



Pickens County Meals on Wheels
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Mission: Pickens County Meals on Wheels exists to combat the effects of hunger, loneliness and isolation on senior citizens living in Pickens County, and to provide a lifeline through the use of caring volunteers.

News Release

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The Peoples National Bank Board Makes Contribution of over \$34,000 through The Polly and Garnet Barnes Campaign

The Pickens County Meals on Wheels waiting list was assessed recently, revealing 230 eligible individuals still desiring the service. The Peoples National Bank Board of Directors having learned of this extensive need, decided to take action this holiday season. First, the Board made a contribution directly to Pickens County Meals on Wheels to help alleviate the need. Wanting to do more to decrease the waiting list the Board of Directors decided to pay tribute to a founding Director, Garnet Barnes and his wife, Polly. "The Polly and Garnet Barnes Campaign" was born.

Individual Board Members and others contributed generously to this Campaign. Pickens County Meals on Wheels director, Meg Benko, was presented with the majority of the contributions on December 20, 2007. Since then, other gifts to the Campaign have been received, which has generated over \$34,000 for this non-profit organization.

"This is an extremely generous and thoughtful contribution to Pickens County Meals on Wheels," said Benko. "We will be able to feed at least 35 more seniors because of this Board's contributions. For many people, this help comes just in time. We are deeply grateful for this gift that will nourish and nurture so many of our elderly neighbors all through 2008."

The Peoples National Bank has been a long-time supporter of Pickens County Meals on Wheels in many ways, including running a route each week, assisting with organizational and marketing materials, supporting the annual oyster roast, contributing financially, and providing leadership to its Board of Directors.

Pickens County Meals on Wheels will make a formal presentation to The Peoples National Bank Board of Directors in recognition of this contribution at The Peoples National Bank's next board meeting.

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