



We are
Family



Meals on Wheels of Greenville – Fall 2021

Our Family is Your Family



It does not matter whether you are a staff member, a volunteer, a financial donor, or a client; to Meals on Wheels of Greenville you are family. The people you choose to call family do not have to share your features or spend the holidays with you; they are those who stand by you when you need them the most. With a family tree made up of over 2,300 volunteers, 1,500 clients, thousands of individual and corporate supporters and 29 members of staff, Meals on Wheels supports its own and its community with compassion at its core.

I have been a member of the Meals on Wheels family since 2016 and have witnessed firsthand the lasting relationships formed from client to staff; staff to volunteer; volunteer to client. I have been fortunate myself to create friendships through my time as an active volunteer, delivering a monthly route with my family, and fourth year board of directors' member. Last year, my daughter Kate and I were honored to participate and fundraise for Mealed It!, Meals on Wheels' Giving Tuesday initiative, where they raised over \$34,000. As a parent, it is important for me to model giving back to the community for my children in order for them to continue our family's legacy of service as they continue to grow.

From our Meals on Wheels family to yours, thank you!



Lucas C. Marchant
Chairman of the Board
Meals on Wheels of Greenville

Please consider helping our family provide nourishment and connection to our 1,500 homebound clients by making a donation, volunteering your time, or supporting our events.

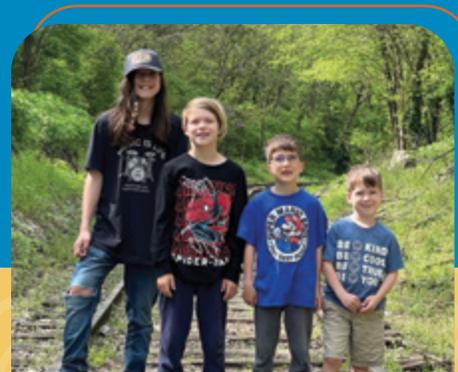
• Families Serving Together •

We have always valued being of service to others, but volunteering has become increasingly important to our family since 2019. Only months after we began homeschooling our four boys, the world was struck with a pandemic. While we were worried about decreased social time, what concerned us more was that this "new normal" meant fewer opportunities for our kids to empathize with others in circumstances different from our own. I strongly believe that learning is only useful in context

As a family who volunteers together, we have the opportunity with Meals on Wheels to see first-hand the needs of others. More importantly, we get to know the incredible people behind those needs and build relationships with them each time we complete our route. We meet their families, learn about their lives, their medical concerns, and share in their journeys. Doing this as a family provides our boys a place to see so much and to develop questions. They identify needs, wants, and common experiences in the human journey. Best of all, they develop empathy and a desire to make a difference.

Volunteering is one of the most impactful activities we engage in as a family. We are incredibly thankful to Meals on Wheels for the opportunity it provides us to volunteer as a family and for the service that it provides to our community.

John Zebell, *Meals on Wheels of Greenville Volunteer*



YOUR FAMILY IS IN GOOD HANDS

In June of 1961, Bill and Pat Teat were a young couple just beginning their lives together. Both from small towns in the "Golden Corner" of South Carolina, theirs was the classic boy meets girl story. Bill had served his country for four years in the United States Air Force, while Pat had remained at home with her parents and worked in several administrative roles. As one of five children in each family, both were accustomed to the steady support of family and friends around them as they began their life journey together.

Fast forward to 2021 and the milestone of 60 years of marriage. Over the years there have been three children, all girls, each successful and with their own families. Then four grandchildren and now three great grands (plus one on the way). The years have been full of work, dedication to family and friends, commitment to church and community. It hasn't always been easy, but Pat will tell you every day, "We've been blessed." Multiple health issues for both are challenging at times and after 55 years in their original Greenville home the time came in November 2020 to move to a new apartment, closer to one of their girls, to remain at home. Though homebound for over three years now, Bill and Pat are still living their lives committed to their values.

Earlier this year Pat had a knee replacement that slowed her down and made it hard to prepare their meals. Bill used to cook; he made incredible home fried potatoes and red-eye gravy. Age and Alzheimer's now prevent him from cooking, but he still washes dishes better than any machine! So, for three weeks Bill and Pat were clients of Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels service is the answer to daily nutritional needs, and companionship, and can be tailored to each client's needs. Whether for three weeks, three years or longer – the longest consecutively served client is now in their 26th year. We serve when and for however long the clients' needs exists.

Let us build on needed family support for your loved ones in Greenville County. As one of Bill and Pat's "girls" and a Meals on Wheels staff member, I can say with certainty that our family will embrace your family and become a part of the support circle that we all need. On behalf of my parents and my entire family, we are truly grateful that Meals on Wheels is here to serve in Greenville County.

Rhonda Hovious

Donor Relations and Grants Coordinator
Meals on Wheels of Greenville



Holiday CauseBars and Cards

Get an Early Start to the Season Through Meals on Wheels

With the holidays just around the corner, it's time to start thinking about your holiday gifts and cards. Give out our Meals on Wheels of Greenville Young Professionals' special edition CauseBars as gifts or send best wishes with our festive cards, both specially designed by Greenville artist Lacey Hennessey of @lacey_does. Spread holiday cheer, while also providing your homebound neighbors with nutritious meals, personal interaction, and independence.

Purchase holiday CauseBars and cards or e-cards at www.MealsonWheelsGreenville.org.

For additional information, contact us at 864.233.6565 or donate@mowgvl.org.



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Tuesday, November 30, 2021
LIVE via YouTube Premier

This Giving Tuesday, Meals on Wheels of Greenville returns to the kitchen for the biggest battle of the Holiday season...MEALD IT! More details to come.



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!