



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 those living in Pickens County, and to provide a lifeline through the use of caring volunteers.

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First Graders at Pickens Elementary Collect Change to Help Meals on Wheels



Darleen Sutton's and Ashley Rogers' first grade students pictured here read the book, Penny's Christmas Jar Miracle and decided to emulate the main character. In the story, a girl named Penny and her family saved their pennies and change throughout the year to give to someone who needed it. Penny and the other people in her neighborhood gave their penny jars to a neighbor, Grandpa Charlie, who had become sick and needed help paying his medical bills.

The first grade students at Pickens Elementary were so moved by this story that they took on the project of filling their own penny jars to help Meals on Wheels. Ms. Sutton and Ms. Rogers were delighted to encourage this attitude of “giving to others.” For hard work and good behavior, students earned pennies throughout the day. They were also encouraged to bring pennies or other change from home. One student emptied her entire piggy bank in order to feed others. Another boy brought his coins in Ziploc sandwich bags and would take great pains emptying them into the baby food jars. Ms. Sutton said, “They are a precious group of children with really BIG hearts.” These students presented their precious gift of penny jars to Pickens County Meals on Wheels knowing that it would help their older, homebound neighbors.

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