



# **Deliver Friendship and Hope** *for the Holidays*







## Delivering Hope Throughout the Year

The season of giving and gratitude is upon us. As 2022 comes to a close, I am grateful to our Greenville County community that continues to come together to provide hot, nutritious meals and personal interaction for our homebound friends and neighbors.

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers for the hope you provide with over 381,000 meals packaged, 140 routes driven daily, and 7,500 meals delivered weekly. You remind our clients each day that they are not forgotten and have people who care about them.

Thank you to our donors for your monetary and in-kind gifts. Through your generosity, we can continue to deliver day-to-day services as well as #MoreThanMeals, which include: our emergency meal kits, seasonal gift bags, birthday cakes, and new friendships for our lonely clients.

★ **Consider giving a gift that will provide meals and more well past the holiday season. There are many ways in which you can give your support:**

- Make a year-end donation that will provide meals and more for our current clients and the ones to come in 2023.
- Register to become a delivery volunteer in the New Year and see our mission in action.
- Attend our special events that allow you to create memorable moments while supporting a worthy cause.

Happy Holidays to you and your loved ones, and warm wishes for 2023!

*Jamie Gensheimer*

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Director of Development



## Join Our Table Setters

*"Thank you so much for the ongoing help I get from Meals on Wheels. The meals are always good and always appreciated. Even if I were able to shop and prepare my own meals, I could never equal what you provide."*  
- Kathy, Meals on Wheels of Greenville client

When you commit to becoming a Table Setter, you have a profound effect on our ability to plan and provide services for our homebound clients, like Kathy. With monthly contributions, you are making a life-changing impact on the men and women we serve; allowing your homebound neighbors to live independently in their own homes.

*"My mother was disabled and towards the last few years of her life, she wanted to remain independent for as long as she could," said Table Setter, Jill Waters. "Meals on Wheels provided a daily hot meal, and more importantly, a check-in while I was at work, so I knew she was okay that day. Meals on Wheels provided both of us a very valuable gift."*

★ **Provide comfort and peace of mind for our clients and their families through monthly giving.**



Jill Waters



# Benefits of Being Neighborly

Being neighborly is more than providing a cup of sugar or watering plants for someone while they're away. It's the selfless act of showing kindness and being helpful to someone in need. It also isn't restricted to those living right next door.

Meals on Wheels of Greenville volunteer Page Watson epitomizes what it means to be neighborly. Having been a child of a Meals on Wheels client when her father was battling cancer, Page knows firsthand the impact our services have on our clients and their families. ***"What peace of mind it gave me to know that someone was checking-in on him at least once a weekday," said Page. "And when I was able to give back, time willing, I began volunteering."***

Page has many special clients she delivers to, but the friendship she has developed with former client J.C. Martin is one that has lasted well past service. Mr. Martin was one of her first clients when she started volunteering back in 2017. She brought him a special treat on his birthday, then he began doing the same with treats for her on special occasions.

When Mr. Martin was moved to another volunteer's route, Page didn't let that be the end to their friendship. ***"I would call to check on him and still bring him his special birthday treat," said Page. "I then started taking him out on his birthday, which has since turned into a regular occurrence."***

Page and Mr. Martin go out to eat, run errands, or just drive around Greenville; a new area each time, so he can see how much Greenville has changed over the years. *"Getting to know my clients, and occasionally their families, is just as important to me as it is them," said Page. "It's so easy to get caught up in ourselves, our families, and our responsibilities, but Meals on Wheels helps me see those outside of all of that."*

★ **Be a good neighbor to Greenville County's homebound community.**

## Holiday Joy for the Homebound

The holiday season is a festive time of year. Families, friends, and strangers alike, all come together for the purpose to spread joy and cheer. We want our homebound clients to feel that joy during the holidays, especially the ones who will be celebrating alone. We will be giving each of them a holiday gift bag, that includes:

- Fresh fruit and produce
- Candy canes
- Custom ornament
- Lip balm
- Gingerbread cookie
- "Yeah, THAT Greenville, SC Coloring Book" with colored pencils

Gift bags will be delivered to clients, along with a volunteer visit and two meals to have for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

★ **Give joy, spread love, and provide hope for the homebound this holiday season.**



Page Watson and J.C. Martin

*"Thank you for the great Christmas goodie bag. I have no family and no one to check on me every day, so it's comforting to know that Meals on Wheels will be here."*

– Doug, Meals on Wheels of Greenville client



Evelyn Edwards





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### **Greenville Convention Center**

6:00 PM | Shop & Sip Cocktail Hour  
8:00 PM | Dinner & Live Auction  
9:30 PM | Live Music & Dancing



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## *Give a Gift of Stock*

### **Did you know you can give stock to charity?**

It eliminates capital gains taxes, and you receive tangible tax-savings and benefits. By giving a gift of stock to Meals on Wheels of Greenville, you fuel our mission to deliver #MoreThanMeals to Greenville County's homebound.

**For more information, contact Rhonda Hovious  
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## *Volunteer in the New Year*

We need your help in 2023! Give back to our homebound community in the New Year by helping us deliver nutritious meals and friendly volunteer visits.

**Call 864.233.6565 or email [volunteer@mowgvl.org](mailto:volunteer@mowgvl.org)  
to learn more about our volunteer opportunities.**