



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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Pickens County Meals on Wheels Thanks Peoples National Bank and the Polly and Garnet Barnes Campaign

Pickens County Meals on Wheels presented a token of its appreciation to Polly and Garnet Barnes and the Peoples National Bank Board of Directors for their recent contributions to the Polly and Garnet Barnes Campaign. Recognizing a real, human need and a long-standing waiting list, The Peoples National Bank Board chose to honor the Barnes through this honorarium, which contributed over \$34,000 to Meals on Wheels. The contribution will feed 35 people throughout 2008 and decrease the waiting list for many more. "We cannot adequately express the depth of our gratitude," said Meg Benko, executive director. "This was an extremely generous and thoughtful contribution that will help greatly in feeding the elderly of Pickens County and bring a friendly visitor to their door."

Currently, Pickens County Meals on Wheels feeds over 150 people daily and its goal is to reach 170 people and maintain that level. "Contributions such as this enable us to move forward with our mission of combating hunger, loneliness and isolation that our older neighbors are faced with," said Benko. The contribution assisted in adding 19 people in December and another 27 since the New Year. "We are continuing to increase our route capacity and will be moving another 20 people off the waiting list. Home visit are underway and more people will be served, thanks to the generosity of our donors."



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