



Give the Gift of
#MoreThanMeals

All Year Long...

Meals on Wheels of Greenville – Winter 2021

Delivering Hope Throughout the Year



The holiday season is also known as the giving season. Whether you're giving gifts to your favorite people; giving your time to spend with family; or giving year-end donations to those who need it most. This is a wonderful time of year to reflect on all that you are thankful to have and how you can best give back to those in need.

On behalf of our clients and staff, we are immensely grateful for the Greenville County community during the holidays. We see fresh faces attending our events, new names generously giving gifts, and eager volunteer groups looking to help. Like children eagerly awaiting the holidays, we are excited because we can anticipate that each time this year, our community will step out, and step up, to support the homebound clients we are humbled to serve.

Sadly, however, we here at Meals on Wheels of Greenville know first-hand that the need does not end on December 31. For many of our clients, turning the calendar from one year to the next does not bring a change of condition or the need for the services we continue to provide with your ongoing support. Our homebound clients rely on us 365 days of the year to provide them with the security and comfort of a hot, nutritious meal and volunteer visit. There is never a hard stop, only the continual cycle of need.

Please consider giving the gift of more than meals not only this holiday season, but throughout the New Year as well. There are ways you can help us continue to serve the homebound in Greenville County:

- Make a year-end donation that will provide meals and personal visits to our homebound neighbors in need
- Volunteer to deliver in the New Year and see our mission in action.
- Support our annual events that allow you to create memorable moments and a lasting impact.

We wish you and your family happiness, peace and joy this holiday season!

Catriona Carlisle

Catriona Carlisle, Executive Director

CauseBars & Holiday Cards

Nothing says *I'm thinking of you* quite like a delicious gourmet chocolate bar—bonus points if it's beautifully wrapped and supports a good cause. Specially designed for the holiday season, Greenville artist and longtime Meals on Wheels of Greenville supporter, **Lacey Hennessey** of [@lacey_does](#), has created a holiday edition wrapper for our chocolate CauseBars.

Each CauseBar, purchased for \$10, provides a shelf-stable Emergency Meal Kit for one of our homebound clients to use when an emergency prevents our standard delivery schedule. Our chocolate bars, which come in Milk Chocolate or Dark Chocolate with Sea Salt, are perfect for stocking stuffers, gifts for coworkers, or teacher appreciation presents. For those who are not fans of chocolate, purchase one of our holiday cards or e-cards—also specially designed by Lacey Hennessey—for \$5 and provide a meal for a hungry homebound neighbor.



Purchase holiday edition CauseBars, cards, or e-cards at:
www.MealsonWheelsGreenville.org.



Volunteers Delivering More Than A Meal

Meals on Wheels of Greenville volunteer, Michael Trotter, has been delivering meals for us for a little over a year now. Michael first came to us in August of 2020 looking for a volunteer opportunity that would allow him to not only help those in need but also give him the chance to get to know those he was serving. "I enjoy going on my active route—every Wednesday and Friday—and getting to know the clients on it," said Michael when asked what he enjoyed most about delivering. "It's more than just delivering. I have enjoyed building relationships with these people." Although Michael has not been with us long, it took him no time at all to embrace our mission of delivering more than meals to our homebound neighbors in Greenville County.



In March, Michael was delivering to Jennie Jenkins, one of the clients on his route. During the visit, she mentioned that she was having difficulty getting her lawn service to come out. "The grass looked in rough shape and you could tell that only the bare minimum was being done to her yard," said Michael. Michael then asked Jennie if it would be alright if he recruited a few people to come out and work on her yard for her. In response, Jennie said, "you are going to make me cry."

Michael brought a group of eight people on a Saturday to bring a little life back into Jennie's yard. They mowed the grass. They pulled out the weeds that had overrun the path to her door and lined it with flowers. They dug up the decaying trees blocking the front of her home and trimmed down the hedges. "It meant a tremendous amount, these volunteers coming over to beautify her home when she can no longer do the physical work herself," said Vickie Jenkins, Jennie's daughter. "She still talks about it to this day with a big smile and beams with joy."



Join volunteers like Michael and help us give the gift of *#More Than Meals* all year long by signing up to volunteer at: www.MealsonWheelsGreenville.org/volunteer or email volunteer@mowgvl.org.

Support Our Holiday Efforts

Did you know 58% of Meals on Wheels home-delivered meal recipients live alone, and for many of them the person delivering their meal is often the only person they will see that day? (*Source: Meals on Wheels America)

To show our homebound clients that our Meals on Wheels of Greenville family is thinking of them this holiday season, we are giving them Christmas gift bags. Each of our clients will receive a gift bag, as pictured here, containing the following items: a reusable tote bag, fresh fruit, grippy socks, a neck pillow, and a Gingerbread cookie. The gift bags will go out during our holiday distribution when two holiday meals will be delivered to clients on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Finally, each gift bag will contain a holiday card from our Meals on Wheels staff that will ensure all our clients know just how special they are to our team and our community of dedicated supporters.



To fund these gifts, we need your help. 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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6:00 PM - 11:00 PM

For tickets and additional information, visit:
www.MealsonWheelsGreenville.org/Sweetheart

Giving back while holiday shopping

Meals on Wheels of Greenville is proud to have been chosen as a featured nonprofit partner for Target Circle! 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!

Become a Tablesetter

Make a lasting difference in the lives of our clients with monthly gifts. Help ensure they receive meals, daily visits, and connections to valuable resources throughout the year.

For more information:
Call 864.233.6565 or Email donate@mowgvl.org