



WITH YOUR HELP, WE'RE SERVING #MORETHANMEALS



Meals on Wheels of Greenville - Summer 2021

Dear Friends,



Summer is here which for most of us means long awaited family gatherings, trips to the beach and lazy days around the pool with friends. For Meals on Wheels of Greenville, it means welcoming new volunteer groups looking to get involved over the summer break--whether that be vacation bible school groups, day camps, teachers home for summer break, or anyone else who is eager to make a difference.

While summer signifies a fun break to many, at Meals on Wheels we do not push the pause button. We continue to serve our homebound clients each week with hot, nutritious meals and smiles from caring volunteers. As the senior population continues to grow, the need for services provided

by our programs will continue to grow as well. Data from Meals on Wheels America* shows that 1 in 4 seniors live alone, and struggle with both isolationism and food insecurity. Our mission is critical--now more than ever--and our dedication to serving #MorethanMeals is the difference we can make in the lives of our homebound neighbors in need.

Our community in Greenville County has supported Meals on Wheels for more than 52 years. As we look ahead on how we can continue to support and expand on our services for our clients, we will need your help. As our partners, you help us fulfill our mission of enhancing the quality of life among homebound individuals and seniors in Greenville County by providing nutritious meals, independence, and personal interaction. Thank you!

Please consider continuing to support Meals on Wheels by:

- **Donating to provide the next meal, smile or birthday cake to one of our clients. \$25 can feed one of our homebound clients for an entire week.**
- **Delivering a route to see firsthand the smiles on our clients' faces when they open their doors.**
- **Letting us know if you have someone in mind who would benefit from our services. We are here to help.**

Have a great summer!

Catriona Carlisle

Catriona Carlisle, Executive Director

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 in 4 seniors live alone.
- Before COVID, nearly 9.3 million seniors were threatened by hunger.

Learn more about seniors struggling with hunger and isolation at www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org.

A COMMUNITY THAT CARES

The act of giving is at the heart of happiness and community...



Washington Baptist Church has been a loyal and committed partner to Meals on Wheels for more than 35 years. It started when members Frances and Ted Hillhouse became involved as volunteers with the organization and then encouraged the congregation to help deliver meals. Frances and Ted saw the need in the community and the difference that a Meals on Wheels volunteer visit made. Over the last three decades, volunteers from Washington Baptist have delivered throughout the Ware Place community, serving as many as 50 clients each day. Some clients are members of the congregation and others are individuals who have little or no support system. Volunteers go above and beyond to make sure their homebound neighbors are nourished and feel safe in their own home.

This church family has passed along the gift of service and has created a lasting legacy. Longtime church members like the Owens family have three generations that have delivered meals: Clarence Owens, his son

Jimmy and granddaughter Tina. Throughout the years, this family has delivered many meals and smiles to clients and has been the support system they needed to live independently. Washington Baptist and its dedicated volunteers have created a ministry that extends outside the doors of the church. While many feel that volunteers are a blessing to clients, volunteers from Washington Baptist say, "The true blessing is ours and the reward is a heartfelt thank you or a smile."



Queen Daniels says she looks forward to seeing volunteers each time they deliver. Ms. Daniels has been a Meals on Wheels client since 2019 when her husband passed away and she was battling several illnesses that required rest and recovery. Ms. Daniels is a grandmother to more than 16 grandchildren. Her family is important to her, and they wanted to make sure that she had support and a daily check-in when they could not be there. When asked what the Washington Baptist volunteers meant to her, Ms. Daniels replied, "They are a divine blessing. They bring joy to me. We need more people like them in our world."

Independence Day Celebration!

Meals on Wheels will be providing all clients with a holiday meal and goodie bag filled with fresh fruit and a sweet treat to celebrate the July 4th holiday.

Make a gift today and help us bring joy to our clients in need this July 4th holiday.

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Virtual Volunteer Orientation

Join us on Zoom for our Virtual Volunteer Orientation held

EVERY THURSDAY AT 9:30AM

Visit www.MealsonWheelsGreenville.org/volunteer to secure your spot!



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