your contribution means much more...a warm smile, a friendly embrace and a visit for a lonely, isolated neighbor.



Make a gift today and help us spread holiday cheer to our neighbors in need at [www.MealsonWheelsGreenville.org/donate](http://www.MealsonWheelsGreenville.org/donate) or email [donate@mowgvl.org](mailto:donate@mowgvl.org).

### *Support our Holiday efforts*

This holiday season, amid an ongoing public health crisis, Meals on Wheels is modifying our annual Holiday Client Gift program. Our clients, almost all of whom are in the highest risk groups for disease transmission, look forward each year to receiving a gift, or gifts, from an individual volunteer or group who has “adopted” clients and/or whole delivery routes. However, with the health risk presented by COVID-19 and our current “contactless” delivery protocols, it is inherent on Meals on Wheels as an organization to continue showing our clients special attention at the holidays while also maintaining appropriate health and safety measures.

To that end, during the 2020 holiday season, each of our homebound clients will receive a gift bag, as pictured here, containing the following items: a reusable tote bag; a lap blanket; a multi-use face mask; a kit of personal protective sanitizing wipes; hand lotion and a book. The bags will also include two holiday meals for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Finally, each bag will contain a holiday card from our Meals on Wheels staff that will ensure each of our clients knows how special they are to our team and our community of dedicated supporters.



**To fund these gifts, we need your help. Your support means we can share more warm wishes and warm meals to our neighbors who need them more than ever. Share your love with Greenville County’s homebound by donating to Meals on Wheels. A gift of \$25 provides a holiday bag and holiday meals to a client.**



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## Giving back while holiday shopping

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Help support us  
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Vote by December 31.

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If you're part of the Target Circle program, you'll have the chance to support our homebound clients as you shop. Do good and feel good while shopping this year!

## We need you!

Interested in volunteering over your holiday break? Join us for volunteer orientation, held every Thursday at 9:30am. Call **864.233.6565** or email [volunteer@mowgvl.org](mailto:volunteer@mowgvl.org) for more information.



# Sweetheart

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