



Pickens County Meals on Wheels
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Pickens Rotary Club Adopts 11 Seniors!



From Left to Right: Carol Storz, Meta Bowers, Bart Turner, Sam Wyche and Jon Morgan. Not pictured: Dale Ramey

There was a lot to celebrate at this week's Rotary Meeting. Jon Morgan, Pickens Rotary Club President, presented Pickens County Meals on Wheels with a check for \$12,500. The check represented proceeds from the Pickens Rotary Club Spaghetti Dinner held March 19, 2011. "This year's Spaghetti Dinner was a huge success. Our goal was to raise \$12,000 and we were able to exceed this mark thanks to support from the community and the efforts of my fellow Rotarians," stated Morgan.

This year's dinner was coordinated by Dale Ramey and Carol Storz. Kathy Brazinski delighted the taste buds of attendees with her secret spaghetti recipe, and over 350 people were in attendance. Rotary members and volunteers from the Pickens High School Interact Club provided excellent service to those dining. The event also featured an interactive conversation with retired NFL football coach and player Sam Wyche.

"This is a very timely contribution and is needed more than ever," stated Meta Bowers, executive director of Meals on Wheels. "Donations are down, and we have had to dip into our reserve in order to maintain our current growth. Since 2008, we have expanded service to meet the growing need, but this week alone we have received 10 new applications for service. Funding is our greatest issue right now."

Bowers states, "It costs about \$1,200 to provide weekday meals for one person for an entire year. For us, \$12,500 is not an arbitrary number. It represents funding for 2,821 meals or 11 homebound individuals for an entire year. We are very thankful for the contributions of the Pickens Rotary Club and are proud to recognize them as adopting 11 seniors for an entire year."

Pickens County Meals on Wheels exists to combat the effects of hunger, loneliness and isolation on citizens living in Pickens County, and to provide a lifeline through the use of caring volunteers. Hot meals are delivered each weekday by volunteers who spend time with recipients making sure they are okay. Sometimes, the volunteers are the very link to those they serve and the world outside their very door.

The Pickens Rotary Club began driving for Meals on Wheels in September of 2010. Thirteen Rotarians alternate delivering a route in Pickens each Monday. "We know firsthand what a great program Meals on Wheels is, and how vital it is for the community," stated Morgan.

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