



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.

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Pickens Ladies Golf Association raises money for Meals on Wheels

Seventy-two golfers turned out for the Pickens County Meals on Wheels benefit golf tournament hosted by the Pickens Ladies Golf Association on August 21st. The tournament was held at Pickens County Club, where golfers played an 18 hole course and enjoyed dinner donated by Kentucky Fried Chicken. Golfers were also treated to lunch, refreshments, goodie bags, door prizes, a raffle and a silent auction. At the conclusion of the game, every golfer went home with something.

This was the second such golf tournament held by the Pickens Ladies Golf Association to raise much needed funds for Pickens County Meals on Wheels. Through their efforts, enough money was raised to cover the cost of one route for an entire year for this non-profit organization.

“This is an incredible accomplishment,” stated Meg Benko, executive director of Meals on Wheels. “The women of the Pickens Ladies Golf Association worked very hard all summer to pull this off. The community was very generous by contributing to the tournament through sponsorships and prizes. More than 120 businesses and friends contributed. For a small community such as Pickens County, that is a heartening show of support.”

The benefit golf tournament raised nearly \$11,000.00 earning \$2,000.00 more than the first fundraiser. Last year’s goal of feeding 170 people a day was met with the help of the tournament. This year’s tournament will enable Meals on Wheels to maintain its new level of feeding 200 seniors a day. “We are serving 24% more meals than last year,” stated Benko. “The aid provided by the Pickens Ladies Golf Association has helped us move forward and gives us confidence to continue on a path of incremental growth. Our waiting list has been cut in half and we aim toward ending the tragedy of maintaining a waiting list.”

The first place team in a field of 18 teams was Moseley Hamilton, Terry Day, Lewis McCoy and Marc Hiott with a score of 55. They were awarded cash prizes of \$100 each.

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