

From the Mailbox...

"...I cannot imagine not delivering meals. I know that the people I deliver meals to receive a blessing, besides the food. One lady says, "Hello, Sunshine" when I walk in the door. Another watches the clock from her bed waiting for the Meals on Wheels driver. One day when I was a few minutes late, one of my men asked, "Where have you been? I was worried about you."

Needless to say, I probably receive as much, or more of a blessing than they do. I can be feeling kind of "down," and by the time I am on my way with the meals, I have forgotten about myself and am thinking about my people.

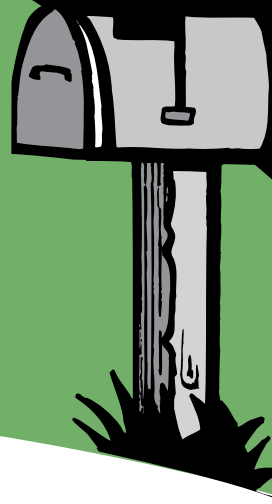
Thank you Pickens County Meals on Wheels for a wonderful service to all of these people. Thanks also to everyone who keeps this service functioning. And, I thank my God for providing a good vehicle and gas to do this work. I am looking forward to delivering for a long time to come."

- Mary Learn, Meals on Wheels Volunteer for 8 years

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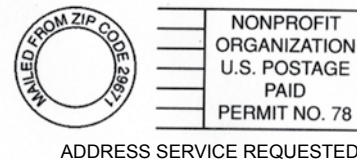
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Happy Holidays! from PICKENS COUNTY

MEALS ON WHEELS



Good Friends And Family

Maybe it's living your entire life breathing mountain air. Or possibly working hard for 48 years at Pickens Cotton Mill. Or it could be living each day surrounded by kind people.



Whatever the reason, it has enabled 98-year-old Tessie Masters to become the oldest recipient of Pickens County Meals on Wheels.

Recently she sat in her Pickens home with a smile on her face looking decades younger than her two years shy of a century. "God has been good to me," Tessie said. "My neighbors look out for me and often come by and sit in the yard to chat. I like to talk," she said.

She has a lot to talk about. Widowed for 29 years, Tessie is the mother of one daughter and grandmother of a boy and girl. "My parents came from large families, and they all lived a long time. My Mother used to work all day at the mill then come home and work in the field while raising all the children and she never complained."

Although Tessie's family is small by comparison, she is grateful for the ones she has around her. "My daughter takes me to the grocery store and my granddaughter takes me to the doctor. Every once in a while they take me out to dinner," she added. "And although I don't have any great-grandchildren, there are children around the neighborhood who I enjoy being around."

It's easy to see how Pickens County would think of Tessie Masters as more than just the lady who lives next door. Tessie went to work at the cotton mill when she was 14 years old and worked there full time until she retired at the age of 62. She has given her life to the town, raised her family here, and worshipped at East Pickens Baptist Church. Now the community is gladly giving back to her.

"I'd love to still be able to cook for myself," she said, "but it does tire me out. I'd like to be able to get out and mow my lawn and go visit with people. But I have to stay here in the house now, watching my church services on TV and visiting with people who come by." Among those much-welcomed visitors are Meals on Wheels volunteers. When asked about the volunteers, Tessie began happily rattling off names: "There's Emma Lou Grant, and Don Couch, Jane Underwood Wyche, Barry Durham, Janie Day and that girl that comes with her, Elaine Murray, they both come during their lunch hour from the bank. And there's that really really nice man whose name slipped my mind, but he's always so nice. They're all such nice people."

For Tessie Masters, Pickens County Meals on Wheels isn't a nameless agency giving to nameless people. They are volunteers giving their time and their hearts to people in the community who have given so much to them. In Pickens, the volunteers and recipients are good neighbors. They are family.

Helen Turnage, Guest Writer

Welcome New Volunteers & New Driving Teams!

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Greetings from the Chairman



Dear Friends,

Mother Theresa said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one." Every-day, Meals on Wheels of Pickens County seeks to eliminate hunger one-by-one for the elderly and homebound in our community. It's because of our donors, board, staff, and volunteers that we are able to move this mission forward.

As we approach the holiday season, my heart is full of gratitude for everyone involved in this organization. From coordinators, to drivers, to donors, every aspect that you so graciously volunteer to do makes an impact on someone. It would be easy to have the attitude of, "Someone else will do it," but you take the responsibility upon yourself to make sure every need is met. We have come a long way from our humble beginnings of serving ten individuals per day to serving over 50,000 meals per year. There are not sufficient words to thank you for your support.

In 2011, we will continue to face the ever-present challenge of moving more Meals on Wheels applicants from the waiting list to the served daily list. To accomplish this goal we will need additional funding and volunteers. The current economic downturn has made our path of growth a more arduous one, but we have faith that the community will continue to sustain this life-giving program as we close this year and look forward to the new.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as chairman of this great organization. I am deeply honored to have worked alongside of you in serving our community. As I reflect on the past year, I cherish the memories of board meetings, interactions with our recipients and volunteers, and continued growth of our organization.

With much gratitude,

Jan Childress

Mission Statement: 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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