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Dear Friend of Meals on Wheels,

For the past 30 years Pickens County Meals on Wheels has been assisting the homebound elderly and disabled maintain their nutritional health, independence and quality of life. The program's overarching mission has not altered, but its reach and impact have expanded throughout Pickens County. Thanks to the commitment of countless volunteers and supporters, we offer a daily, home-delivered meal service for our neighbors in need.

Your support in 2012 is more critical than ever as this year's annual campaign goal is \$115,920. Pickens County Meals on Wheels depends on the kindness and generosity of people in the community to carry out its mission. I write today asking for your support during our annual fundraising campaign.

Throughout the Holiday Season, as we celebrate our blessings with family and friends, we are afforded an opportunity to demonstrate the true meaning of being a good neighbor. Your contribution, of any amount, will help us nourish the mind, body and the soul of those we serve. **All contributions will directly fund the purchase of nutritious meals for 230 homebound elderly and disabled recipients, 5 days a week and 52 weeks a year.**



Pickens County Meals on Wheels serves the hidden faces of hunger with each meal delivered, and this is certainly true for Richard and Juanita.

For over 30 years they worked at a local mill. Married for 54 years, they have lived modestly and saved what they could for retirement. What they didn't expect was how devastating their health problems would be.

Juanita was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2010, and it became clear that hard times were ahead. Their small pension and social security could not keep pace with their expenses. Richard often found himself making difficult choices, sometimes between food and medicine.

They were making it – but barely – Pickens County Meals on Wheels was made aware of their need and our volunteers began delivering nutritious meals and much more each weekday.

Juanita's illness has progressed, and with each passing day, Richard watches as the woman he knows and loves fades. He too has visibly weakened; weary from caring for Juanita in addition to his own congestive heart failure. He is quick to thank the volunteers for their service. Sometimes, it is a tearful thank you because he knows how different life would be without Meals on Wheels.

Throughout the year we are grateful for the opportunity to provide nutritious meals and companionship to our recipients, and we are grateful for the dedication of the generous supporters who make this possible. Please join us in caring for the homebound elderly and disabled across Pickens County. By making a donation today, we can move forward to meet the needs in our local community and make a lasting difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meta Bowers".

Meta Bowers
Executive Director

P.S. For your convenience, donations may be returned in the enclosed envelope or online using PayPal/credit card at www.pcmow.org. Your tax-deductible gift will help Pickens County Meals on Wheels combat the effects of hunger, loneliness and isolation in our community.