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Meals on Wheels of Greenville – Summer 2020

Stepping Up and Continuing to Serve

The beginning of 2020 has been filled with changes and challenges on all fronts for Meals on Wheels of Greenville. As the COVID-19 pandemic spread, we, as an organization, set out to ensure that service wasn't interrupted as a result of the new normal of social distancing. New practices and protocols were introduced to enhance the health, safety, and wellbeing of our clients, volunteers, and staff. These included:

- Drive-thru meal pickup for delivery volunteers to minimize contact
- Contactless meal delivery protocol to ensure clients still receive their meal and daily check in, while remaining at a safe distance
- Volunteers provided with gloves, disposable bags, and masks to aid during delivery
- Adjusted meal delivery schedules to Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays; clients provided with both hot and frozen meals each day
- Volunteers adopted routes on Tuesdays and Thursdays to call on and check in on clients
- Enhanced cleaning of main office on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays to include full-office sanitizing



These steps made it possible for us to continue serving the 1,500 clients that rely on us each day. **During this response in March and April, Meals on Wheels prepared and delivered over 70,000 meals to the homebound in our community.** Additional efforts included the delivery of supplemental snack bags and hygiene kits to all clients. The success of this effort can only be linked to the generosity of the community during this difficult time. We are immensely grateful for the continued support of our community during the everchanging circumstances and are proud to continue serving #MoreThanMeals through it all.

As a result of these changes, Meals on Wheels has made a significant investment to ensure the safety of our clients, volunteers, and staff. We still need your help. Please consider supporting Meals on Wheels during this critical time by:

- Donating to continue providing meals and visits. A \$100 gift ensures a homebound neighbor is served for a month.
- Volunteering your time. We have many volunteer opportunities to choose from and all of them make an impact on the homebound.



Make a difference at www.MealsonWheelsGreenville.org.

Catriona Carlisle

Catriona Carlisle, Executive Director



Changing lives one delivery at a time

Mr. Sanchez, a Meals on Wheels client since early 2018, was born and raised in Cuba. He moved to the United States and spent many years working as a car mechanic. As time progressed, Mr. Sanchez began experiencing health issues with his blood pressure and cholesterol, making it increasingly difficult to support himself.

"Having someone from Meals on Wheels check on me each day has really helped me. Because of my health issues, I often have spells where I fall."

But his relationship with Meals on Wheels is so much more than just the nutritious meal and daily visit. Mr. Sanchez has forged a lifelong friendship with his regular volunteers, Dr. And Mrs. Núñez.

"We enjoy delivering meals to Mr. Sanchez. He and Dr. Núñez were both born in Cuba and they enjoy reminiscing about the island. Mr. Sanchez always expresses his gratitude for the meals, friendship, and the community services Meals on Wheels has helped him navigate."

The Núñez's have been a critical lifeline for Mr. Sanchez, who speaks very little English and lives alone. They've become more than just volunteers delivering meals to a client, they've become lifelong friends that share more commonalities than just the daily meal delivery that's so important to those in need.

Your gifts make these friendships possible. Donate today at www.MealsonWheelsGreenville.org/donate or via the enclosed gift envelope.

Setting the Table

As a child, it was always exciting to help with dinner by setting the table for the family. Knowing that you were making a difference: helping to prepare for the good that was to come. Meals on Wheels

is truly fortunate to have a dedicated group of donors who have made the commitment to be a Table Setter with a recurring monthly gift which provides steady continuity for continuing our daily mission to deliver a meal and a friendly visit to our homebound friends and neighbors.

"Having been a volunteer for many years, I see first-hand the need and joy that the meals bring to the clients on my route. And based on my personal experience, I feel my support to Table Setters is the best way to help continue this valuable and worthwhile community program."

- Neal and Roxie Munn, Table Setters since 2016

Become a Table Setter today and help ensure our clients continue to enjoy each day with a hot, nutritious meal and friendly visit. Visit www.MealsonWheelsGreenville.org or contact Rhonda Hovious at rhowrious@mowgvl.org or **864.233.6565** to become a Table Setter today!



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Community Partner

Volunteer this Summer

Summer is a great time to get involved! Consider volunteering this summer and changing the lives of your homebound neighbors.

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for more information.

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